



DATRI CONNECT

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MANAGEMENT DESK

Dear Doctors,

We are very happy to connect with you once again through this newsletter.

This edition is special for us. Special because, July 1st marks National Doctors Day, a day that gives us the opportunity to reiterate our appreciation for the contributions made by the doctor fraternity towards making a healthier nation. DATRI is proud to work with so many doctors and happy that you are part of our lifesaving mission and we can count on you.

This edition we bring you voices of our donors and patients who share their indebtedness and the joy of having felt your healing touch. We share an opinion piece on doctor's enriching and valued role in DATRI's lifesaving mission. We also have an interesting case where we get to see the magnanimity of a donor who stepped forward to donate both her blood stem cells and DLI (Direct Lymphocyte Infusion) for the same child and the challenges faced during the collection.

We would also like to draw your attention to the pre-workup form that has been introduced last quarter. This is to help us focus on the urgent cases and also manage donor expectations on possible dates of a collection. We look forward to your recommendations and inputs as this will help us to make the process more efficient and work with greater impact.

Thank you once again for all that you mean to us and for the yeoman service that you carry out.

Wish you all a very Happy Doctors Day!

Warm Regards



Claudia Rutt
Chief Financial Office



Sumati Misra
Head - Counseling and TCM

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MESSAGE FROM CLAUDIA RUTT, CFO, DATRI



On this Doctor's Day, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the incredible doctors who have been the rock-like support for DATRI and true partners in our lifesaving mission. Your dedicated and selfless service has made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals and families. As life savers, you embody the essence of compassion, expertise and unwavering commitment to improving the health of India. Your tireless efforts and relentless pursuit of excellence are truly inspiring. Thank you for being the guardians of life and for your dedication to the well-being of others.

Happy Doctor's Day!

Chief Financial Officer

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HAPPY DOCTOR'S DAY

Saranya

-DATRI Employee & Blood Stem Cell Donor



Happy Doctor's Day to all the remarkable doctors!!! As a grateful stem cell donor, I extend my warmest wishes on this Doctor's Day. Your unwavering commitment, expertise, and compassionate care brings hope and healing to countless lives. Thank you for being the guiding light in our journey to health and happiness.

When I donated my blood stem cells I experienced the profound privilege of being one of the fortunate individuals who can bestow the gift of life. However, upon meeting my recipient and witnessing the expertise of the treating doctor, it dawned upon me that my act was only made possible through the relentless dedication and skill of the doctor. On this Doctor's Day, I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to the countless doctors across the country who play the role of a savior for the patient who seek their care.
Thank You doctors!

Naveen

-Blood Stem Cell Donor



Shankar Ramachandran - Blood Stem Cell Donor



Doctors are the epitome of a noble profession and I can attest to this first hand. When I had the chance to donate my bone marrow, I experienced some discomfort and unease. However, the doctor who attended to me made every effort to put me at ease and reaffirmed the nobility of my action. Witnessing the recipient's recovery alongside the doctor who performed the transplant, I realized that my temporary pain paled in comparison to the miraculous role doctors play in giving life. I am forever grateful to the doctors for their incredible dedication and expertise. Thank You Doctors!

Jahanvi Ghode - Recipient



On this Doctor's Day I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the doctors who are in my eyes nothing short of gods. It is because of Dr. Ruchira Misra, my treating doctor's remarkable skills and unwavering dedication that I stand here today, breathing life once again. I am forever indebted to the entire medical fraternity for their selfless service which brings immense joy and happiness to countless families. Thank You for being our guardian angels and making miracles happen.

When I faced the most critical surgery in my life I placed my trust in my doctor, who was nothing short of an angel sent by a higher power to guide and heal me. Today, I owe my smile, joy and happiness to this remarkable individual. The gratitude I feel towards doctors cannot be adequately expressed with a simple "Thank You". On this special occasion of Doctor's Day, I celebrate and honor the invaluable service they provide. Thank you, dear doctors, for your unwavering dedication and commitment.

Jayachandran - Recipient



Ajin JS - Blood Stem Cell Donor



Think doctor, Think life. We seek out doctors with the sole hope that they can heal us for that is the essence of their role. I stand as a living testament to the life-saving impact a doctor can have on patients. On this Doctor's Day I extend my heartfelt wishes for the well-being of all doctors, and may they be blessed with a healthy and joyful life.

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SAVING ONE LIFE TWICE

Jayanti Sampath, Senior Associate - Transplant Centre Management

In December 2022, our transplant center received a referral for a 2-year-old baby with aplastic anemia in need of a blood stem cell transplant. We searched our donor database and found a potential match—a 42-year-old female donor from Mumbai who had registered with DATRI in 2019. Her selfless act of donating her blood stem cells successfully facilitated the transplant for the baby.



However, in May, the patient's physician requested a Direct Lymphocyte Infusion (DLI) from the same donor to address falling donor chimerism. Time was of the essence, as the baby needed the lymphocyte infusion within a week. Unfortunately, the donor was facing a medical emergency concerning her mother in Mohali, and there was no accredited hospital near her current location. Our Donation Manager Anuradha Tandon also informed us that the donor would need to travel as there was no accredited hospital near her current residential location.

We planned for the donation process to take place at our Apheresis center in Ludhiana. Despite the donor's personal situation, she couldn't travel the 100 km distance from her home. After exploring nearby hospitals, we identified Paras Hospital in Panchkula as a viable option for the donation. With the coordination of Dr. Ajay Sharma, a senior physician at the hospital, we confirmed their capability to perform the DLI. The physical examination was scheduled for May 18, 2023, and the donor requested that the collection be planned on the same day if her medical reports cleared.

To ensure same-day collection was feasible, we consulted the Apheresis Centre (AC) physician, who required a physical examination for confirmation. Meanwhile, logistics were planned with another employee, Ira Tomar, for the preparation and delivery of the product box to the transplant center, in anticipation of an earlier collection.

After the AC physician cleared the donor for collection around 12:30, all necessary arrangements were made. Ira traveled from Delhi to pick up the product from Panchkula, Anuradha obtained the donor clearance, and coordinated with the transplant hospital doctor.

At 01:20, the collection began and concluded at 05:10, resulting in the collection of 96 ml of blood. Properly labeled, the blood was sent for verification, and the donor's comfort and well-being were ensured throughout the process.

Following the procedure, the donor was re-examined and allowed to return home. Ira picked up the documentation and product from Anuradha in Panchkula and delivered them to the transplant center. Despite anticipated and unforeseen challenges, the DATRI Team remained determined to exhaust all avenues for a successful collection. We sincerely appreciate the support of the apheresis doctor and his team in assisting us.

To all Transplant Centre doctors, we want to emphasize that the DATRI team is committed to our cause and perseveres in the face of obstacles. We bank on your support and recommendations when we approach you with issues or problems, as we believe in our collective ability to find solutions. Together we believe we can help in mitigating any issues that crop up and reap successful gifts of life!

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CELEBRATING THE HEALING TOUCH: HONORING DOCTORS ON DOCTOR'S DAY

**Sumati Misra, Head - Counselling & Transplant
Centre Management**

Doctors play an indispensable role in our lives, extending far beyond prescribing medications. Their knowledge, compassion, and dedication have the power to not only cure diseases but also heal patients. I have had the privilege of working closely with doctors across the country. Every interaction reaffirms my belief in their ability to deliver the gift of life through their unwavering commitment to our joint mission.



Among the countless inspiring stories, one particular case stands out, showcasing the extraordinary efforts doctors make to save lives. Dr. Shruti Kakkar, an Associate Professor in Pediatrics at Dayanand Medical College & Hospital in Ludhiana, has been instrumental in treating thalassemia and blood cancer patients. When DATRI conducted a donor registration

drive at her hospital, Dr. Shruti Kakkar, not only encouraged others to register but also became a registered blood stem cell donor herself. Shortly after, she was identified as a match for a child suffering from thalassemia.

Despite personal challenges, Dr. Shruti Kakkar, recognized the urgency of the situation and proceeded with the donation. Even with low hemoglobin levels and a wheat allergy discovered during the health check-up, Dr. Shruti Kakkar, remained undeterred. She adjusted her diet to gluten-free and took steps to improve her hemoglobin levels. Her determination and dedication allowed her to become a proud lifesaver.

This story epitomizes the empathy and selflessness doctors demonstrate in their patient care. Doctors like Dr. Shruti Kakkar, inspire us with their willingness to go above and beyond, not only treating but also providing a healing touch.

On this Doctor's Day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the doctors who have partnered with us at DATRI. Together, we have provided over 1150 patients with a second lease on life. Despite the complexities of medicine, you take the time to explain your reasoning and protocols to individuals like myself who lack medical expertise.

For organizations like DATRI, doctors serve as vital links and beacons of hope for the thousands of individuals seeking a second chance at life. In our continuous endeavor to improve and strengthen the process, DATRI has recently introduced a pre-workup form in the last quarter which has been shared with all doctors. This form aims to assist us in prioritizing urgent cases and managing donor expectations regarding possible collection dates. Your valuable inputs on the form enable us to address any initial challenges proactively and ensure a positive donor experience. We request you to take a moment to fill out the pre-workup form before the donation process. By doing so, we can deliver our services with even greater efficiency. Thank You for your cooperation!

We also invite you to share your expectations from DATRI and how we can support you for greater impact. We value your inputs, as it will further our common cause of saving lives.

Please share your thoughts or ideas with us at sumati@datri.org or marcom@datri.org. You can also reach us at **+91 73977 72468**.

Dear Doctors,

If you come across someone who has undergone a Human Leukocyte Antigen Test (HLA) and is willing to donate for someone suffering from blood cancer or other fatal blood-related disorders, you could refer them to register their HLA report with DATRI and Gift a Life.

www.datri.org/register-with-your-hla-typing

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YOU CAN BE THE HOPE FOR MISHA AND ZOEY



**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GIFT
NOT **ONE**, BUT **TWO** LIVES.**

**Register as a blood stem cell donor & give the gift of life to
MISHA AND ZOEY**



3-year-old Misha and Zoey Prajapati are two lovely identical twin girls who were diagnosed with Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD) at the young age of 7 months. This rare genetic condition has limited their ability to lead a normal life and made them highly susceptible to severe infections and health complications. Despite their condition, Misha and Zoey have incredible talents such as dancing, storytelling, and even cooking. They long to go to school, play with other children, and explore the world around them. However, their only hope for a healthy future lies in a bone marrow transplantation.

You can make a difference in Misha and Zoey's lives by registering as a blood stem cell donor. If you are a match, you have the opportunity to gift not one, but two lives. By registering as a stem cell donor, you can give these precious girls a chance to experience all the joys of childhood and live healthy, fulfilling lives. So why wait? Register today and help give Misha and Zoey the gift of life.

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