PATIENT ADVOCATE · KEYNOTE SPEAKER · ACTOR

Steven Bidwell

An Outlier on Two Stages



29 years
tongue cancer survivor

5 diagnoses
and a voice rebuilt

20+ years
on stage and screen

A veteran of national Broadway tours and a 29-year survivor of tongue cancer, Steven has spent three decades mastering two of the most demanding stages there are: the theatre and the oncology ward.

He speaks from the inside of a medical journey most people only witness from the outside, with practical tools, hard-won insight and honest conversation for clinicians, patients and the public. He doesn't just tell his story. He teaches people what to do with theirs.

I advocate because every patient deserves a voice—and the dedicated support to find it—at every stage of their journey.

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KEYNOTE TOPICS

Not Too Young for This: Catching Oral Cancer at Any Age

How dental and oral health teams can look closely, listen well and escalate with confidence, even when a patient seems too young.

Best for: Dental hygiene and dental programs, medical schools, oral health conferences

Beyond Recruitment: What Actually Keeps Patients Engaged

Decision-making, practical tools, community and hope: how layering them keeps participants in the research.

Best for: Clinical trial sponsors, research teams, patient-engagement programs

Curtain Up Again: Resilience for the Long Run

Resilience isn't bouncing back once. It's returning again and again, with people beside you.

Best for: Corporate conferences, leadership teams, employee events

Your Story Matters: Sharing a Health Journey With Confidence

How to turn lived experience into a story that helps others and stays true to you.

Best for: Patient advocacy groups, survivorship programs, hospital and cancer-center events

AFFILIATIONS

Ambassador, Head & Neck Cancer Alliance (New York City and Toronto) · Patient Partner, UHN Survivorship Committee · Facilitator of The Speaking Space, Young Tongues Global · Member, Advocates for Collaborative Education · Member, Patient Advisors Network

IN THE MEDIA

Featured by Columbia University Medical Center

Interviewed on the Young Tongues Podcast and a podcast for the IPVS

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