# "The Role of Patient Advocacy: How All Stakeholders Can Unite to Improve the Lives and Quality of Life for Patients with Bladder Cancer."

Panelists: Dr. Puneet Ahluwalia, Dr. Amit Joshi, Dr. Akhil Kapoor, Ms. Sonal Rane, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Stephen Head

Moderator – VIVEK SHARMA



## Dr Puneet Ahluwalia



How is the onset of early diagnosis in bladder cancer? What is the severity of bladder cancer, follow-ups, and compliance?

Do you see the role of navigation?

What are the common barriers to diagnosing bladder cancer early? How can we resolve them?



## Dr. Amit Joshi



What are the systemic treatment options available for the treatment of bladder cancer?

What are the barriers to accessibility for the optimum treatment?

## Dr Akhil Kapoor

What are the options available for people with advanced bladder cancer?

What are the common challenges while treating bladder cancer with palliative intent?

#### Sr. Sonal Rane

The common challenges patients with bladder cancers face with a Stoma?

Stoma vs Stigma?

# Mr Sanjeev Sharma

How are patients/ caregivers of bladder cancer navigated today? What are the common challenges they face during the diagnosis/ treatment, and post-treatment?

What are the barriers to helping more people with bladder cancer?

## Mr Stephen Head

Why the patient voice in industry as part of the ecosystem is equally as important as it is in clinical care - i.e., clinical trial protocols, RWE studies, disease awareness

#### Conclusion

• We launched Bladder Cancer India almost 2.5 years back, and from a multidisciplinary stakeholder meeting last year, we have achieved significant milestones in this one year despite resource constraint.

- 2 Navigators
- 500+ patients
- The Support Group meeting started 2 months ago
- Government dialogues and scheme amount enhancement in Jharkhand

• We look forward to conducting a multistakeholder workshop soon and increasing the number of navigators and policy dialogues.