

My name is Kim Jochem, retired Air National Guard member. I was diagnosed with Cutaneous Large B Cell Lymphoma in January and endured aggressive 6 cycle chemotherapy to be cancer free for about 1 month... with disheartening news on 3 Jul that my lymphoma has returned. The only possible cure for me is a bone marrow transplant. The best match for me would be a sibling; unfortunately/fortunately, I was adopted. Therefore, we will need to reach out to the national donor list. The transplant process started 6 July 2012. I just finished four weeks of electron radiation on my left cheek and now waiting for a donor. I'm currently being treated at the UW-Hospital, Madison, and Bellin Cancer Team, Green Bay, WI.

The bone marrow transplant donor process was started in July. As of today, we are patiently waiting for a donor match. Currently, there are five possible donor matches located in Korea, China and Taiwan; none in USA! Plus five cord matches... Since the ideal match is a donor vs. Cord, they are trying to locate the donors in these countries. Once they are located the donor, then they check to see if the donor is still interested. If the donor is interested, there are about four more tests to determine the compatibility (which defines complications of the transplant/survival rate).

Therefore, **we need your help to spread the word to anyone you know** (preferably Asians) to encourage them to be donor. Below is the link to be a bone marrow transplant donor. All you have to do is complete the checklist and medical questionnaire; then a kit will be mailed to you.

http://marrow.org/Join/Join_Now/Join_Now.aspx

Military members can go to: http://marrow.org/Join/Join_Now/Members_of_U_S_Military.aspx

The process is pretty simple -- Request a kit (which is simple swabbing your mouth) and send it back. To receive your results you can contact them within six (6) weeks and they will either send you your results or email to them to you. Please forward the results to me and I will forward them to my doctor to see if you are a match. If you do not feel comfortable giving me your results, we understand, but if you do the process will go faster.

Thank you for your continued support!



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