

# Tissue Typing Costs

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**The National Marrow Donor Program is a non-profit organization. We depend on public support to help underwrite the cost of tissue typing for people joining the Registry.**

## What is Tissue Typing?

- Tissue typing is the process used to match life-saving donors with patients in need of a marrow transplant.
- All members of the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) Registry are tissue-typed when they join. All patients are typed as well.
- The closer the match between the patient's tissue type and the donor's, the better for the patient. Patients are most likely to match donors of their same race and ethnicity. That's why it's so important that as many people join the Registry as possible.

## Saving Lives through Growing a Diverse Registry

- Only 1.8 of the 7 million people on the Registry have a racially or ethnically diverse heritage.
- Increasing the diversity of tissue types on the Registry increases the changes for all patients to get the life-saving transplant they so desperately need.

## The Cost of Tissue Typing

- There is always a cost for tissue typing, whether it is paid by an individual, a sponsor or NMDP. No one can join for free.
- It costs \$52 to test the tissue type of every new Registry member.
- Today, we have funding to cover the cost of tissue typing for racial and ethnic minorities.
- We currently do not have enough support to cover tissue typing costs for everyone who wants to join. That's why we need your financial support. Your contribution makes it possible for more people to join the Registry and for us to save more lives.

## Creating Connections. Saving Lives.

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