



## At Work in Pennsylvania

NMDP<sup>SM</sup> 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



**3,288 searching patients**

from 2019-23



**1,323 transplants**

from 2019-23



**462 donors**

answered the call from 2019-23



**199,322 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, **330 patients in Pennsylvania** have received financial assistance totaling **\$702,725 to help more patients** go through the transplant process. Of these patients, **16% were children.**

## NMDP Network Partners in Pennsylvania

### APHERESIS CENTER

- Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

### COLLECTION CENTERS

- Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

### TRANSPLANT CENTERS

- UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Fox Chase-Temple University Hospital BMT Program
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Penn Medicine
- PennState Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- UPMC Hillman Cancer Center
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

## 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.



Elle

**Recipient and advocate, Pennsylvania**

When Elle was 25 years old, she received news that she never expected to hear. She was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a blood cancer that causes bone marrow failure and can progress to acute myeloid leukemia.

"I was diagnosed with a blood cancer that is usually diagnosed in men over the age of 65," she said. "It's not something that you think about – a 25-year-old female getting blood cancer, but it happened to me."

Initially, Elle was able to treat her MDS with medication, but eventually, she needed a bone marrow transplant. Fortunately, a matching donor was found on the national registry. On May 14, 2015, Elle had her life-saving bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, one week before her 26th birthday.

"I was really excited," she said. "It was overwhelming because I don't think you fully understand all that goes into it. Realizing that it was going to happen was an amazing feeling."

Today, Elle is pursuing her passion: being an elementary school teacher. As she continues post-transplant life, Elle said she is eager to give back and help patients in need.

**"Being an advocate for NMDP means that I'm supporting a program that helped save my life. They gave me life, and I'm hoping that I can just help others."**