

PATIENT-DONOR CONTACT

ZKRD Zentrales Knochenmarkspender-Register Deutschland

Information for the exchange of cards and letters between patient and donor

We keep all information about you strictly confidential and forward information only to the extent necessary for donor procurement. The obligation to this confidentiality is a consequence of the general professional and medical confidentiality, the General Data Protection Regulation and the written consents that you have signed so far.

According to the "German Standards for Unrelated Blood Stem Cell Donations" the abrogation of anonymity as per §14 (3) Transplantationsgesetz (National Transplant Act) will be allowed after 2 years. Until then, we are required to check all cards and letters you may want to exchange and edit text passages containing personal data if necessary. A copy of your correspondence will be stored in the file of the patient at ZKRD.

If at all, gifts are allowed with low value only and may not contain any reference to you or where you come from. Photos on which persons are visible are not allowed.

As a donor, you should primarily address your donor center with your desire for contact. As a patient, you should contact your transplant center.

Please note: Internationally other, stricter guidelines or recommendations might apply. There are countries that only allow for anonymous contact, and some countries, that do not allow any contact and where it is impossible to become acquainted with each other.

Information on the patient's condition after transplant

As a rule, the patient's health condition is inquired 3 months, 1 and 2 years after transplant and the donor is informed about that by the donor center.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Transplantationsgesetz (TPG): http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tpg/index.html

German Standards for Unrelated Blood Stem Cell Donations: <u>https://www.zkrd.de/working-with-partners/?lang=en</u>