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MATCHING FOR TRANSPLANT •

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If you contact us for a search strategy consultation, you may receive your expert advice from Kevin.

Every year, Kevin and his fellow immunogeneticists provide search strategy advice on thousands of cases. They leave no stone unturned as they help transplant centers uncover the best match possible.

“We can be an extra set of eyes for you, on both easy and hard searches,” he says.

And if there is something that needs urgent attention, Kevin and his colleagues spring into action. Case in point: When a Formal Search was on the verge of exhausting the funds available for donor testing, Kevin was brought in to help. Together with the Case Manager, he identified a single potential donor with a high probability of matching the patient. HR testing determined that the potential donor was a 9 of 10 match, and the patient underwent transplant.

Search strategy advice is only one of many ways we can help you in the area of matching. Turn this sheet over to explore our matching services and expertise.

— *Kevin has been helping transplant centers find the best source of cells for their patients since 2010*



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Every patient deserves the best match possible. As you search for the best source of cells for your patients, you can rely on us for matching tools, support and expert advice, grounded in research and analytics.

We can help...

When you have a difficult search

- Put our histocompatibility experts to work for you through our free **Search Strategy Advice** service. With their expertise in the science of matching, they can provide recommendations for the donors and cord blood units (CBUs) most likely to match your patient.
- Use our **Customized HLA Typing** service to get intermediate—or high-resolution testing, by locus, or KIR testing—in as little as three days.

When you need to quickly identify an available, matched donor source

- **HapLogicSM** Match Algorithm helps you simplify your selection process and confidently select the best match for your patients.
- New capabilities and useful data, like last donor contact date, are continually added to **TraxisTM**—our *search management interface*.
- We also contact potential donors on an ongoing basis and ask for their renewed commitment to the registry. Then we share that information with you via the recommit status in Traxis, so you can select potential donors most likely to be available.

When you need extra HLA expertise and support

- Our **Custom Search Support** (CSS) service tracks every detail of the search—so you don't have to. Our expert CSS Case Managers recommend steps to keep searches moving and provide timely information to aid in your decision making. Immunogenetic Specialists recommend the best potential matches and provide targeted HLA locus-specific screening advice, which can save you time and money.

OUR COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH IN THE AREA OF MATCHING:

- Our HLA and bioinformatics experts are continually analyzing data in new ways to lead the development of industry data standards. For example, the recent NEJM publication (Gragert, et al, 2014 NEJM) predicts the likelihood of identifying a match for patients in 21 race and ethnic groups, based on U.S. population genetics.
- Through our research program, the CIBMTR, we have conducted industry-changing research to improve the science of matching, including the importance of allele level matching, how HLA-C mismatches affect outcomes, how a non-permissive DPB1 mismatch increases mortality rates and more.



Learn about all the ways we can help you find the best available match at:

Network.BeTheMatchClinical.org/matching