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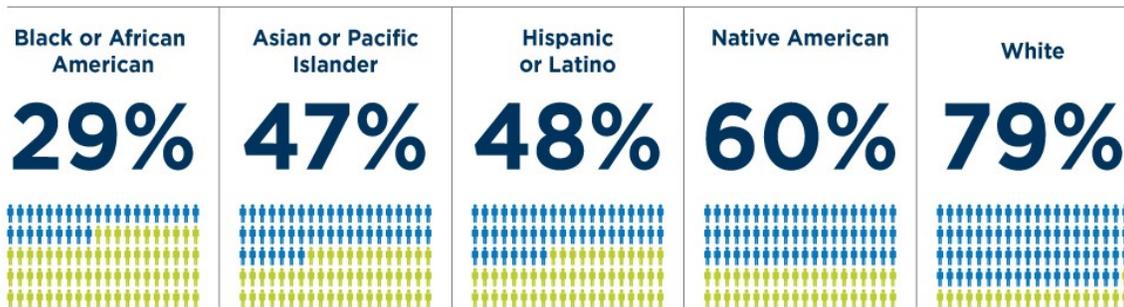
18-44 yrs. old Complete Registration Swab Cheeks TEXT Confirm Commitment

EVERY 3 MINUTES SOMEONE IS DIAGNOSED WITH BLOOD CANCER

Most patients don't have a fully matched donor in their family - and that's when they turn to Be The Match. If your DNA/tissue type twin gets sick and needs your help, you will be there to offer them hope and a CURE. We especially need donors who are fully committed and willing to follow through when called. If you are from a diverse background, please consider joining. **Patients are most likely to match someone of their ancestry.**

Patients need a genetically matched blood stem cell donor to save their life.

ODDS OF FINDING A MATCH BASED ON ETHNIC BACKGROUND



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May 3rd, 2022
Keystone College
Hibbard Campus Center
11-3pm

YOU COULD BE THE CURE



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to join visit: <https://my.bethematch.org/KeystoneGITG>

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. There is a small discomfort to save a LIFE.
- You can be the CURE!

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 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 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 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 or discomfort during the donation. This procedure is now outpatient. There is a small discomfort to save a LIFE.**

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.
- 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.
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community CAN join the registry and donate.

Join our community transplanting HOPE and a CURE
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