

Bladder Cancer

The UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Learn more about UCSF's supportive care programs at

<https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patientsupport-center>

The Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210.

The Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101.

The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at

<http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources>

Overview

The wall of the bladder is lined with cells called transitional cells and squamous cells. More than 90 percent of bladder cancers begin in the transitional cells. This type of bladder cancer is called transitional cell carcinoma. About 8 percent of bladder cancer patients have squamous cell carcinomas. Fortunately, the majority of bladder cancers do not grow rapidly and can be treated without major surgery. Thus, most patients with bladder cancer are not at risk of developing a cancer that will spread and become life threatening. Early detection is vital; it allows the prompt treatment that gives patients the best chance for a favourable outlook. Learn more information about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources at the link provided below.

Website: <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/bladder-cancer>

UCSF Resources

UCSF Genitourinary Medical Oncology Clinic

Home to some of the country's leading specialists in cancers of the genital and urinary systems. We provide the full spectrum of care, including screening exams, transrectal ultrasound and biopsy, diagnostic imaging, second opinions and treatments ranging from surgery to radiation therapy. The clinic also offers education and support groups. In addition, patients may have access to the latest experimental therapies by participating in clinical trials.

Website: <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/genitourinary-medical-oncology> | Phone Number: (415) 476-4616

UCSF Urologic Surgical Oncology Clinic

We provide a wide range of services, including screening exams, diagnostic imaging, transrectal ultrasound and biopsy, second opinions and treatments ranging from surgery to radiation therapy.

We also offer patient education and support groups. UCSF is home to a large research program dedicated to improving cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Interested patients may have the option to join a clinical trial investigating potential new treatments. Website:

<https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/urologic-surgical-oncology-clinic> | Phone Number: (415) 353-7171

Publications

American Cancer Society: “Bladder Cancer”

Website: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/bladder-cancer.html>

Center of Disease Control and Prevention – “Bladder Cancer”

Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/bladder/index.htm>

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You - Bladder Cancer MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Website: <https://medlineplus.gov/bladdercancer.html>

National Cancer Institute: “Bladder Cancer”

Website: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/bladder>

Orology Care Foundation – “Non-muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer”

Website: <https://www.urologyhealth.org/urology-a-z/n/non-muscle-invasive-bladder-cancer>

Organizations

American Cancer Society (ACS) – Bladder Cancer

At the American Cancer Society, we’re on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we’ll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.

Website: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/bladder-cancer.html> Phone Number: 800.227.2345

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

BCAN provides an online support community, information about local support groups and inspirational stories. They offer an excellent patient handbook “Bladder Cancer Basics for the Newly Diagnosed” which is available for free by request.

Website: <http://www.bcan.org/> | Phone Number: 888-901-2226

Cancer.Net – Bladder Cancer

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the voice of the world's cancer physicians. ASCO's patient information website, Cancer.Net, brings the expertise and resources of ASCO to people living with cancer and those who care for and care about them. Cancer.Net provides timely, comprehensive information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions. Website: <https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/bladder-cancer>

Cancer Support Community – Bladder Cancer

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

Website: <https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/bladder-cancer> | Phone Number: 888-793-9355

PAN Foundation

The PAN Foundation offers additional financial assistance. They help underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases get the medications and treatments they need by assisting with their out-of-pocket costs and advocating for improved access and affordability. You can apply on their website. Website: <https://www.panfoundation.org/disease-funds/bladder-cancer/>

National LGBTQIA+ Cancer Network

The National LGBTQIA+ Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ cancer survivors and those at risk by: EDUCATING the LGBTQIA+ community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection; TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and ADVOCATING for LGBTQIA+ survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media and research.

Website: <https://cancer-network.org> | Phone Number: 212-675-2633