

**Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees**  
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**May/June 2016 Newsletter**

Hello and Happy Spring! Pussywillows, crocus, daffodils and even some early forsythia...along with tulips just starting to sprout...Yes, the winter is over and gone! It is in this spirit of hope, of rebirth, of light overcoming darkness, that we invite you to the upcoming meeting of the BCCCL. Please plan on joining us on Sunday, May 1, 2016 in the 7th floor cafeteria at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. We offer free validated parking in the MEEI lots, some good conversation and tasty refreshments. "Meet and Greet" begins at 1:00PM with our formal meeting starting at 1:30PM. Being with others who truly understand the experience of having a laryngectomy is both affirming and inspirational.

We are very much looking forward to our May 1st meeting when we will welcome the world-renown Itzhak Brook, MD, who is himself a laryngectomee. He is the author of "My Voice: A Physician's Personal Experience with Throat Cancer," and "The Laryngectomee Guide". Dr. Brook's blog, <http://dribrook.blogspot.com/>, in his own words, "contains information about head and neck cancer, life as a laryngectomee, and manuscripts and videos about Dr. Brook's personal experience as a patient with throat cancer." Dr. Brook will be joined by Dave Barry who is ATOS Medical's NorthEast Regional Manager. We are delighted to welcome these guests and are quite certain that this meeting will be especially informative and enjoyable. Don't miss it!

Our March and April meetings were beneficial to all in attendance. Members shared freely, rallying in support of one another, while discussing the early challenges as well as the ongoing issues that laryngectomees have to face.

Several of our members recently attended the day-long "Pulmonary and Voice Institute for the Total Laryngectomee" sponsored by ATOS Medical and the American Cancer Society New England Division. ATOS speech and language professionals presented a wealth of research-based information to clinicians from several New England hospitals as well as to laryngectomees and their loved ones.

Please do plan on joining us on May 1st, which is the last meeting before our summer recess. It is an honor to have Dr. Brook join us. We are fortunate to welcome him.

‘Hope to see you on the 1st!  
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