Resources for Bladder Cancer

These websites offer education, support and more for people affected by bladder cancer.

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The bladder is a hollow organ that stores urine made made by the kidneys and then expelled through the urethra. The most common bladder cancer is urothelial carcinoma (also called transitional cell carcinoma). It starts in cells of the innermost lining of the bladder, called the urothelium. As tumors grow, they may spread into the surrounding muscle wall and to other parts of the body. The following websites offer education, support and more for people with bladder cancer.

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American Bladder Cancer Society

bladdercancersupport.org

Raising awareness, supporting bladder cancer survivors and advocating for research and early

diagnosis are just a few of this organization's goals. The website offers basic facts about this cancer, an active forum, links to clinical trials and more.

American Cancer Society

cancer.org

You'll find information about bladder cancer before, during and after treatment, including resources and downloadable PDFs to help patients cope with their diagnosis, understand treatment options and stay well beyond treatment.

American Society of Clinical Oncology

cancer.net

This patient information web- site, run by the world's largest cancer organization, features expert-written articles about bladder cancer treatments by stage, survivorship, follow-up care and more. Stay up to date on the latest research, statistics and clinical trial results.

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

bcan.org

Boosted by an online support community of over 43,000 members, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network offers patients, caregivers, survivors, advocates and research professionals numerous resources, including virtual and in-person support groups by state as well as a psychological support call center (833-ASK-4-BCA) led by professional oncology social workers.

CancerCare

cancercare.org

Formed by professional oncology social workers, CancerCare provides specialized services and resources, such as guidance for caregivers and questions to ask your doctor after a bladder cancer diagnosis. Learn to cope with your illness by connecting with an oncology social worker for support and advice on treatment via the free Hopeline at 800-813-HOPE (4673).

CancerNetwork

cancernetwork.com

The Cancer Network features consistently updated practical clinical information by cancer research experts. Search "Bladder Cancer" to browse hundreds of videos with experts discussing aspects of bladder cancer, such as "Diagnosing Bladder Cancer: Best Practices in Workup and Staging" and "Best Supportive Care for Patients With Bladder Cancer."

National Cancer Institute

cancer.gov

This site offers fact sheets, statistics, treatments, ongoing research and more, including pages

devoted to bladder cancer. Browse causes and risk factors, symptoms, survival rates by stage and screening options. Read the National Cancer Institute's latest news in the NCI's blog on Cancer Health.

World Bladder Cancer Patient Coalition

worldbladdercancer.org

This patient organization advocates for bladder cancer patients across the globe.

Its website offers a variety of resources on all stages of the cancer—from prevention through survivorship. Fact sheets and tool kits are readily available in Spanish, French, Arabic and other languages.

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