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Welcome to the ABC UK newsletter for specialist nurses involved in bladder cancer care.

This update shares:

- Latest clinical guidance and GIRFT updates
- ABC UK research highlights
- Free resources for you and your patients
- Opportunities to learn, connect with and celebrate fellow nurses



Last opportunity to sign up for the ABC UK Nurse Education Day!

When: Friday, 25 September, 9am – 4pm
Where: The Studio, Birmingham

This free event is the highlight of the ABC UK year. Designed to help you in your care of bladder cancer patients, the programme offers a full day of learning, discussion, and networking.

Why attend?

- Connect and share experiences with your peers
- Explore key clinical and practice updates together
- Enjoy dedicated time for practical learning and discussion
- Comfortable, easy-to-get-to venue and free lunch!

Register for your free place here!

Fully booked? Join the waiting list! Most people on last year's waitlist secured a place on the course due to cancellations. Sign up today, and we'll contact you immediately if a spot opens up!

NURSE CELEBRATION & SUPPORT



Free Resources for Your Patients

A quick reminder that ABC UK offers free, easy-to-understand, illustrated leaflets giving clear guidance about all aspects of the bladder cancer journey. They are completely free to order for your department or share digitally with your patients.

Order your resources here.

Recognising Excellence: ABC UK Nurse of the Year Award

ABC UK introduced this award last year in recognition of the outstanding care and dedication shown by nurses. If you work alongside a colleague who goes above and beyond, whether by improving services, starting a support initiative, or simply delivering compassionate care, we would love to help you shine a light on them.



Streamlining Bladder Cancer Care: New GIRFT Urology Guidance

The latest Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) urology guidance is out, offering practical strategies to standardise and improve bladder cancer care across the

Nominating a colleague is quick and easy. Winners will receive well-earned recognition for their hard work, alongside a personal and professional reward.

Extended deadline:
Sunday, 9 August 2026

Nominate a colleague!

NHS. It champions the vital role specialist nurses play in guiding patients through their diagnostic and treatment journeys, and includes a practical delivery checklist to help teams implement recommendations.

Read the full guidance here.

PATIENT EVENTS

At ABC UK, we run regular patient events including webinars and Patient Support Groups, both face-to-face and online. Find out more and download this poster to display in your clinics.



Next support group: Monday 7 September, 6pm – 7.30pm
Where: Online

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Encouraging and supporting research is central to our work at ABC UK. Every year, we award grants to projects that aim to improve outcomes and patient experiences, including nurse-led initiatives.

ABC UK
NURSING GRANTS PROGRAMME 2026
Action Bladder Cancer UK

This year's nursing grant was awarded to a study exploring the **Hidden Costs of Bladder Cancer**, which investigates the financial, social, and emotional burdens patients face. This research will provide vital evidence to help us advocate for better holistic support for your patients.

Led by Dr Elaine Tomlins, Nurse Consultant, Honorary Research Fellow at the University of East Anglia and Trust lead cancer nurse at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust – find out more about this project and other research we support.



Working together to support nurses and patients.
Thank you for making a difference.

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