



At Work in Rhode Island

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



246 searching patients

from 2019-23



145 transplants

from 2019-23



72 donors

answered the call from 2019-23



43,463 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, **35 patients in Rhode Island** have received financial assistance totaling **\$98,549 to help more patients** go through the transplant process.

NMDP Network Partners in Rhode Island

APHERESIS CENTER

- Rhode Island Blood Center – NMDP

TRANSPLANT CENTERS

- Roger Williams 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.



Jennifer
Recipient, Rhode Island

In October 2017, Jennifer came down with flu-like symptoms. Within a matter of hours, her achiness progressed significantly, and she suspected this wasn't a typical virus.

At the walk-in clinic, Jennifer described her chest pains and difficulty breathing. "I knew something was wrong, so I asked for blood work to be done," said Jennifer. It's a good thing she did because she soon received a call to get to the hospital immediately. She was later diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

After a few rounds of chemotherapy, Jennifer's leukemia went into remission. But after she relapsed, the doctor told her a transplant was her best chance for a cure. It turned out she had three viable matches on the registry. At the time, her doctor called her "lucky" because many patients don't have a single match.

While finding multiple matches was promising, Jennifer encountered complications with her potential donors. Her first match declined. The second said yes but was ruled ineligible to donate after a follow-up physical. The third was later deemed unsuitable as well.

"I was horrified," Jennifer said. "I felt like I had no chance."

Luckily, her first match later agreed to donate life-saving cells. Today, Jennifer is healthy and back to feeling like herself. In 2023, she celebrated her four-year transplant anniversary. She actively works to raise awareness of the registry and encourage others to help save a life through donation.