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NFL Legend Terry Bradshaw Announces Cancer Diagnoses on Air

"Fox NFL Sunday" broadcaster Terry Bradshaw addressed his battle with two forms of cancer.

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Hall of Fame quarterback and broadcaster Terry Bradshaw revealed that he has battled and overcome cancer twice within the last year.

The Fox NFL Sunday cohost addressed his health on air during a Sunday pregame show.

> During today's show, Terry Bradshaw shared that he has been battling cancer over the past year. As of today, he is cancer free, and he discussed his fight and plan for the future: pic.twitter.com/RSwVxlXC97
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"Last week on this show, I ran out of breath, and Howie [Long] helped me up. And a lot of people are asking what's wrong with me, what's happened to me physically. I just want to address it and let you know what has happened in my life," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw, 74, said he was diagnosed with bladder cancer in November 2021, and, after receiving surgery and treatment at Yale University Medical Center, had been declared cancer-free.

Just months later, in March 2022, Bradshaw had an MRI for neck pain. The MRI revealed a Merkel cell tumor, a rare form of malignant skin cancer, in his neck. Bradshaw then underwent surgery at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"Folks, I may not look like my old self, but I feel like my old self. I'm cancer-free; I'm feeling great. And over time, I'm going to be back to where I normally am," he said.

Bradshaw hasn't slowed down since playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1970 to 1983 and winning four Super Bowls. He has maintained a successful career in broadcast television, has had various cameos in films and television shows and even starred in a short-lived reality TV show with his family, The Bradshaw Bunch.

One of Bradshaw's cohosts, former NFL defensive end Michael Strahan praised Bradshaw on air after his announcement.

"TB, everybody here, we know what you've been going through. You are the ultimate teammate, and you know we love you, and you hold this show together," Strahan said. "And regardless of all of that, we're just so happy that you're here. We're happy that you're cancer-free, and I think you're going to give a lot of hope to a lot of people out there who are going through something very similar."

The Cancer Health Basics on Bladder Cancer offers statistics about Bradshaw's first type of cancer:

- Around 81,000 people will be diagnosed with bladder cancer and about 17,000 people will die from it this year in the United States.
- Men are three to four times more likely to develop bladder cancer than women.
- Overall, about 1 in 27 men will develop bladder cancer in their lifetimes, with risk increasing with age.
- Smoking is a leading risk factor for bladder cancer. Smokers are two to six times more likely to develop this malignancy than nonsmokers.

Similarly, visit the Cancer Health Basics on Skin Cancer to learn more about the various forms of this type of cancer, including Merkel cell carcinoma, melanoma and basal and squamous cell skin cancers.

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