

National Marrow Donor Program®

Key Messages, Facts & Figures

About Us

- The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) and Be The Match FoundationSM are nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive the bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant they need, when they need it.

The Need

- Every year, more than 10,000 Americans are diagnosed with life-threatening diseases such as leukemia or lymphoma, and their best or only hope of a cure is a transplant from an unrelated donor or cord blood unit.
- Most patients (about 70 percent) in need of a transplant do not have a matching donor in their family. They depend on the NMDP's Be The Match Registry® to find an unrelated donor or cord blood unit.
- Adequate financial resources are essential to timely donor searches and post-transplant care. In 2009, more than 1,800 requests for assistance were approved and more than \$5 million was made available to qualifying patients through the Be The Match Foundation Patient Assistance Program.

Be The Match Registry®

- The NMDP operates the Be The Match Registry, the world's largest and most diverse registry of volunteer marrow donors and donated cord blood units.
- A patient's doctor can contact the NMDP to search the Be The Match Registry, which provides a single point of access to more than 8 million potential donors and 160,000 cord blood units. There is also access to an additional 5 million donors and 240,000 cord blood units listed on international registries.
- On average, 48,000 new potential donors join the Be The Match Registry each month. More than 575,000 new potential donors joined in 2009.
- The NMDP facilitated more than 4,800 marrow and cord blood transplants in 2009, an average of more than 400 transplants each month.
- Since it began operations in 1987, the NMDP has facilitated more than 40,000 marrow and cord blood transplants for patients who do not have matching donors in their families.

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Center for Cord Blood®

The NMDP's Center for Cord Blood is a leader in cord blood banking with 27 public cord blood banks. The Be The Match Registry provides the largest single listing of donated cord blood units in the United States, with more than 160,000 cord blood units.

- The NMDP's network of public cord blood banks recruited more than 18,000 cord blood units in 2009.
- In 2009, the NMDP provided more than 1,000 cord blood units for transplant, an increase of more than 11 percent over 2008.

Umbilical cord blood expands access to transplant therapy for minority patients from racially and ethnically diverse communities.

- In 2009, 42 percent of transplant patients from racially and ethnically diverse communities received a cord blood transplant.
- Forty-four percent of the cord blood units listed by the NMDP cord blood banks are from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Serving All Communities

Through Be The Match®, the NMDP works with civic, community, corporate and faith-based organizations to recruit potential donors and add cord blood units from diverse communities.

Composition of the Be The Match Registry by Race and Ethnicity	Number and % Potential Adult Donors	Number and % Cord Blood Units
African American or Black	Nearly 600,000 7%	Nearly 8,000 7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	Nearly 90,000 1%	More than 200 .2%
Asian	More than 550,000 7%	Nearly 8,000 7%
Hispanic (identified as either Hispanic or Latino ethnicity)	Nearly 800,000 10%	More than 20,000 19%
Multiple Race	Nearly 250,000 3%	Nearly 11,000 10%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	More than 11,000 .1%	More than 100 .1%
White	Nearly 6 million 74%	Nearly 70,000 65%

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Research

Research is essential to the NMDP's mission and is facilitated through the NMDP's affiliate organization, the CIBMTR (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research®). In 2009, the CIBMTR published 48 articles in peer-reviewed journals and 32 abstracts, and has 12 clinical studies and 248 observational studies in progress.

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