

# We kindly ask for your help!



After a lymphoid cancer in 2007, which was healed successfully, Andrea (40 years) is now suffering from blood cancer (leukemia). As a mother of two children, Alexandra (11 years) and Tobias (8 years), Andrea and our whole family now urgently need your help.

Andrea - as all leukemia patients around the world - (with the severe form of leukemia) need a stem cells donation, which genetically fit to the receiver. Most suitable would be a brother or a sister – but she is a single child. However anyone can typify: this is done very easy by salivating a cotton swab. You can register as a donor on one of the websites mentioned below:

Germany:

[www.kmsz.de](http://www.kmsz.de)

[www.dkms.de](http://www.dkms.de)

International:

[www.bmdw.org](http://www.bmdw.org)

The appropriate procedure is explained quite simple: after your registration you receive a cotton swab for a saliva sample. After this is sent back, the donor is worldwide registered. If you become a donor, the blood will be “washed” in 4-5 hours, and the stem cells are extracted. After approx. 14 days, all cells of the donor are restored.

This procedure is not extensive for the donor but: you can SAVE A LIFE!

It is necessary to make clear: a bone marrow donation is NOT a spinal cord donation! And even this is with the new way of gaining stem cells no longer necessary.

Note: for donors there is a minimum age of 18 and a maximum age of 55 years and they must not be patients at risk. But this is all explained in the above mentioned links.

Andrea gets as long a chemotherapy until a donor is found. However, this is not possible indefinitely.

As a whole family we sincerely ask you to register as a donor. Please also pass this message to your relatives and your circle of acquaintances.

In this way everyone can save Andrea's life or that of another person!

Thank you very much in advance.

**Matthias, Alexandra and Tobias**

*Matthias*

