

Save My Dad

My Dads Story

My dad is 33 years of age. In March this year he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL), only 8 days after I was born. He is now in urgent need of a blood stem cell transplant but due to the small number of South Asians on the donor registries, he has not been able to find a suitable donor.

How does it Work?

The process of donating is very SIMPLE

Step 1) Initially you give a swab of cheek cells to test if you are a MATCH

Step 2) If you are the MATCH! The process takes about 3 HOURS, where only the stem cells from your Blood is harvested by a machine and your blood is returned to you immediately.

Step 3) YOU GO HOME!

Who Can Help?

- ANYONE between the age of 18-60 can HELP
- Donor's who are South Asian, in particular Sri Lankan have a higher chance of being a MATCH



When Is it?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Saturday 07-02-2011	St Mel's Church 20874 Ventura Blvd Woodland Hills, CA	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	310-490-0515 310-483-8781 818-716-2900

Did you know?

The global stem cell donor registry has the smallest number of Asians particularly Sri Lankan's. The chances of finding a match are **1 in 20,000**. So whatever you can do to help will be a great service to the entire community and for our future generations

Transplant Myth!

There is a general anxiety with many people that bone marrow donations are about having your bones drilled into. This was the old traditional way and is hardly used with the development of new technology. You do however have the choice of using either the new Blood technique or Bone Marrow procedure

