Human papillomavirus (HPV) may cause bladder cancer.

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Examination of tissue samples from 117 cases of bladder cancer identified DNA from the human papillomavirus (HPV) was in 15% of the samples. The cases associated with HPV tended to be at earlier stages and were found in patients diagnosed with cancer at a younger age. The results strongly suggest that HPV, already a known cause of cervical, and head/neck cancer is the cause of some cases of bladder cancer.

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