



# The Beacon

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## Margo Trusted Her Instinct — And It Changed Everything



When Margo Wickersham noticed a subtle sign that was easy to dismiss, she chose to trust her instincts — a decision that changed the course of her life. What followed was a journey marked by uncertainty, tough choices, and moments of isolation, but also unexpected strength and connection.

Today, Margo is turning her experience into purpose, supporting others facing bladder cancer.

[Read Margo's Story](#)



### FEMALE FOCUS SUPPORT GROUP

*The online support group for women impacted by bladder cancer.*

Free Zoom support sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM ET, with registration required for each session.

Take part in our monthly support group for women living with bladder cancer — a welcoming, understanding space to connect with others who share similar experiences. Each session begins with a short presentation, followed by small, moderated discussions led by BCAN staff, nurse and patient advocate Karen Sachse, RN, MSN,

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## March's Partner in Progress: AstraZeneca

BCAN is proud to collaborate with [AstraZeneca](#) in our shared commitment to one day eliminate cancer, including bladder cancer, as a cause of death.



Visit [AZ's Partner in Progress page](#) to learn how immunotherapy helps the immune system better recognize and respond to cancer cells, and scientists are working to understand how it may contribute to care across different stages of bladder cancer.

## Upcoming Bladder Cancer Webinars

### **Webinar: When the Urine Flow Slows: Understanding Ureteroenteric Stricture Disease**

**When:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET

**What:** In this webinar, Dr. Ziho Lee, Director of the Reconstructive Urology Fellowship and Chief of Trauma at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, will explain what ureteroenteric stricture disease is, why it can develop after urinary diversion surgery, and how it can affect bladder cancer patients. He will review common signs and symptoms, how the condition is diagnosed, and available treatment options ranging from minimally invasive approaches to surgery.

[Register for the free webinar here](#)

## Just Days Away: Join Us for the Spring Summit!

Community is at the heart of BCAN's [Bladder Cancer Summits](#). Mark your calendar for March 13–14 and join us near Baltimore, MD. Our Spring Summit brings you and your guest into a space with more than 100 people who truly get it — patients, caregivers and survivors walking a similar path.



You'll also hear directly from medical experts about the latest advancements in bladder cancer care.

Join us in Baltimore

## Together We Step Forward!



For more than ten years, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) has united communities nationwide through its [Walks to End Bladder Cancer](#) — inspiring, mission-driven events that raise awareness, uplift patients and families and support critical research and education efforts. Held in more than 47 states, these walks have brought together thousands of dedicated advocates and generated over \$6 million to advance BCAN's work in hope, education, and advocacy.

When you sign up and start fundraising, you're doing more than joining an event — you're fueling meaningful, life-changing progress for everyone affected by bladder cancer. Set your goal, gather your team and step forward with intention. Together, each stride moves us closer to a world without bladder cancer.

Join today!

## Featured Trial of the Month

A [clinical trial](#) is a research study that tries to find better ways to prevent, screen for, diagnose or treat a disease like bladder cancer. They are an essential part of cancer research. Trials may provide possible treatment alternatives to patients who have not had success with standard



and approved therapies.

**Featured Trial of the Month:** [Efficacy and Safety of TYRA-300 in Participants With FGFR3 Altered Low Grade, Intermediate Risk Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer](#)

**Description:** This Phase 2 study is testing TYRA-300 in people with a specific type of low-grade, intermediate-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) that has an FGFR3 alteration. Researchers are looking at how well the treatment works and how safe it is for patients.

You can find more clinical trials on [BCAN's Clinical Trial Dashboard](#).

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## Become A Community Patient Advocate



Become a BCAN Community Patient Advocate and make a real difference in your community! Volunteers help raise awareness about bladder cancer and connect healthcare providers to BCAN's free educational and support resources. You'll receive training and ongoing support to share materials, build connections, and have a meaningful impact. Patients, survivors, and caregivers are all welcome — no experience required.

[Fill out the form today](#)

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## FREE RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



### Newly Diagnosed With Bladder Cancer?

A new bladder cancer diagnosis can bring many emotions, but you're not alone. We're here to



### Bladder Cancer Research Impact

BCAN-funded research is driving progress in bladder cancer care.



### Bladder Cancer App

BCAN offers a free iPhone and Android app to help manage your bladder cancer journey in one convenient place.

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