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UMB Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive



Two students swabbing their cheeks for the Marrow Donor Registry.

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“For a patient to have a successful transplant, donor and patient must be compatible genetically, which sometimes only happens when they both come from the same ethnic or racial group” (NIH).

Bone marrow transplants require a close genetic match; 60% of people cannot find a compatible match within their families and look to the National Bone Marrow Registry (NBMR) . However, ethnic and racial minorities are under represented in the NBMR. Only 10% of people who need a transplant get one from the registry.

Together we can improve the odds. You can help by registering to become a bone marrow donor. The process is simple and does not require that you give blood. A simple cheek swab is all that is needed. Registering does not commit you to being a donor, but it does give you the option. To learn more about registering to be a bone marrow donor and about the process please click [here](#).

UHS will be co-sponsoring a **Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive at UMass Boston on March 8th and 9th in the Campus Center 1st floor terrace** . Please invite any friends who might be interested! Join us on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/UMass-drive>

How Can I Help?

Please commit to helping for an hour (or two... or five...) – you can sign up to help by clicking [here](#).

FAQ



A quick cheek swab and that's it! No blood is drawn.

How do I join the registry at the drive?

- 1) After reviewing the [eligibility conditions and procedures](#) (NOT the same as for blood donation),
- 2) you'll be asked to fill out a quick form with biographical information so the National Registry can contact you if you are a possible match, then
- 3) you'll be asked to do a quick cheek swab.

That's it! **No blood is drawn.**

What is DKMS?

DKMS is the largest bone marrow donor center in the world with over 2.6 million registered donors. They are UMB's partners for the drive and will provide the supplies needed for the drive. Insurance information is not collected from

donors, and there is no cost associated with registering to become a bone marrow donor through the DKMS. Information concerning DKMS Americas, including financial or charitable purposes, may be obtained, without cost, by writing to its principal place of business at the following address: DKMS Americas, 33 East 33rd Street, Suite 501, New York, NY 10016 or by calling 1-866-340-DKMS (3567).

Help spread the word!

Join us on Facebook: tinyurl.com/umbdrive! Please invite any friends who might be interested!

- **UHS Call First Appointment System**



The UHS Department of General Medicine has instituted this system to allow us to serve you better. To learn more click [here](#).



- Print your Aetna Student Health ID Card [here](#).



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