

INFORMATION SHEET

for Bone Marrow Donor Testing

Thanks for your willingness to help find a bone marrow donor match for Philippe Deve, our colleague and friend at Gray Robinson who was recently diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of Leukemia (Acute Myeloid Leukemia AML). Philippe's form of AML is a merciless and potentially lethal cancer of the blood and bone marrow, and he is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy this week as the first phase of treatment. Philippe's best chances for long term recovery will require a bone marrow transplant, and finding a match is challenging given that the odds of being a match are nearly 1 in 50,000.

Please encourage anyone you know between the ages of 18 and 44 to get tested at one of the following drives or directly through the organizations whose information is provided below:

SCHEDULED DRIVES:

<p>Friday, October 4, 2013 Meland Russin (Downtown Miami office) 3200 SE Financial Center, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33131 11:30-1:30pm</p>	<p>Sunday, October 6, 2013 Home of Ileana Christianson 7841 SW 136 Street Pinecrest, Florida 3:00-5:00pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 8, 2013 GrayRobinson, P.A. (Jacksonville office) 50 N. Laura St., Ste 1100 Jacksonville, FL 32202 12pm to 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 8, 2013 Holland & Knight (co-hosted by Hogan & Lovells US LLP) 701 Brickell Avenue, 22nd Floor Miami, FL 33131 9:00am-11:00am</p>
<p>Tuesday October 8, 2013 Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. (co-hosted by Carlton Fields, P.A.) 100 SE Second Street, 44th Floor Miami, FL 33131 11:30 to 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 9, 2013 The Filling Station 95 SE 2nd Street, Miami, FL 33131. 7:30pm to 9 pm.</p>
<p>Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12, 2013 City of Miami Police Department Training Center & Police College Auditorium 400 N.W. 2 Avenue, Room 327 Miami, Florida 33128 7am to 5pm</p>	<p>Sunday, October 13, 2013 Temple Beth Am 5950 N Kendall Dr, Pinecrest, FL 7:30AM - 12:30pm</p>
<p>Monday October 14, 2013 GrayRobinson, P.A. (Tampa office) 401 E. Jackson St. Ste 2700 Tampa FL 33602 11am-1pm</p>	<p>Monday October 14, 2013 GrayRobinson, P.A. (Lakeland office). One Lake Morton Dr. Lakeland FL 33801 3pm-4pm</p>
<p>Thursday October 17, 2013 Gray Robinson, P.A. (Melbourne office). 1795 W. Nasa Blvd. Melbourne, FL 11:30 am – 1pm</p>	<p>Monday October 21, 2013 GrayRobinson, P.A. (Tallahassee office) 301 S. Bronough St, # 600 Tallahassee, FL 32301 11 am-1pm</p>

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

If you are unable to attend the scheduled drives in person, regardless of where you live, you can register online here:

Be The Match Organization ...

<http://join.bethematch.org/AMOR>

By registering here, you will receive Philippe specific swab testing kits at your home or business. This link is specifically designed for Philippe, so please carefully follow the instructions when prompted. For those of you who are already on the National Registry, your information will be checked against Philippe's and there is nothing more to do, other than to encourage others to get tested locally or through the organization.

Be The Match Organization Info:

The National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), a nonprofit organization, is the global leader in providing bone marrow and umbilical cord blood transplants to patients in need. As Be The Match®, we operate the Be The Match Registry®, the world's largest listing of potential marrow donors and donated cord blood units and raise funds to help provide transplants to all patients through the Be The Match Foundation®. We also match patients with donors, educate health care professionals and conduct research through our research arm, the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research® (CIBMTR), so more lives can be saved.

Icla da Silva Foundation ...

<http://www.icla.org/index.php/en/about-us>

The Icla da Silva Foundation is the largest recruitment center for the Be The Match Registry in the United States. It recruits over 38,000 new potential bone marrow donors every year, with a strong focus on minority communities.

With offices across the East Coast of the United States and Puerto Rico, the Foundation is continuously expanding its efforts in providing assistance and hope to thousands of families in the United States and all over the world.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

about bone marrow testing and donation

Q: What is a bone marrow transplant?

A: Bone marrow transplant is a life-saving treatment for people with blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, sickle cell and other life-threatening diseases. First, patients undergo chemotherapy and sometimes radiation to destroy their diseased marrow. Then a donor's healthy blood-forming cells are given directly into the patient's bloodstream, where they can begin to function and multiply.

For a patient's body to accept these healthy cells, the patient needs a donor who is a close match. Seventy percent of patients do not have a donor in their family and depend on the Be The Match Registry to find an unrelated bone marrow donor or umbilical cord blood.

Q: What is the donation process like?

A: Adult donors may be asked to donate in one of two ways:

- Peripheral blood cell (PBSC) donation involves removing a donor's blood through a sterile needle in one arm. The blood is passed through a machine that separates out the cells used in transplants. The remaining blood is returned through the other arm.
- Bone marrow donation is a surgical procedure in which liquid marrow is withdrawn from the back of the donor's pelvic bones using special, hollow needles. General or regional anesthesia is always used for this procedure, so donors feel no needle injections and no pain during marrow donation. Most donors feel some pain in their lower back for a few days afterwards.

Q: If I am between the ages of 18 and 44, why am I more likely to be called to donate?

A: If you are between the ages of 18 and 44, patients especially need you. Doctors choose donors based on what is best for their patient. When more than one potential donor is a good HLA match for a patient, doctors will also consider other factors, including the donor's age. Research shows that cells from younger donors lead to more successful transplants. Doctors request donors in the 18-44 age group 90% of the time.

Q: Can I still join the Be The Match registry if I'm over age 44?

A: Yes. If you are between the ages of 18 and 60, meet health guidelines and are willing to donate to any patient in need, you can join the registry. Everyone on the registry is critical to saving lives. For all registry members, the most important thing you can do is stay committed, so if you're selected as a match for a patient you're ready to move forward.

Q: How do I use the registration kit to collect a cheek cell sample?

A. When you join the registry, you will use our registration kit to give a swab of cheek cells. We will tissue type the sample you provide and use the results to match you to patients.

If you join in person at a donor registry drive, the Be The Match representatives can explain how to use the swab kit. If you join online, you will receive your kit in the mail. Instructions are included in your kit.