



At Work in Illinois

NMDPSM is a leader in cell therapy, helping to find cures and save lives for patients with blood cancers, disorders and beyond. We're expanding access so that every patient can receive their life-saving cell therapy. Here's what our work looks like in your state:

2023 State Impact



3,191 searching patients

from 2019–23



1,174 transplants

from 2019–23



436 donors

answered the call from 2019–23



250,868 residents

willing to donate

Your support helps push the boundaries of what's possible.

From the moment a patient is diagnosed, we're there every step of the way. We create more opportunities for better outcomes. One way we do this is by providing patient assistance grants to help families cover out-of-pocket expenses related to transplant.

Since these grants became available, **367 patients in Illinois** have received financial assistance totaling **\$840,892 to help more patients** go through the transplant process. Of these patients, **23% were children.**

NMDP Network Partners in Illinois

APHERESIS CENTERS

- City of Hope Chicago – NMDP Collection Center
- Vitalant – NMDP Collection Center
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
- Loyola University Medical Center

COLLECTION CENTERS

- Advocate Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Center for Advanced Care
- Loyola University Medical Center

TRANSPLANT CENTERS

- City of Hope Chicago – NMDP Collection Center
- Advocate Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Center for Advanced Care
- Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Loyola University Medical Center
- University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System
- Northwestern Medicine
- The University of Chicago
- Rush University Medical Center

2023 National Impact

- Since 1987, NMDP has facilitated more than **125,000 transplants**. In 2023, NMDP **impacted 7,435 lives** through cell therapy.
- Today, patients have access to more than **41 million** potential donors worldwide.
- In 2023, NMDP provided **\$5.5 million** in patient assistance grants to more than **2,600 families**.

World-Class Partner

With the help of blood cell and marrow donors from the world's most diverse registry and our extensive network of transplant partners, physicians and caregivers, we're expanding access to treatment so every patient can receive their life-saving cell therapy. We strive to deliver the best experiences and services as the essential partner in cell therapy and remove the barriers to equitable access at all our locations.

4 Domestic Donor Centers

59 Domestic Collection Centers

73 Domestic Apheresis Centers

156 Domestic Transplant Centers

48 International Cooperative Registries

NMDP is a global leader in cell therapy.

- **Entrusted by Congress for 35+ years:** Since the inception of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (the national registry), Congress has authorized NMDP to oversee the program.
- **NMDP finds cures and saves lives.** NMDP manages the most diverse listing of potential donors in the world (the national registry).
- **We treat and cure over 75 diseases** through cell therapy.
- **Accelerating Progress:** Underscoring NMDP's commitment to expanding access to cell therapy, we recently published findings showing that using expanded matching criteria could result in a nearly three-fold increase in the likelihood of securing a suitable donor. This breakthrough dramatically increases the chances of finding a match on the national registry, offering cell transplantation as a viable, life-saving therapy, regardless of ancestry.



Megan
Donor and caregiver, Illinois

My dad was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) in 1997 about a year after I was born. Unfortunately, my family couldn't find a potential donor among my dad's relatives or through the national registry.

Over the next 20 years, my dad remained a wonderful presence in my life despite his health challenges. He would let me paint his nails on my birthday every year. He cooked for a high school musical cast of 100. He even served as my Brownie troop leader.

Eventually, my dad's cancer stopped responding to treatment. His doctors at the University of Wisconsin—Madison told my parents about a clinical trial that was pending approval. Thankfully, my dad's wait for transplant came to an end because of scientific advancements. In fact, he became the third person in the U.S. to ever receive cells from a half-match! As his donor, I was filled with love and joy to give him this second chance at life, especially after everything he has given me.

After donating to my dad in the summer of 2016, I returned to Bradley University and helped establish Bradley's first NMDP Chapter to recruit potential donors to join the registry. As president of the Bradley speech team, I traveled to eight states, speaking to more than 2,000 people about the therapeutic benefits of healthy blood cell and bone marrow transplant.

In 2021, I joined the NMDP Advocacy Volunteer Program and was tasked with forming meaningful relationships with my senators and representatives. It is truly inspiring work and my way of expressing gratitude for every new day I have with my dad.

"Working with NMDP is a way to make a lasting impact on families like mine. I feel so privileged to volunteer with NMDP."