

Bone Marrow Transplant Information in compliance with HCR55 (2018)

The National Marrow Donor Program, known as “Be the Match” (www.bethematch.org) works with practitioners, families and patients to deliver cures for blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, as well as serious conditions like sickle cell anemia. The registry is comprised of volunteer donors, and since its establishment in 1987 has facilitated more than seventy four thousand bone marrow and umbilical cord blood transplants. Seventy percent of those in need of transplants rely on the registry.

While this information may be of particular interest to those working in the fields of hematology/oncology, pediatrics or obstetrics, we hope that all of our licensees will visit [https:// bethematch.org/about-us/how-we-help-patients/be-the-match-registry/](https://bethematch.org/about-us/how-we-help-patients/be-the-match-registry/). The website contains a great deal of valuable information on cellular therapy.

For those interested in joining the registry as potential donors of bone marrow (or post-natal umbilical cords) joining is a simple process. Interested persons aged 18-44 may join the registry in 3 easy steps:

- 1) online registry (requires only a name and email address);
- 2) receipt of cheek swab kit in the mail, and
- 3) returning the cheek swab kit.

The FAQs pertaining to this important subject are easily accessible and our licensees are encouraged to share this information with patients, family and friends.