

SAVE A LIFE – JOIN THE BONE MARROW REGISTRY!

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY & WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Many people who have a blood cancer or other type of blood disorder rely on having a bone marrow transplant, also known as a stem cell transplant as their chance for a cure. This means they need to find a stem cell match.
- The Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR or “The Registry”) is a register that people voluntarily join, so doctors can search for lifesaving stem cell matches for cancer patients.

70% of patients searching for a match will not find one in their family
They rely on finding a match on the bone marrow registry

- Only 30% of patients find their match with a family member, the other 70% rely on finding their match on the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry or on the worldwide bone marrow registries.



WHY IS MATCHING AND ETHNICITY IMPORTANT?

- A patient is more likely to find their match with someone who shares a similar ethnic or indigenous heritage as them.
- It is extremely difficult for a patient with an ethnic or indigenous heritage find their lifesaving match.
- It's difficult because 81% of people on the ABMDR are of North Caucasian background and the rest of the ethnic groups are split across tiny percentages.

Percentage of ethnic backgrounds represented on the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry

- 0.5% ABORIGINAL
- 0.6% MIDDLE EASTERN
- 0.7% UNKNOWN
- 1.3% MIXED
- 1.8% JEWISH
- 2.3% ASIAN
- 3.3% AFRICAN
- 3.8% SOUTH EUROPEAN
- 4.9% PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 80.8% NORTH CAUCASIAN

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Ur the Cure is important because people from an ethnic background who have a blood disorder such as blood cancer, have less chance of finding a life-saving bone marrow donor match to undergo a stem cell transplant and cure their disease. Finding a match is more likely to be found in someone who shares a similar ethnic background to you. The chances of someone from an ethnic background finding a match is significantly lower than a North Caucasian person because they are under-represented on the registry. Find more information on U R the Cure website.