

Thank You for Sticking By with BMDP

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Time flies and in the blink of an eye, a whole year has passed. Let's take a look back at the top three highlights of 2019, a year of many firsts.

Match for Life 2019

We concluded BMDP's first ever Flagship event, Match for Life on 12 October 2019 where we held our very own football festival with 35 teams, carnival games, VIP reception and a BMDP roadshow. This event was run with the support of more than 180 volunteers which included you our ambassadors. We couldn't have hoped for a more successful event.





Our Ambassadors sharing the cause and getting people to join us on the register!

Match for Life 2020 is already on its way and we're looking forward to an even more exciting time. Let us know if you want to be a part of our planning committee!

Saving Lives Together

Previously known as Celebration of Heroes, Saving Lives Together 2019 is the first BMDP event that brings together our entire eco system. We had 200 attendees and gave out awards to our marrow donors who went through the donation process, volunteers and ambassadors who've made significant contribution to BMDP and long-term corporate, educational and government partners.



The Bone Marrow Donor Programme (BMDP) held its *Saving Lives Together* event on 6 November 2019, in appreciation of donors and partners who have been integral in supporting the BMDP's goal of finding *A Donor for Every Patient*.

9 Student Showcases

31 Organisations/Partners

86 Awards

200 Attendees

74 Marrow Donors





Malcolm (Top) and Kelvin (Bottom) who're also one of us were among those who to receive the token of appreciation for their selfless act.

Marrow 101

Knowledge empowers! Marrow 101 is BMDP's first educational series where we impart knowledge on various topics such as blood disease, bone marrow donation and transplant to our larger community including ambassadors and volunteers. Our first installment was a sharing by BMDP Search Services & Transplant team on the courier of stem cells followed by a sharing from one of our very own ambassadors who survived cancer on their journey battling the disease.



We're grateful for our Leon and Alison for sharing their personal story with the Marrow donors



What's New @ BMDP

There're many things brewing in 2020 so let's get you up to speed!

Supporting Patients Financially

BMDP is introducing more financial support schemes not just for Singaporeans and PR, but we're extending it to their spouses too! You can find out more about the subsidies [here](#).

JOURNEYING WITH THE PATIENTS, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Extension of Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell (HPC) Procurement Subsidy Scheme & New Patient Subsidy Fund for Matched Unrelated Donor (MUD) Transplant Patients




1 HPC PROCUREMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME

	Tier 1: Lump Sum Subsidy	Tier 2: Additional HPC Procurement Subsidy	Tier 3: Supplementary HPC Procurement Subsidy*
Singaporean			
Ward Class A	\$3,000	-	-
Ward Class B1		20% of HPC product cost	-
Ward Class B2 and C		65% of HPC product cost	Up to 100% of HPC product cost ²
Permanent Residents			
Ward Class A	\$2,000	-	-
Ward Class B1		15% of HPC product cost	-
Ward Class B2 and C		60% of HPC product cost	Up to 100% of HPC product cost ²
Foreign Spouse to Singaporean / Permanent Resident (NEW!)[^]			
Ward Class A	-	-	-
Ward Class B1		15% of HPC product cost	-
Ward Class B2 and C		60% of HPC product cost	-

* Subject to recommendation by an accredited Medical Social Worker.

[^] **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Legally wedded spouse of Singaporean or PR
2. Patient must be holding a valid pass, i.e. Employment Pass (EP), S Pass, Work Permit or Long-Term Visit Pass
3. The case must be recommended by an accredited Medical Social Worker
4. The BMDP will have the discretion in the administration of this fund




2 PATIENT SUBSIDY FUND

No.	Fund	Funding Quantum	Cap	Conditions
1.	Transplant-Related Cost Subsidy	Up to 50% of the total transplant cost	S\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transplant-related cost subsidy does not cover GST payable.
2.	Post-Transplant Allowances	Up to S\$500/ month for a maximum of 12 months	S\$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowance shall cease if patient is deceased or resumes employment. Patients who are on other subsistence allowance schemes will not be eligible. The subsidy will be paid out in 2 tranches (6 months) after a mid-term reassessment is done.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Patient must be a Singaporean or a Singapore Permanent Resident
2. Patient must be a holder of the CHAS card (Orange or Blue) or a Medifund Case
3. Recommendation for subsidy must be made by an accredited Medical Social Worker
4. The BMDP will have the discretion in the administration of this fund



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A fresh look for donor drives!

Revised Age to between 18 and 49 years old

As of 1st January 2020, we have raised the minimum age to register from 17 to **18 years old** (year of birth).

If I am 17 this year and wish to register, what do I do?

If a person is 17 years old, we encourage them to pledge as a donor. As a pledger, they are indicating that they would like to sign up upon reaching 18. Bring the wait, we will send them quarterly educational materials and in the year they turn 18, they will receive our invitation to join us as a marrow donor.

BMOP (Blood Matters Ontario Program) logo and contact information: 1-800-387-0000, www.bloodmatters.ca, 1000 Bay St., Toronto, ON M5G 1B5.

A DONOR FOR EVERY PATIENT

BORN HEART BEGINS TO BEET BLOODWORK
FOR EVERY PATIENT OF EVERY AGE

Each day 17,000 babies are born in Ontario. Each baby needs a lot of blood to grow up healthy. The Ontario Blood Matters Program is a special program that helps ensure that every baby has the blood they need to grow up healthy.

HOW CAN I GET MYSELF REGISTERED?

HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

ABOUT BONE MARROW DONATION

WHAT ARE THE METHODS OF DONATION?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DID YOU KNOW?

70 BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

1 IN 100 CHILDREN WITH BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

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Our brochure has a new look! Do keep a look out of our new brochure when you're at our donor drives!

BMOP (Blood Matters Ontario Program) logo

A DONOR FOR EVERY PATIENT

Personal Data Protection Statement

DONOR REGISTRATION FORM

DONOR MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

TOUR CONSENT

Our Registration Form has a new look!

Closer Feedback and Communication Strategy for Ambassadors

This is the most exciting part! We want to get more connected with you, provide you timely updates and receive your feedback ...

WhatsApp Broadcast

We have set up a WhatsApp Broadcast group where we can easily disseminate messages, invite you for events and provide updates personally to you. In order to receive our messages, please save the mobile number 81254112. Likewise, if you want to get in touch or if you have an opportunity for a donor drive, you need more swabs kits or just want to find out how things are going at BMDP just holler.

Track Your Own Swabs

With the unique ID given to you, you can track how many swabs we have received so far! Returned swabs are updated every first week of the month and you'll also be informed whenever it is updated through WhatsApp. Simply log onto tinyurl.com/bmdpambassadors.

Have a *lovely* weekend!

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