



# DATRI CONNECT

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## MANAGEMENT DESK

**Dear Doctor,**

Every time a patient finds new hope, every time a rhythm returns to the heartbeat of life - there's a story of teamwork behind it. Yours and ours.

Welcome to another inspiring edition of DATRI's Doctor Connect Newsletter, where we celebrate not just progress, but partnership.

This edition brings together moments that remind us why we do what we do - from the emotional reunion of twins with their lifesaving donor, to a cross-border miracle where an Indian doctor gave a Russian teen a second chance at life.

Our footprint continues to grow globally, with DATRI representing India at the 15th International Donor Registry Conference in Canada and the 2nd Asian Registries Meet, sharing insights and learning from the world's best in donor registry practices.

Closer home, we have refined the Transplant Center Post Match Information process - making it simpler, smoother, and more efficient for you and your teams. It is one of the many ways we are working to enhance your experience with DATRI.

You will also find updates on our upcoming participation at Phocon, and few support collaterals from DATRI, designed to help you create awareness and inspire more lives to join this mission of hope.

As you turn these pages, we invite you to pause and take pride - because every story here begins with your unwavering commitment to saving lives.

With heartfelt gratitude,

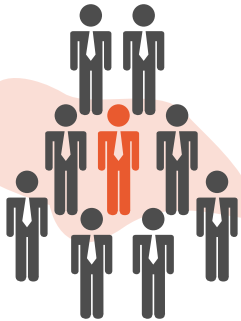


**Claudia Rutt**  
Chief Financial Office

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## NUMBERS THAT MATTER

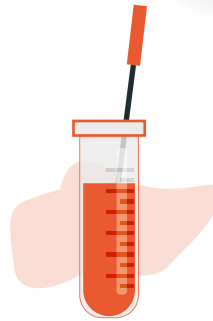
### Donor Registration



July to October  
2025

**34,404**

### Verification Typings



July to October  
2025

**170**

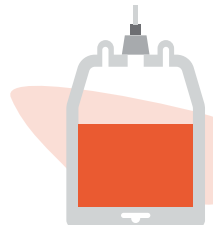
### Infectious Disease Markers



July to October  
2025

**110**

### Collections



July to October  
2025

**86**

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## INTRODUCING THE MUD ACTIVATION FORM A STEP TOWARDS STREAMLINED DONOR COORDINATION

- **Jayashree Shankar**

**Department Head – Search & Match - Transplant Services**

In the complex and time-sensitive pathway of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, seamless coordination between the transplant center and an unrelated blood stem cell donor registry is vital. To strengthen this coordination, DATRI has redefined the “MUD Activation Form”, a standardized document designed to capture key details that guide timely donor activation and ensure alignment with patient needs.

### **Purpose and Significance**

The form is intended to help the registry understand the urgency and logistical requirements of each transplant case. It captures critical inputs such as:

- Transplant urgency level (routine or urgent) based on patient condition.
- Donor reservation preference, to ensure the right timing and availability.
- Cryopreservation requirements, when applicable.
- Tentative patient discharge date, to align donor work-up with hospital readiness.
- Payment details and timelines, enabling smooth initiation of registry services.

These inputs allow DATRI to plan donor communication, medical screening, and mobilization schedules precisely in sync with the transplant team’s expectations.

### **Why Timely Submission Matters**

Once a donor confirms willingness, their availability is typically valid for a short period, as personal or medical circumstances can change. Delays in communication or incomplete information can result in:

- Donor withdrawal or re-screening requirements,
- Disruptions in the planned transplant schedule, and
- Additional administrative or medical lead time.

By submitting the duly filled form promptly, transplant centers help ensure that every step - from donor reservation to product collection - proceeds without unnecessary delays.

# MUD Activation Form

Dear Dr

TC Name

Please fill the below details for us to manage your expectations on time,

Patient Name

Diagnosis

GRID ID

Patient ID

- Would you like to reserve the donor?

No

If Other,

- Is this transplant urgent?

No

If Yes, DD / MM / YYYY

- Would the product be cryopreserved

No

If Yes, DD / MM / YYYY

- Is the hospital making payment to DATRI. If no,

- Source of funding for patient - select

If Other

- For initiating our service, the following timelines are applicable,

- Invoice within 2 days from the date of receipt of payment.
- Service – To commence immediately on raising invoice.

- Tentative patient discharge date from hospital,

Patient discharge date DD / MM / YYYY

## Please Note

- Primary objective is to work towards preparing the donor and match the timing as per requirement for the patient.*
- The above information collected should not be construed as a commitment for donor availability at the time of workup.*
- Donor shall be dereserved on completion of 1 month. Please be informed, once a donor says yes, he / she expects to complete the process immediately. In cases of delay beyond a month, the circumstances of the donor may change (marriage / relocation / pregnancy etc) and in our experience, we may have to redo the full process.*
- Payment in advance is requested to help us manage our costs better.*

Signature & Stamp of Hospital:

DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry

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## **A Shared Commitment to Saving Lives**

This initiative reflects DATRI's commitment to working hand in hand with the transplant centers to deliver efficient, transparent, and patient-centered donor coordination. We request all transplant physicians and coordinators to use this form consistently for all post - match communications.

Together, through structured communication and collaboration, we can make every donor-patient match count and bring hope closer to those who need it most.

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## **DATRI'S GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO DONOR AND RECIPIENT SAFETY**

**- Devakumar M  
Manager - Quality**

At DATRI, donor and recipient safety remains a core objective of our operations. Our practices are fully aligned with World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) protocols, ensuring the highest standards of care, data security and ethical compliance.

### **Donor Safety and Care**

Every potential donor is medically screened right from the registration stage. When a donor becomes a match, they undergo detailed medical and personal health evaluations. All medical check-ups and blood stem cell collection procedures are carried out only at reputed and empanelled medical centers by experienced practitioners. Continuous monitoring and structured post-donation follow-ups ensure the donor's safety and well-being throughout the entire process.

### **Recipient Safety and Matching Excellence**

Recipient safety is embedded in our procedures right from search stage. Advanced HLA-typing technologies, such as next-generation sequencing (NGS), and data-driven matching aligned with WMDA protocols help minimize graft-versus-host risks and optimize transplant outcomes, meeting international standards.

### **Data Integrity and Confidentiality**

Reliable and secure data management is integral to accurate donor-recipient matching and

successful transplant outcomes. DATRI's system operates with comprehensive validation protocols, rigorous access controls, and periodic audits to ensure data accuracy and integrity. All donor and patient information is encrypted, stored in access-controlled application, and shared only through authorized, secure channels, in full compliance with WMDA and global privacy standards.

### **Operational Excellence**

Continuous internal audits and benchmarking uphold clinical and operational excellence. All DATRI processes are managed by qualified professionals who undergo structured induction and refresher programs to maintain international best practices and professional competence.

Through these integrated efforts, DATRI upholds its commitment to global standards in donor and recipient care, data stewardship, and operational quality embodying the principle that "Excellence is not an act, but a habit."

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## **DATRI AT THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL DONOR REGISTRY CONFERENCE, CANADA**

**- Saranya Vishwakarma**  
**Department Head – Transplant Services - International**

### **Strengthening Global Ties in Stem Cell Donation and Transplantation**

The 15th International Donor Registry Conference (IDRC), held jointly with the Cell Therapy Transplant Canada (CTTC) Annual Conference, took place from May 19–22, 2025 in the historic city of Québec, Canada. The event was hosted by Hema-Quebec, bringing together leaders and experts from across the world to discuss the future of donor registries, cellular therapies and transplant medicine.

DATRI was proud to be present at this global platform, with **Dr. Nezh Cereb (Co-Founder & Chairperson)**, **Ms. Claudia Rutt (CFO, DATRI)** and **Ms. Saranya Vishwakarma** participating on behalf of the organization.





## Conference Highlights

The four-day conference provided a valuable opportunity to collaborate and exchange insights with registry professionals, clinicians, and researchers from around the world.

### Days 1 & 2 – WMDA Sessions

The first two days focused on World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) meetings and workshops that covered:

- Future collaborative projects and integration of the Workup API Platform to streamline global donor processes.
- Medical Committee meetings that emphasized donor well-being, medical suitability standards, and recruitment & retention strategies.
- Discussions on enhancing registry data integration, donor care, and operational excellence through technology.

### Days 3 & 4 – Scientific Exchange and Innovations

The subsequent sessions, part of the CTTC scientific program, delved into cutting-edge advancements in transplantation and various other topics.

- GVHD prevention and donor registry developments
- Access to Cell and Gene Therapy
- Donor outreach and engagement strategies

- Choosing the optimal donor and evaluating mismatched unrelated donors (MMUD) as potential alternatives to haploidentical donors

### **DATRI's Contribution**

DATRI showcased two insightful poster presentations:

1. Trends in Vitamin Deficiency Among Indian Donors – highlighting health insights derived from Indian donor screening data.
2. Drive-in-a-Box: DATRI's Mobile Donor Engagement Initiative – a unique model to streamline donor registration and outreach in remote regions.

These posters sparked meaningful discussions among global registry leaders, emphasizing the challenges and innovations unique to the Indian context.

### **Key Takeaways**

The conference reaffirmed the growing importance of international collaboration in:

- Promoting standardized donor management across registries
- Ensuring ethical donor engagement and well-being
- Leveraging data and digital tools for improved registry operations

DATRI's active participation strengthened its partnerships and visibility within the global donor registry ecosystem, reaffirming its mission to give every patient a second chance at life.

The IDRC - CTTC 2025 Conference not only fostered valuable learnings but also showcased India's continued contribution to global donor registry discussions.

### **DATRI joins hands with Anthony Nolan and WMDA for IDRC 2027**

DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry is delighted to announce a global collaboration with Anthony Nolan (UK) and the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) to host the International Donor Registry Conference (IDRC) 2027 in Chennai, India - for the very first time!

This prestigious conference will bring together leading doctors, hematologists, transplant physicians, and researchers from across the world to share insights, best practices, and innovations in donor management, transplantation, and patient care.



As medical professionals, your expertise and participation are at the heart of this collaboration. Together, we aim to shape discussions, inspire research, and strengthen the global network working towards a single mission - to give every patient battling blood cancer and blood disorders a second chance at life.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chennai in 2027, to be part of this exciting and impactful journey.

Let's join hands to collaborate, connect, and create life-saving change together!



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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: TWINS REUNITE WITH THEIR LIFESAVING DONOR



**Donor Mr.Meeneshwar with the recipients  
Shaurya and Aarya (Twin sisters)**

At DATRI, we often say that every registration can one day become a miracle — and recently, we witnessed one such miracle come alive.

In Pune, twin sisters Shaurya and Aarya, both diagnosed with Acute Lymphoid Leukemia at just 3.5 years old, met their lifesaving donor, Mr. Meeneshwar from Hyderabad. His simple yet powerful decision to donate blood stem cells not only gave them a second chance at life, but also restored hope to their entire family.

The transplant for the twins was successfully carried out under the care of Dr. Kannan Subramanian at Sahyadri Hospital, Pune, whose expertise ensured the best possible outcome for the children.

The reunion was made even more special with the presence of our Brand Ambassador, Mr. Darasing Khuranna – Mr. India International 2017, Actor, and Philanthropist, whose words of encouragement inspired many to step forward as potential lifesavers.



**Dr. Kannan Subramanian**

**Mr. Darasing Khuranna**

Moments like these remind us why our mission matters - because behind every donor is the possibility of saving not one, but many lives.

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## A CROSS-BORDER MIRACLE: WHEN AN INDIAN DOCTOR GAVE A RUSSIAN TEEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

- Saranya Vishwakarma

Department Head – Transplant Services - International

At DATRI, Donor Recipient Meet (DRM) represents the heart of our mission - moments where science, compassion, and teamwork come together to celebrate life. From the data entry of the first swab to the Human Courier delivering stem cells, every person in this journey plays a vital role in turning hope into reality.

Following international guidelines, DATRI facilitates DRMs one year post-transplant and only with mutual consent from the recipient and the donor. Over the years, many such reunions have taken place across India - but September 2025 marked a truly extraordinary moment that took DATRI beyond borders.

### A Match Between Russia and India

In 2022, Kristina Zubareva, a 14-year-old girl from Russia suffering from Aplastic Anemia, found her perfect 10/10 HLA match in Dr. Sameer Arora, a 36-year-old Consultant Neurologist from Artemis Hospital, Gurugram.



Dr. Sameer Arora  
(Donor)

Kristina Zubareva  
(Recipient)

Registered with DATRI since 2019, Dr. Arora came forward to donate his stem cells - a selfless act that became Kristina's lifeline. Her transplant at Morozov Children's City Clinical Hospital, Moscow, gave her a renewed chance at life.

### **A Historic Reunion in Moscow**

In September 2025, the Russian registry invited DATRI and Dr. Arora's family to Moscow for their annual conference, hosting their first - ever international Donor Recipient Meet. On 11th September 2025, Kristina, now 17, walked on stage and embraced her donor for the first time - a moment filled with tears, applause, and gratitude beyond words.

Representing DATRI was Ms. Saranya Vishwakarma (Department Head - International Transplant Services), who shared India's growing role in global stem cell transplants.

### **Bridging Nations, Saving Lives**

The event also offered a platform to discuss challenges unique to India - genetic diversity, cultural hesitations, logistical hurdles, and socio-economic barriers - reinforcing the urgent need to expand India's registry for patients across the world.

The reunion received widespread media coverage in Russia, symbolizing the power of global collaboration and the limitless reach of humanity.

### **A Celebration of Humanity**

For Kristina and Dr. Arora, it was the meeting of a lifetime. For DATRI, a proud milestone in its international journey. And for the world, a shining example that one act of kindness can cross all borders to save a life.

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## **DATRI REPRESENTS INDIA AT THE 2ND ASIAN REGISTRIES MEET**

**- Jayashree Shankar**

**Department Head – Search & Match - Transplant Services**

We are pleased to share highlights from our recent participation in the 2nd Asian Pacific Registries Meet, held in Hong Kong on September 15th, 2025. The event brought together leading donor registries across Asia to exchange knowledge, discuss best practices and strengthen regional collaboration in the field of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.





### **DATRI's Presentation: "Donor Health - A Continuous Commitment"**

Representing India, DATRI presented on the topic "Donor Health: A Continuous Commitment from Registration to Follow-up." The session emphasized that donor health is the foundation of every successful transplant, and that patient needs must never outweigh donor safety.



Key areas highlighted in the presentation includes:

- Rigorous health screening during registration to ensure only medically eligible volunteers are enrolled.
- Strong focus on counseling and informed consent to help donors understand the procedure, potential risks, and recovery expectations.
- Early identification of reactive viral markers to prevent last-minute deferrals.
- Continuous medical monitoring during donor work-up and G-CSF administration to ensure safety.
- Structured long-term follow-up of donors to monitor recovery and ensure ongoing well-being.

### **Key Takeaways from the Asian Registries Meet**

The sessions and interactions during the meet reaffirmed a statement - "Healthy donors mean safe transplants." Several key takeaways emerged from the collective discussions:

- Align donor screening protocols with WMDA and national standards while considering region-specific health profiles.
- Build trust through transparency, ensuring clear communication about donor risks and protections.
- Develop standardized counseling tools to provide consistent and accurate information across registries.
- Strengthen data-driven approaches to monitor donor outcomes and refine safety protocols.
- Encourage collaborative learning among Asian registries to share experience, data, and ethical best practices.

### **Moving Forward**

DATRI's participation at this international forum reinforced the importance of continuous learning and collaboration to advance donor safety and registry excellence. These insights will further guide DATRI's ongoing efforts to protect, educate, and empower donors, ensuring safe transplants for every patient in need. Healthy donors create safe transplants and together by all these collaborative learnings registries can build a stronger and safer ecosystem.

We're excited to be part of Haematocon 2025 and Phocon 2025 this November!

Looking forward to meeting you and connecting with fellow doctors and experts who make every life-saving story possible.


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## EMPOWERING DOCTORS WITH LIFE-SAVING RESOURCES

As partners in saving lives, we at DATRI are pleased to provide two key collaterals that you can share with patients:

- **Blood bank poster :** For blood banks, as they are a great place to reach committed donors who already believe in saving lives. Along with donating blood, they can also register as blood stem cell donors, giving patients with blood disorders a second chance at survival.



  
ACT NOW. GIFT A LIFE.  
[www.datri.org](http://www.datri.org)

**Dear Blood Donor,**  
**Do you know?**  
You have a chance to gift a  
life to a patient suffering from  
**blood cancer or**  
**blood disorder.**

**Take one step further to Gift a Life.**



Register as a **blood stem cell donor** with **DATRI** to become a **lifesaving match** for someone battling blood cancer or other severe blood disorders.

[www.datri.org/join](http://www.datri.org/join)



- **Patient Brochure:** For patients battling blood cancer, this brochure guides them on how to reach out to DATRI, what to expect, and the support available throughout the process.

**DATRI is India's largest  
Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry**



**6,00,000+ Registered Donors**

**1,600+ Donors have gifted lives**



Blood cancer and blood disorders like thalassemia, aplastic anemia etc can be cured with a blood stem cell transplant. The chances of finding a life saving match is only 1 in a million.

**'The more the donors we add to the registry, the better are the chances of finding a matching donor.'**

**Call our patient relations coordinator for more information**

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**DONATE / SPONSOR**

In case you cannot register as a donor for some reason, you can sponsor the HLA typing for one or more donors and support our life-saving cause. By sponsoring HLA typing at ₹1800 per donor, you enable more potential matches to be identified. Your donation is exempted under Section 80G.

Account Name : DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry  
Account No : 321605000453  
Bank Name : ICICI Bank  
Branch Name : Valmiki Nagar Chennai - 600041  
Branch Code : 003216  
IFSC Code : ICIC0003216



All money donations are eligible for 80G exemption certificate.

**Scan to donate Money**



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**DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry**

**Reach us to  
find an  
unrelated donor**

We provide information to family and friends of patients suffering from life-threatening blood cancer and blood disorders who are in need of a blood stem cell transplant.

This leaflet will guide patients and their families about how DATRI can work with them in finding a matching stem cell donor.

Member of World Marrow  
Donor Association



Naveen from Bangalore donated his blood stem cells to Ashutosh Sahu from Bhubaneswar who is now cured of blood cancer.

**ABOUT US**

DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2009, to help save lives of people affected by blood cancer and fatal disorders such as thalassemia, aplastic anemia etc.

DATRI has  
**6,00,000+**  
registered donors.

Also has facilitated  
**1600+**  
blood stem cell donations.

**If you did not find a perfect matching donor  
within your family and relatives**

**Reach us**



We conduct drives and awareness sessions to recruit more blood stem cell donors.



The drives help us to find a matching stem cell donor for patients like you.



We check our donor database daily to find a lifesaving match for patients.



If a matching donor is identified - DATRI counsels the donor for the donation.



Coordinates with the hospital for the collection of the blood stem cells from the donor.



DATRI organizes the transport of the blood stem cells to the transplant centre.

It is important that you reach out to DATRI and ask for help.

Your appeal is the only way by which potential lifesavers will know that the problem is real and they will get an opportunity to gift a life.



Jhanvi Ghode was diagnosed with blood cancer.

DATRI conducted donor recruitment drives to find a matching donor for her across India.

A matched donor was found through DATRI and Jhanvi Ghode is now cured.

Contact us ( [info@datri.org](mailto:info@datri.org) ) through your treating doctor to conduct awareness and registration drives to recruit donors.

You may list contacts from your network (Community, Corporates & Colleges) to conduct drives and help us reach more people to participate in our lifesaving mission.

**Help us to find your  
lifesaving donor.**

Doctors can request these collaterals by writing to [Marcom@datri.org](mailto:Marcom@datri.org) or reaching out to their respective Transplant Center Coordinator. These resources are designed to make it easier for you to connect patients and families with the right support, helping us create more life-saving connections.