

Because of YOU, we can save more lives



EVERY 3 MINUTES SOMEONE IS DIAGNOSED WITH BLOOD CANCER

For patients fighting blood diseases, like leukemia, a marrow or stem-cell transplant may be their only cure. **70% of patients don't have a fully matched donor in their family** - and that's when they turn to Be The Match to find their genetically matched twin. This can be challenging for patients especially those who are from a diverse ethnic background. Patients are most likely to match someone of their ancestry, and there simply aren't enough registry members of all backgrounds.

Doctors request young donors 85% of the time for their patients, because young donors provide the best patient outcomes.

YEAH, BUT I HEARD IT HURTS?

ODDS OF FINDING A MATCH BASED ON ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino	American Indian and Alaska Native	White
23%	41%	46%	57%	77%



Over 80% of donors donate through a non-surgical method similar to plasma donation. 20% of the time, donation is outpatient.

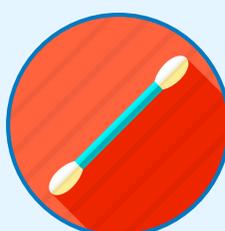
YOU COULD BE THE CURE! HERE'S HOW...



Must be 18-44 yrs old



Complete Registration



Swab Cheeks Safely at Home or In-Person



Return Swabs

Register by Texting: **DSKF to 61474**
or visit Join.bethematch.org/DSKF



Ways To Donate

- If you match a patient in need, there are two ways to donate.
- The patient's doctor chooses the method that is best for the patient.
- **Donating is less painful than you probably think.**

80%

Peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation is the most common form of collecting blood-forming cells for transplants. The same blood-forming cells that are found in bone marrow are also found in the circulating (peripheral) blood.

PBSC donation is a **non-surgical** procedure, called apheresis. The donation takes place at an experienced hospital facility that participates in PBSC collections for Be The Match®.



20%

Many mistakenly believe that marrow donation is painful, when in reality it's not. While TV shows and movies have wildly exaggerated blood stem cell donation—especially bone marrow donation—as something scary, the reality is much less dramatic. Marrow donation takes place in a hospital under general anesthesia. **Donors feel no pain during the donation. This procedure is now outpatient.**

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS:

- 1 in 430 U.S. registry members will go on to donate.
- Donors never pay for donating, and are never paid to donate.
- The amount of cells donated will not weaken your immune system.
- Most donors are back to their usual routine in a few days.
- Your marrow naturally replaces itself within 4-6 weeks.
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community **CAN** join the registry and donate.
- 70% of patients do not have a matching donor in their family. Adding more registry members who increase the ethnic diversity of the registry increases the variety of tissue types available, helping more patients find the match they need.

CONTACT US TO GET INVOLVED!

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