

# STEVEN BIDWELL

Veteran Performer  
5x Tongue Cancer Survivor  
Patient Advocate

"A Masterclass in the Art of the Pivot"

## *ABOUT*

Steven Bidwell is a veteran stage performer whose 30-year medical journey with tongue cancer began at age 26. At a time when tongue cancer was rarely seen in young adults, Steven became an 'outlier' in the healthcare system—a role he has navigated through five separate diagnoses while maintaining a prolific career on national Broadway tours, regional theatre, and small film and tv appearances. Not only has Steven navigated five separate diagnoses of tongue cancer he has also been dealing with a diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), all while maintaining his professional instrument and a prolific acting career.

His medical journey is a cross-continental odyssey. From his first diagnosis at age 26 while working at Walt Disney World, to treatments in Vancouver, New York Presbyterian, and finally Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Steven has a unique, bird's-eye view of the world's leading healthcare systems.

Today, Steven is pivoting from the stage to the clinic. As a hopeful future Speech-Language Pathologist, he bridges the gap between clinical outcomes and the human spirit, teaching healthcare providers that recovery is a lifelong rehearsal, not just a final curtain call.

## *BY THE NUMBERS*

- **5** Successful recoveries from tongue cancer.
- **30** Years of active patient advocacy and survivorship.
- **33** Rounds of radiation & 3 rounds of chemotherapy.
- **2** National Broadway Tours (42nd Street).
- **95%** Recovery rating compared to the national average.



# KEYNOTE TOPICS

## *The Model Case: Bridging the Gaps in the Patient Odyssey*

Steven deconstructs his 30-year journey across four major medical systems to identify the "friction points" in healthcare delivery and offers actionable quality improvement strategies to empower more patients to achieve 95th-percentile recovery outcomes.

- Best for: Clinicians, Med-Tech Developers, and Industry Innovation Teams.

## *The Global Patient: Lessons from Orlando, NYC, and Toronto*

A comparative look at patient experience across North America's top medical institutions. Steven discusses what "world-class care" looks like from the pillow up.

- Best for: Hospital Administrators, Health Policy Forums.

## *The Broadway of Resilience: 30 Years of "The Pivot"*

How the discipline of a professional actor and singer (from 42nd Street to Disney) translates to the grueling "regime" of cancer recovery and chronic illness management.

- Best for: Corporate Leadership, HR Associations, General Audiences.

## *Beyond the Cure: Life in the "After-Effects"*

A candid look at the lifelong realities of radiation, glossectomies, speech impediments, and dry mouth. Steven explores why "successful treatment" is only the beginning of the patient's work.

- Best for: Oncology Teams, SLPs, and Nursing Conferences.

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