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MANAGEMENT DESK

Dear Doctor,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this edition of DATRI Connect, a platform through which we aim to stay closely connected with transplant physicians, hematologists, and apheresis teams who make stem cell transplantation possible every day.

This year marks an important milestone as DATRI completes 17 years as a blood stem cell donor registry. Our mission has always been clear, to help patients in need of a blood stem cell transplant find their life saving donor.

At DATRI, we are guided by a simple aspiration, to help save at least one life every day. Yet, the growing number of patients seeking unrelated donor transplants highlights the scale of the need. India's genetic diversity makes finding a compatible donor challenging, and the demand continues to exceed the available pool. This makes strong collaboration between registries and transplant centres more important than ever.

In this spirit, we look forward to hosting the International Donor Registry Conference (IDRC) 2027 in Chennai, in partnership with Anthony Nolan (UK) and the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA). This global platform will bring together experts to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and advance access to life saving transplants.

Through this newsletter, we will share updates from DATRI, highlight milestones, and explore opportunities to work together in strengthening donor awareness and patient support.

We remain deeply grateful for your continued partnership. Together, we can build a stronger network and ensure that more patients receive the transplants they urgently need.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Claudia Rutt
Chief Financial Officer

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NUMBERS THAT MATTER

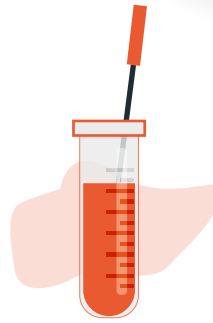
Donor Registration



November 2025 to
February 2026

60,260

Verification Typings



November 2025 to
February 2026

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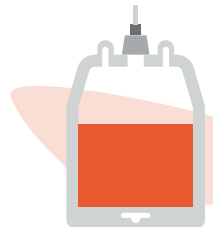
Infectious Disease Markers



November 2025 to
February 2026

114

Collections



November 2025 to
February 2026

100

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IDRC 2027 COMES TO CHENNAI



INTERNATIONAL DONOR REGISTRY CONFERENCE & WMDA GLOBAL MEETINGS

16TH - 19TH MARCH 2027 CHENNAI

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 and WMDA Global Meetings in Chennai, India for the very first time.

Hosting this prestigious conference in India marks an important milestone, reflecting the region's growing significance in the global transplant and cell therapy ecosystem. It also presents a unique opportunity for both emerging and established registries to build capabilities, share best practices, explore innovations, and strengthen partnerships.

IDRC 2027 is particularly special as it is the first time two international registries have partnered to co-host the conference, a true reflection of the theme of collaborative action. DATRI and Anthony Nolan have been closely working together since 2009 and continue to collaborate on research initiatives aimed at improving access to matching donors for patients in India, the UK, and across the world.

The conference will bring together leading hematologists, transplant physicians, researchers, and registry experts to exchange insights and drive meaningful discussions in donor management, transplantation, and patient care.

At its core, IDRC 2027 aims to turn collaboration into action, ensuring that more patients gain access to life-saving transplants. Achieving greater equity in transplant and cell therapy requires a unified global effort, and this conference provides a powerful platform to ensure diverse voices are heard and collective progress is made.

We are pleased to share that Early Bird registrations open on 26th March 2026.

Visit: www.idrc2027chennai.com

We look forward to welcoming the medical community to Chennai in 2027, to collaborate, connect, and create lifesaving change together

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17 YEARS OF DATRI A JOURNEY OF HOPE, COMMITMENT AND LIFE-SAVING IMPACT

Seventeen years ago, DATRI was founded with a clear and deeply meaningful vision - that no patient should lose their life simply because a compatible blood stem cell donor could not be found.

Established in 2009 in Chennai, DATRI set out to build a voluntary blood stem cell donors registry that could connect patients battling life-threatening blood disorders with unrelated donors willing to give them a second chance at life. What began as a pioneering initiative in India has today grown into the country's largest unrelated blood stem cell donor registry, standing as a lifeline for patients and transplant physicians alike.

Over the years, the registry has expanded to include more than 6.6 lakh voluntary donors, each representing a potential match for patients diagnosed with conditions such as leukaemia, lymphoma, aplastic anaemia, and thalassemia. Through the combined efforts of physicians, transplant centres, donors, and volunteers, DATRI has helped facilitate over 1800 life-saving stem cell donations, offering patients the opportunity to undergo a potentially curative transplant.

Throughout this journey, several defining moments have shaped the evolution of stem cell transplantation in India.



The registry has also witnessed extraordinary acts of dedication that reflect the urgency and significance of stem cell transplantation. During the devastating floods in Kerala and tamilnadu, when travel across the region came to a standstill, two of our matched donors were

airlifted to ensure that life-saving stem cells could reach the patient awaiting transplant in time. The effort underscored the determination of medical teams, registries, and donors to ensure that no opportunity to save a life was lost.

In another remarkable instance, a single donor's stem cells were able to save the lives of twin recipients, highlighting the rare and powerful possibilities that stem cell donation can create.

The medical community has also played a profound role beyond clinical care. Many physicians who guide patients through the transplant journey have themselves become stem cell donors, setting a powerful example of commitment to the cause they advocate.

The mission of saving lives has also been embraced from within the registry itself. Three members of the DATRI team have personally donated their stem cells, embodying the very spirit of the organization they represent.



Donor Meeneshwar with twin recipients



Yet even as we reflect on these milestones, the reality we encounter every day reminds us that our work is far from complete.

At DATRI, our aspiration has always been simple yet powerful - to help save at least one life every day. However, the growing number of patients who continue to

approach transplant centres and registries in search of a matched donor reminds us that the need is far greater. Each new patient added to the registry reinforces the urgency of expanding the donor pool and strengthening collaboration across the transplant ecosystem.

Seventeen years of progress have brought hope to many patients and families. At the same time, they remind us that much more remains to be done.

With continued support from physicians, transplant centres, apheresis teams, and donors, DATRI remains committed to expanding the registry and working tirelessly to ensure that more patients have the opportunity to find their life-saving match.

Because behind every search request lies a patient waiting for hope - and the possibility that somewhere, a donor is ready to answer that call.

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DOCTORS AS VOICES OF AWARENESS PARTNERING TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

Doctors play a vital role not only in patient care but also in shaping public understanding of stem cell donation.

Patients and families often turn to physicians as their most trusted source of medical guidance. Your voice carries credibility, reassurance, and clarity in conversations that can sometimes feel overwhelming for patients.

To strengthen awareness about blood stem cell donation, DATRI is inviting physicians and transplant specialists to collaborate with us in sharing educational insights through social media platforms such as Instagram.

Through short videos, expert discussions, and myth-busting conversations, physicians can help:

- Address common misconceptions about stem cell donation
- Explain the transplant process in simple terms
- Encourage more individuals to register as potential donors

Several physicians across transplant centres have already begun collaborating with DATRI to bring these important conversations closer to the public.





DOCTOR SPEAKS

INTERVIEW

WITH

Dr. Deepti Sachan
Senior Consultant and Clinical Lead Transfusion Medicine at
Dr. Rela Institute and Medical Center, Chennai

EPISODE 01 - ABOUT BLOOD STEM CELL DONATION

[Click here to watch](#)



DOCTOR SPEAKS

TOWARDS THALASSEMIA FREE INDIA

WITH

Dr. Revathi Raj
Consultant Paediatric Haematologist,
Apollo Hospitals, Chennai

#ThalassemiaFreeIndia

[Click here to watch](#)

By sharing medical insights in accessible formats, doctors can help bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and public awareness - ultimately enabling more patients to find the donors they need.

If you would like to collaborate with DATRI in creating educational content, please write to marcom@datri.org or call us at **+91 97907 57879**. Our team would be delighted to work with you.

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A MILESTONE BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT IN PUNE

DATRI recently marked an important milestone in the transplant ecosystem by facilitating an international bone marrow transplant at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune.

Until recently, international bone marrow transplants coordinated through DATRI had been facilitated only at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai. The successful transplant at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital represents an important step forward, reflecting the growth of infrastructure of transplant centres across India to support complex international donor coordination.

Facilitating international transplants requires meticulous coordination between transplant physicians, apheresis teams, laboratories, registries, and logistics partners to ensure that the donor cells reach the patient safely and within the required timelines.

DATRI extends its sincere gratitude to the transplant teams and apheresis centres whose expertise and commitment make these life-saving procedures possible.

Through such collaborations, we continue to strengthen the network that enables patients to receive the transplant they urgently need.



Manish Mukund Sant (Bone Marrow Donor)

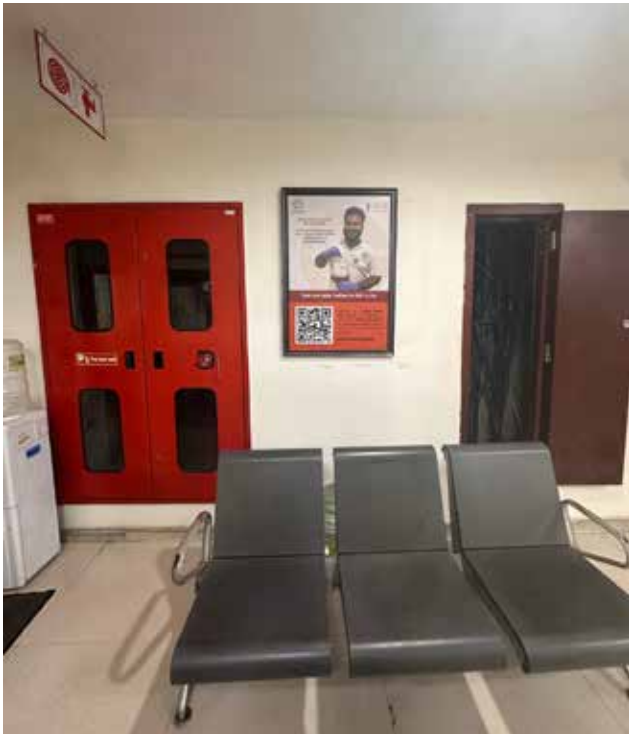
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CREATING AWARENESS THROUGH HOSPITALS AND BLOOD BANKS

Blood donors are among the most committed contributors to healthcare. Their willingness to donate blood reflects a strong belief in the power of voluntary donation, and many are naturally open to learning about other ways they can help save lives.

Recognizing this, DATRI has been working with hospitals and blood banks to create opportunities where eligible individuals can learn about blood stem cell donation and consider registering as potential donors.

Recently, donor awareness posters encouraging voluntary stem cell donor registration have been installed at:



DR. RELA INSTITUTE & MEDICAL CENTER
Chennai



**BASAVATARAKAM INDO AMERICAN
CANCER HOSPITAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTE**
Hyderabad

These initiatives help introduce the concept of stem cell donation to individuals who are already familiar with the importance of saving lives through blood donation.

Beyond posters, hospitals can play a powerful role in expanding awareness by creating simple yet meaningful touchpoints within their spaces. For instance, digital display boards or moving

information screens within hospital premises can include brief messages about DATRI's blood stem cell donor registry. These platforms can help reach patients' families, visitors, and caregivers who may be interested in registering as potential donors.

Hospitals can also support awareness by connecting DATRI with their marketing or communications teams, enabling the distribution of informational collaterals that can be placed in waiting areas, blood banks, or transplant departments to help educate patients and families about stem cell donation.

In addition, there is an opportunity to collaborate on awareness-driven articles and public engagement initiatives, including hospital-led communication platforms and PR stories that highlight the importance of stem cell donation and the role of transplant centres in saving lives.

These collective efforts can significantly strengthen public awareness and help expand the donor registry, ultimately improving the chances of patients finding their life-saving match.

DATRI deeply appreciates the continued support of hospitals, transplant centres, and blood banks that help bring this life-saving message closer to the community.



ACT NOW. GIFT A LIFE.
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

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SUPPORTING AWARENESS AND PATIENT EDUCATION

To support physicians, transplant coordinators, and apheresis teams in spreading awareness about stem cell donation, DATRI has developed a range of informational and educational materials that can be used within hospitals and transplant centres.

These collaterals are designed to make it easier for healthcare professionals to introduce and explain stem cell donation to patients, families, and potential donors.



Donor

Recipient

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) 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.

If your centre would like to access these resources, the DATRI team would be happy to support you. Please write to marcom@datri.org or call us at +91 **97907 57879**

Because every informed conversation has the potential to help a patient find their life-saving match.