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Education Day Highlights

Last month, more than 100 specialist nurses joined us in Birmingham for Action Bladder Cancer UK's fourth Nurse Education Day. It was a fantastic day of learning, sharing and connecting – full of expert insight and powerful personal stories.



We heard about a range of topics such as TULA in the bladder cancer pathway, the latest GIRFT initiatives, novel therapies, patient choice and supporting transgender patients. We also heard evidence-based oncology practice, debated complex cases, and listened to a moving patient perspective. See photos from the day [here](#).

**VIEW
PROGRAMME**

“It was a valuable opportunity to learn, connect, and enhance our understanding of bladder health and patient care.”

Feedback from an attendee



Nurse of the Year Award 2025

One of the highlights was celebrating our Nurse of the Year. A huge congratulations to Kathryn Chatterton, Bladder Cancer Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Cancer Nurse Specialist at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust. Kathryn has made an outstanding contribution to supporting patients and enhancing their treatment experiences. [Read Kathryn's story.](#)

Need funding for your research project ?

Applications for the next round of IOPP and Nursing Grants will soon be open! These grants are designed to back innovative projects that improve patient care, explore new ideas and share best practice. Take a look at [our website](#) to find out more.



2025's Nursing Grant recipient

SPARC: [Supporting Sexual Recovery for Women with Bladder Cancer](#), led by Rebecca Martin at The Royal Marsden NHS. This study explores women's experiences after radical cystectomy and the support challenges clinicians face. Its findings will shape a new co-designed educational intervention to improve personalised post-treatment care.



NICE approval, a new treatment option

We are especially pleased to share that NICE has recently approved a new targeted bladder cancer treatment, available as a take-at-home tablet. This is a significant step forward for patient choice and quality of life.

Bladder cancer research has long been underfunded, with little progress in treatments for decades. This approval is a key milestone and highlights the need for continued investment and innovation.



NICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Bladder cancer support groups

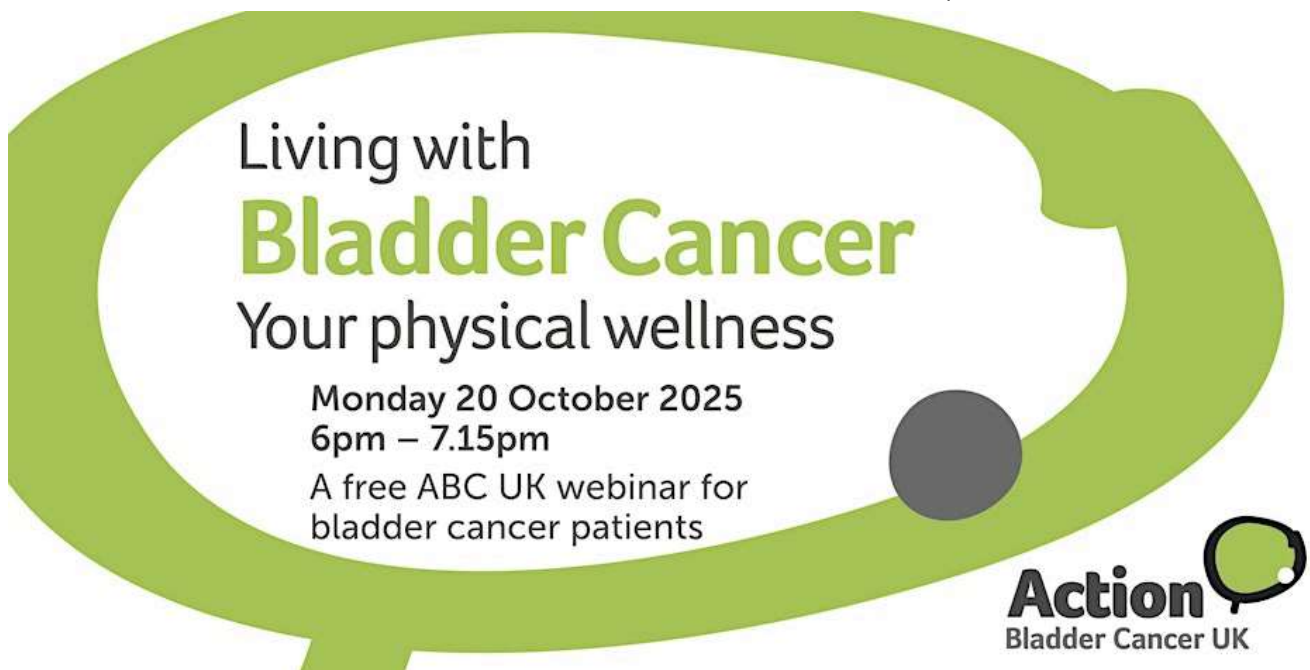
At ABC UK, we're here to help you set up or grow a local bladder cancer support group. Whether you're starting from scratch or building on what's already there, we can offer resources, advice and plenty of encouragement.

Read about [support groups](#).



RESOURCES

ABC UK provides accurate and up to date information about bladder cancer and related issues for free. [Download](#) your patient and health professional resources or order your printed materials.



Together, we're improving bladder cancer awareness and care and supporting patients every step of the way.

Thank you for making a difference.

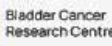
See you soon!

If you can't wait till next year, we'll be out and about at RCGP in Newport next week and at BAUN in Edinburgh in November!

RCGP: Thu 9 - Fri 10 October

BAUN: Sun 16 - Tue 18 November




WE NEED YOU




**We are looking for
bladder cancer patients and health
care professionals
to take part in an online interview**




THE RESEARCH
Help us improve the bladder cancer diagnostic pathway in the UK.

YOUR INPUT
We want to know what you think about different methods for diagnosing bladder cancer: **cystoscopies** (gold standard) and **urinary biomarkers** (a newer technique)

WHY

- We are planning a research study to understand **what bladder cancer patients actually prefer** for the method used for their diagnosis.
- We need **your help to design the questionnaire** that would be used in this study.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Patients diagnosed with **non-muscle invasive** or **muscle invasive** bladder cancer

OR

Health Care Professionals who see with suspected or diagnosed with bladder cancer

**must be 18+ and in the UK*



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