



## At Work in Oklahoma

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



**613 searching patients**  
from 2019–23



**235 transplants**  
from 2019–23



**97 donors**  
answered the call from 2019–23



**52,999 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, **96 patients in Oklahoma** have received financial assistance totaling **\$203,675 to help more patients** go through the transplant process.

## NMDP Network Partners in Oklahoma

### TRANSPLANT CENTER

- OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center

### COLLECTION CENTER

- OU Health University of Oklahoma 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.



**Howie**  
**Recipient and advocate, Oklahoma**

When Howie was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the reality of his illness became clear during a conversation about treatment options.

"My doctors gave me a last-ditch chemo effort," he said.

Soon after chemotherapy, Howie was told that his leukemia was so aggressive that he would need a bone marrow transplant. Although NMDP was searching for a potential donor, his heritage made it more difficult to find a match. "I'm native to islands called The Azores off the coast of Portugal," he said.

Fortunately, a match was found. In May 2002, Howie became the first adult cord blood transplant recipient in Oklahoma. While he relapsed thirteen months later, he was fortunate to have five of the original six matching cord blood units left.

"It's because of cases like mine that it is now routine for adult patients to get two cord blood donations," he said. "Something (the umbilical cord), that is typically thrown away and is medical waste, is also something that saves lives."

In the years since his second transplant, Howie has built a fulfilling life with his family. His transplants made it possible for him to adopt two children. He has served as an advocate with NMDP, passionate about giving voice to patients in need.

**"We adopted two kids. My transplants impacted not only my life, but the lives of those two children as well."**