



Facts About **DIVERSITY ON THE REGISTRY**

75%

of African American
Patients...



60%

of Asian American
Patients...



75%

of Multi-Racial
Patients...



55%

of Latino
Patients...



...Cannot Find
a Matching Donor

FACT #1

The shortage of
DIVERSE DONORS
on the registry
costs lives.

Every year, **17,500 people will need a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to cure their blood cancer or disorder.** This includes diseases like Sickle Cell Anemia and Multiple Myeloma, which disproportionately affect the African American community. **Only 30% of patients are able to find a matching donor in their family.** The rest rely on the 33 million registered donors. However, because **the registry lacks diversity**, patients of African, Latin, and Asian descent have a harder time finding a matching donor. While patients of European descent have a 79% chance of finding a match, only 25% of African American patients find a donor.

FACT #2
ANCESTRY

is the key to a
perfect match
between donor
and recipient.

The factors tested to make sure the donor and recipient are a match and the transplant can work are called Human Leukocyte Antigens (HLA). **The best chance of finding a perfect HLA match is with someone of the same ethnicity.** Multi-racial/ethnically diverse individuals often have rare combinations of antigens in their HLA profiles, making it even more difficult to locate perfect matches. It is urgent that more multiracial individuals join the registry.

FACT #3

MYTHS
about donation
PREVENT
people from
registering.

Many potential registrants are concerned with how their biological data will be used; who they may be asked to donate to; and whether the procedure hurts. **All donor health information and data is kept confidential** in accordance with HIPAA laws. If you are selected as a match, the patient's health information is also kept confidential. **The two methods of donating are safe, outpatient procedures.**

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