

PROGRAM AGENDA | DAY 1

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:00 AM	Registration and Information Fair Opens Coffee and light breakfast for all attendees Survivor-to-Survivor Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. By invitation only.
10:30–11:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks — Meri-Margaret Deoudes, BCAN CEO
11:00–12:00 PM	Getting Started: BCAN Resources for Patients and Caregivers Learn about BCAN's programs and services that are designed to support you in understanding and managing your diagnosis, presented by Patricia Rios, MBA, MPH, BCAN's Director of Education and Advocacy.
12:00–1:15 PM	LUNCH
1:15–2:30 PM	Managing the Unexpected Side Effects of Bladder Cancer Treatment Knowing what to expect can make it easier to navigate bladder cancer treatment. This session will explore common side effects associated with different treatment approaches, including urinary, physical and quality-of-life concerns. Experts will share practical tips for managing symptoms and knowing when to seek additional support. <i>Arman Walia, MD, Unio Specialty Care; Nataliya Mar, MD, UCI Health</i>
2:30–2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45–4:00 PM	Thriving After Treatment: Tools for Recovery and Rehabilitation Many physical side effects of bladder cancer treatment can be improved with the right support and rehabilitation. Learn how specialists in ostomy care, pelvic floor therapy and lymphedema management can help address common concerns, improve function and enhance quality of life throughout recovery and survivorship. <i>Davita Essien, RN, CWON, Houston Methodist; Stephanie Ramsay, PT, DPT, University of California San Diego; Kayla Wei, OTD, OTR/L, City of Hope</i>
4:00–4:15 PM	BREAK
4:15–5:30 PM	The Heart of Survivorship: Nurturing Emotional Well-Being Emotional well-being is an important part of living with bladder cancer. This session will explore practical strategies for coping with the uncertainty of recurrence, nurturing hope and resilience and navigating relationships with family, friends and caregivers throughout the cancer journey. <i>Deane L. Wolcott, MD, DLFAPA, FAPOS, FACLP, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i>
5:30–8:30 PM	Social Hour and Dinner

PROGRAM AGENDA | DAY 2

Saturday, August 29, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration and Information Fair Open - Registration and Information fair open - Light breakfast available Caregiver Workshop: “Build Your Toolkit” A dedicated workshop for caregivers led by Reena Cherry, M.S., PA-C, <i>University of California San Diego Health</i> .
9:30–10:30 AM	Living Beyond Bladder Cancer: Patient and Caregiver Stories Every bladder cancer journey is unique. Join patients and caregivers as they share personal stories, insights and lessons learned while navigating diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and life beyond cancer.
10:30–10:45 AM	BREAK Resource Fair Closes
10:45 AM–12:15 PM	Intimacy and Sexual Health After Bladder Cancer Bladder cancer and its treatments can affect intimacy and sexual health in ways that are often difficult to talk about. This session will address common concerns and offer practical strategies for navigating intimacy and sexual well-being after bladder cancer. <i>Krisztina Emodi, NP, University of California San Francisco; Mary W. Dunn, NP, University of North Carolina School of Medicine</i>
12:15–1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30–2:45 PM	Bladder Cancer Care Today–and What’s Next Stay up to date on the latest developments in bladder cancer care. Experts will discuss current treatment approaches and emerging therapies across the bladder cancer journey, helping patients and caregivers better understand their options and navigate informed treatment decisions. <i>Amirali Salmasi, MD, MSCR, University of California San Diego Health; Sandy Liu, MD, UCI Health</i>
2:45–3:00 PM	Summit Reflection
3:00 PM	Closing

First time at a BCAN Summit? Volunteers from the San Diego Chapter and BCAN’s Patient Advisory Council will be available to answer questions and help you navigate the Summit. Look for volunteers wearing an orange ribbon.