

Patient stories

We received this inspiring e-mail from a patient.

"Hello. I have just been told that you have found a donor for me. I just wanted to say thank you and let you know how helpful I find the patient stories on your website.

"When I'm feeling particularly scared and anxious I re-read some of them. Perhaps other people read them for support and encouragement too. Don't hesitate to put more success stories on there - they give hope to people like me when they are at their most needy. Thank you!"

Tony Ferebee

I'm utterly grateful to my donor - I'm not allowed to know who he is, but I sent him a card saying thank you from me, thank you from my wife and thank you from my kids. He saved my life.

Carena Cash-Abbey

12-year-old Carena Cash-Abbey from Hackney, East London had just completed the London (Ten) Bridges charity walk with her school when she and her family were told the devastating news that the leukaemia was back.

Zoha Butt

The shortage of registered donors from minority ethnic background is a situation badly affecting six-year-old Zoha Butt, from Hendon, who is suffering from osteopetrosis, a rare and fatal condition

Lisa Shelfer

Lisa was diagnosed with myelodysplasia in February 2001. I'd been walking with my dad in the Lake District the year before when this big rash appeared on my feet. I spent a year doing blood tests, and then all at once I was referred to the Royal Free. It was all pretty shocking.

Mark Worrall

Mark Worrall is 32. He was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia. He received a transplant from an overseas donor in February 2004, and was given the all-clear later in the year.

Jamie Waldie

12 year old Jamie Waldie was diagnosed with myelodysplasia in 1998 and received a bone marrow transplant in 1999. Although over 98% of patients and donors never meet, Jamie met his in 2004.

Oscar and Alexander Chan

The Chan twins were first diagnosed with Wiscott-Aldrich syndrome (WAS) at six months old - the same syndrome that afflicted Anthony Nolan.

Fran Burke

I hope that the Trust continues to build on its unique life-saving work, in the areas of research and donor recruitment. I owe my life to Shirley Nolan's strength and determination and I will do what I can to help continue this work.

Johanna MacVicar

This article is a tribute to the leukaemia patient Johanna MacVicar who campaigned so vigorously on behalf of The Anthony Nolan Trust.

Johanna fought leukaemia for 11 years and, in May 2005 she died peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Johanna's struggle to find a suitable donor led to a national campaign to recruit more young men onto the Anthony Nolan's bone marrow register.

Jo Hemesley

I have been living with leukaemia for over 2 years now. I went to the GP because I was always tired, very pale and had lost weight. He suggested some blood tests and it was then that I was diagnosed.

Kelvin Trevett

Since having my successful transplant I have been able to return to my old self by having a laugh and a joke. Laughter was one of the main factors in me getting through this and I recommend it to anyone. I also have the chance to grow old with my loving life and to play with my adorable grandchildren.

Luisa Docherty

I was diagnosed with leukaemia a few years ago - I was only 12 and pretty scared as I really didn't understand what it meant.

Alexander Oaten

Our son Alex was 11 when he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) in April 2005. It came as a complete shock for all of us, as he was such a healthy boy who was very rarely ill. What started off as a sore throat, ended up as a life-threatening illness.