

Bone Marrow Donation

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Unable to watch patients with blood disorder suffering in silence, after affirming that bone marrow transfer can save lives without harming the donor, Dharma Master Cheng Yen started the Tzu Chi Marrow Donor Registry, which rename to Buddhist Tzu Chi Stem Cell Centre on 30 April 2002.

The Fighter Who Made It Happen

At a press conference on September 15, 1992, Wen Wen-Ling, a Taiwanese student studying in the United States, tearfully thanks the public for their enthusiasm and support. On October 15, 1992, Tzu Chi members in Los Angeles held a blood test drive to find a marrow donor for Ms. Wen.

She had developed leukemia, and a bone marrow transplant became her only hope for survival. However, none of her siblings had a compatible tissue type, so a non-relative donor had to be found. Unfortunately, there were no compatible donors in the US bone marrow data bank.

In Taiwan, there was a restriction that donated marrow had to come from a close relative such as one's parents, siblings, or first cousins. Ms. Wen returned to Taiwan and appealed for help. The legislature finally revised the regulations on body organ donation and removed the restrictions on the categories of donors.

Evidence of Abundant Love

Each marrow donation blood test drive attracts crowds of participants. Some who come too late leave their names and phone numbers so that they will be informed first for the next blood test drive. Some people come with their families, classmates or colleagues. Young couples squeeze in time before their weddings to give blood samples. Whole classes of college students come hoping to donate marrow for a stricken classmate. Families who have lost loved ones to blood disease want to help other victims. There are simply too many touching stories to tell. However, these stories are the best evidence that there is an abundance of love in Taiwan.

Fearlessly Showing Great Love

At a marrow donor registration drive in Kaohsiung on November 19, 1995, volunteers praise a young girl for her great love. Many people are terrified of hypodermic needles, but when they want to save other people's lives, they are willing to let the nurses stick the needles into their arms.

Some people have very tiny blood vessels, so they many be poked with the needles five or six times. Even tall, strong men may feel dizzy at the sight of blood. However, they still do not want to give up this opportunity to save others.

Celebration of New Life

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- 1993: The bone marrow registry was established
- 2002: Name changed to Buddhist Tzu Chi Stem Cell Centre

Statistics as of February 29, 2012

- Voluntary registries: 348,308
- Patients requested for matching: 27,912
- Bone Marrow and PBSC transplanted: 28 countries, 2,785 cases
- Cord Blood transplanted: 11 countries, 61 cases
- For more detail please [click](#) .

Этот " [Искусство результативного управления](#) " треск все отдалялся от нас и напоминал слабые раскаты отдаленного грома.

Дом " [Империя](#) " Во остался должен Дому Синанджу " [Война гармонии](#) " публичное извинение.

Еще бы, с такими роскошными рыжими волосами и " [Таинственный замок](#) " телом, за обладание которым многие мужчины клялись " [Лицо в тени](#) " умереть.

Но кому предназначалась " [Несвятые святые и другие рассказы](#) " эта дань, какого восточного бога хотел он " [Булгаков т.7 Блаженство](#) " ублажить об этом история умалчивала.

Только неожиданное появление моей сестры помешало мулату.

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