



The Sunflower Fund
Hope begins with you

HELP US SAVE LIVES!

Every year children and adults around the world are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases and their only hope of cure is a blood stem cell (bone marrow) transplant from a matching donor. It could be you they are waiting for.



Are you between 18 and 45 years old?



Do you weigh over 50kg with a BMI <40?



Willing to help ANY patient in need?



Do you lead a healthy lifestyle?



Join The Sunflower stem cell registry

REGISTER AS A BLOOD STEM CELL DONOR TODAY



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0800 12 10 82 | www.sunflowerfundregistry.com

Please note: Donating blood stem cells is by law, voluntary and unpaid.

You will however, be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred should you be a match for a patient.

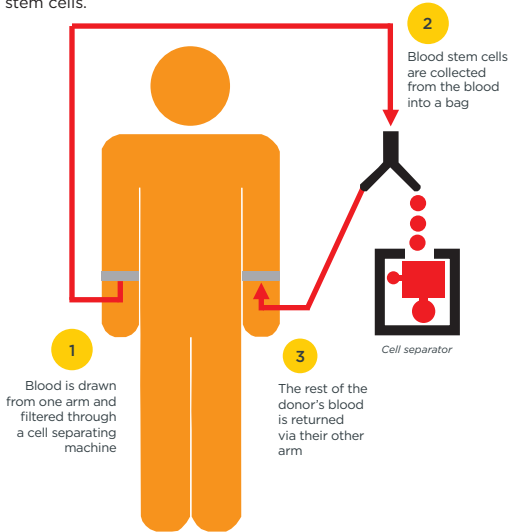
Growing a healthy, effective, ethnically diverse registry of committed donors.

BUSTING THOSE MYTHS

The Sunflower Fund creates awareness and educates the public about the need for and the process involved in becoming blood stem cell donors. We raise funds to cover the tissue-typing costs involved in recruiting potential donors and to grow our patient assistance programme.

The Donor Process

A blood stem cell transplant is a procedure to replace damaged or destroyed bone marrow with healthy bone marrow blood stem cells.



Myth #1 Blood stem cell donation is painful. With stem cell donation from the blood, there is very little pain involved apart from the slight discomfort of a needle being inserted into your arm.

Myth #2 Being a donor means having an operation, anaesthetic or drilling into bones.

There is absolutely no operation, anaesthetic or drilling into bones whatsoever. A cell separator machine is used to collect stem cells from your blood.

Myth #3 I can't afford to be a blood stem cell donor.

We ask potential donors to consider contributing towards the cost of the test, but if you are not able to, The Sunflower Fund will cover all test costs.

Myth #4 You can't donate if you have a tattoo.

You can be a blood stem cell donor if you have tattoos or piercings.

Myth #5 Donor matches depends on your blood type.

Blood stem cell donor matches depend on DNA tissue types, not blood types. These are inherited genetic characteristics, and are often unique to a particular ethnic group.

Myth #6 I can't become a donor because of my sexual orientation.

Individuals who engage in safe sex practices are encouraged to join the registry, irrespective of their sexual orientation.

Donor and patient safety is our priority.

We are unable to register you if you:

- Think you might be at risk of infection of Hepatitis-B, Hepatitis-C or HIV.
- Have injected yourself (even once) with illegal or non-prescription drugs
- Lead a sexually unsafe lifestyle
- Are pregnant or had a baby in the last year
- Have had cancer
- Have a phobia for needles

Who pays for the test?

The Sunflower Fund covers the cost of all tissue type testing and welcomes voluntary donations towards these tests. This allows us to allocate our funds to recruit more donors. Donors aged 46-50 may join The Sunflower Fund's stem cell registry but regrettably The Sunflower Fund cannot sponsor the test.

Why is your ethnicity important?

Donor matches depend on tissue types (DNA), not blood types and these inherited genetic characteristics are often more frequent in a particular race. It is therefore important that people of all races register as donors, so that all patients have the opportunity of finding a life-saving donor match.

Joining for someone specific?

The most natural reaction is to want to help a friend who needs a blood stem cell transplant. However, it is important that donors who register on The Sunflower Fund's stem cell registry realise that they have to be available for whoever they match and cannot register specifically for one person. With so many patients requiring this procedure, let's give them all a chance of finding their life-saving match.

Make a donation now

Your donations help us to recruit others wishing to join The Sunflower Fund's stem cell registry. Section 18A Certificates can be requested for all financial donations.

The Sunflower Fund

- ABSA Bank
- Acc No: 405 183 4719
- Branch: 632005
- Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ
- Reference: Tissue Typing
- Email: donors@sunflowerfundregistry.com

SnapScan



Zapper



THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO HELP



Encourage others to register



Support our fundraising events



Make a monetary donation



Talk to us about planned giving



Get your company involved



Sms 'Sunflower' to 40555 to donate R30

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