

INFORMATION ON BLUE LIGHT CYSTOSCOPY (BLC)

***Please note that the following document contains content intended for the sole purpose of information sharing and should not be considered medical advice. Always talk to your doctor and/or urologist about what is best for you.**

Cysview is an optical imaging agent that makes non-muscle invasive bladder cancer tumors glow bright pink under blue light during a cystoscopy.

Blue Light Cystoscopy is not available nationwide and there can be a cost associated with this diagnostic procedure (ie. travel).

A current trial is underway to determine the longer-term clinical effectiveness and the cost-effectiveness of photodynamic diagnosis. You can read more about the trial at evidence.nejm.org

HOW BLUE LIGHT CYSTOSCOPY WORKS:

- [Photocure, Bladder Cancer and Blue Light Cystoscopy with Cysview – cysview.com](http://cysview.com)
- [What is Blue Light Cystoscopy – urologyhealth.org](http://urologyhealth.org)
- [How Cysview Works – cysview.com](http://cysview.com)
- [Blue Light Cystoscopy Fact Sheet – cysview.com](http://cysview.com)
- [Prescribing Information in Canada -photocure.com](http://photocure.com)

WHEN IS IT MOST APPROPRIATE TO GET BLC?

- [Canadian Urological Association guideline on the management of non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer \(flow chart on page 24\) – cua.org](http://cua.org)
- [Enhanced Visualization Methods for First Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumour in Suspected Non-muscle invasive Bladder Cancer: A Health Technology Assessment – hqontario.ca](http://hqontario.ca)
- [Cysview – Who is it for? – cysview.com](http://cysview.com)

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO GET A REFERRAL FOR BLC FROM A BLADDER CANCER PATIENT*:

1. Locate a hospital near you that offers Blue Light Cystoscopy (list below)
 - Please note that travel costs will be incurred by the patient/caregiver.
2. Have a discussion with your urologist to determine if BLC is an option for you during your next TURBT.
 - Failing to have access to a hospital with BLC, you could request a referral to a hospital offering Narrow Band Imaging (NBI).
3. If you want a second opinion and/or insist on obtaining BLC:
 - Go back to your family doctor and request BLC. Inform your doctor why you would like this procedure (ie. BLC and NBI both have a higher detection rate for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer, which hopefully reduces the number of visits to the hospital and lowers *your* stress level as well). You may find some of the articles above helpful with this discussion.
 - Ask for a referral to another urologist

ASK THE BLADDER CANCER COMMUNITY ON THE DISCUSSION FORUM:

Our Online Discussion forum is available 24/7. Anyone is welcome to register for this free service and post questions as well as share your experience. The forum is moderated by experienced Bladder Cancer survivors. Visit forums.bladdercancer.ca.

CURRENT LOCATIONS IN CANADA THAT OFFER BLUE LIGHT CYSTOSCOPY WITH CYSVIEW:

Province	Hospital
Alberta	Misericordia Hospital
British Columbia	University of British Columbia Hospital-VCH
British Columbia	Vancouver General Hospital-VCH
British Columbia	Surrey Memorial Hospital-FHA
British Columbia	Jim Pattison Outpatient Centre-FHA
British Columbia	Ridge Meadows Hospital
British Columbia	Kelowna General Hospital
British Columbia	Vancouver Coastal Health
Ontario	Humber River Hospital
Ontario	Toronto General Hospital-UHN
Ontario	Kingston General Hospital
Ontario	Brockville General Hospital
Ontario	Sudbury - HSN
Ontario	Health Sciences North
Quebec	McGill University Health Center
Quebec	Hospital General Juif

Cysview is also available in the US at over 250 locations including community, office, Ambulatory Surgical Center and academic centres.

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