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REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN THE AUSTRALIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY (ABMDR)

- Donors must be between 18 - 40 years of age
- must be willing to join the Registry for anyone - not just an individual

However

- **We are particularly interested in people from different ethnic backgrounds joining the registry**
- **We are also particularly interested in *young* men and women joining the Registry**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The ABMDR needs people from different ethnic backgrounds to join for Australia's diverse patient population;
- There are 10 million donors worldwide and the majority are of NW European background
- The ABMDR has 155,000 donors (55,000 more than originally planned) the majority from a NW European background;
- Patients do better with bone marrow from younger donors;
- 77% of the ABMDR are donors over the age of 35 years;
- 64% of the ABMDR are women;
- 72% of donors who have actually donated are male;

A small blood sample will be taken for tissue typing and your name will then go on the Registry. You may not hear from us again if you haven't matched any one in need but please contact us if you change your contact details. Approximately 80-100 Australians are actually asked to donate each year, however you may never be asked to donate.

If you move or change your contact details please contact the Donor Coordinator at the Australian Red Cross Blood Service in your WA.