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transplant
recipient

YOU CAN DELETE BLOOD CANCER

[DKMS.ORG/REGISTER](https://dkms.org/register)

OUR MISSION

DKMS is an international not for profit organization dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders by: creating awareness; recruiting bone marrow donors to provide a second chance at life; raising funds to match donor registration costs; supporting the improvement of therapies through research; and supporting patients from day one of their diagnoses.

GET SWABBED

When you register as a bone marrow donor, you take the first step toward providing a patient with a second chance at life. Registering is fast and easy to do at one of our donor drives or online at dkms.org/register.

GET THE FACTS

1. Blood cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths.
2. While 30% of patients can find a donor within their family, 70% must rely on a perfect stranger to donate.
3. A bone marrow transplant can be a lifesaving treatment for patients with blood cancers and about 70 other diseases, including aplastic anemia and sickle cell disease.
4. Every year, about 14,000 Americans need transplants using donated marrow. Less than half will get them.
5. Diversity matters. Most patients find a donor in someone who shares their ancestry.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- between the ages of 18 and 55
- living permanently in the U.S., and willing and able to travel
- willing to donate to any patient in need
- in good general health
- at least 4'10" and 105 lbs
- not already registered

TWO WAYS TO DONATE



Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donation (PBSC)

Used in about 75% of cases, blood stem cells are collected via the bloodstream in a procedure similar to donating plasma or platelets. Prior to donation, injections are given to boost stem cell production.



Bone Marrow Donation

Used in about 25% of cases, marrow is collected from the back of the pelvic bone through an outpatient surgical procedure performed under anesthesia.

SPREAD THE WORD

Share our lifesaving work on social media to let everyone know about the urgent need for more bone marrow donors!

We'd love to see your **#swabselvie**

Join our mobile community. Text **DRIVES** to **50555**.

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