

**DONOR EXPENSES AND
ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION**

DONOR EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

| STAGE | REIMBURSEMENT | FUNDING SOURCE |
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| Registration | Free parking or parking ticket | Donor center |
| Extended HLA typing and verification typing | Free parking or parking ticket Blood sample collection free of charge. | Donor center |
| Work-up (Medical exam – collection) | Free parking or parking ticket reimbursed Public transport – car/motor reimbursed No fees for consultations, medical exam. Medications: if required during the donation process (GCSF). Free breakfast, lunch, dinner during collection. Employers cover absence at work by a medical certificate for the work-up and collection for employees. Leave from employment is solely a matter between the donor and their employer. A disability life insurance is systematically subscribed by the Marrow Donor Program – Registry for each donor to be harvested. | Collection center |
| Follow-up | All expenses occurred by the donor during routine collection center follow-up visits and assessments post-donation must be reimbursed. Institutions have specific procedures for free follow up. Blood sample collection by general practitioner (covered by Health Insurance). Reimbursement of patient fee. | Collection center |

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION

It is the policy of the Marrow Donor Program Belgian Registry (MDPB-R) that the donation shall remain completely **ANONYMOUS**. Indirect, anonymous communication in the form of letters, cards, or gifts between donor and recipient is allowed post-donation and cannot contain any reference to the sender's identity or location. Donor and recipient shall not be allowed to exchange direct correspondence. All correspondence, if any, will go through the MDPB-R and shall be censored by the Donor Center or the transplant physician. Items received must be sent to the other party within 1 month from date of receipt.

When receiving anonymous communication from a donor or recipient it is the responsibility of the Donor Center or Transplant Center to screen the content to ensure donor and patient anonymity is maintained. Unacceptable content within the correspondence or gift, must be removed prior to forwarding to the MDPB-R. A Donor Center or Transplant Center can decide to not forward the message or present (in its whole or partially) if they judge it more appropriate considering the circumstances.

Screening Cards, Letters and Gifts for Anonymity

| Type | Accepted | Not accepted |
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| Donor, patient names | | Not accepted |
| Country of donor or patient | Accepted | |
| Transplant- and donor center information | | Not accepted |
| Contact details (telephone numbers,...) | | Not accepted |
| Gender | Accepted | |
| Age | Accepted | |
| Disease | Mostly accepted | No genetic diseases |
| Professions | General professions acceptable | No specific professions |
| Food | | Not accepted |
| Gift cards, DVDs, CDs | | Not accepted |
| Photos | | No personal photos with people in the picture |