

The Office of Michael J. Boschetti, DMD, PC, is excited and proud to be the first dental office in Massachusetts to offer its' patients the opportunity to register with the national bone marrow donor registry, Be The Match® right from the comfort of our dental chairs. We are honored to offer this program in memory of Nicholas DeFelice, the nephew of Nancy Foster and Janice Williams, who sadly lost his battle to cancer. He was 9 years old.

We have partnered with Delete Blood Cancer DKMS, an organization committed to raising awareness and inspiring as many people as possible to register as bone marrow donors.

According to the Delete Blood Cancer DKMS website, **“Be The Match® registry is the national bone marrow donor registry in the United States, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP.) Delete Blood Cancer DKMS is a bone marrow donor center officially affiliated with the NMDP, so every person we register is listed on the Be The Match® registry. Worldwide, DKMS is the largest bone marrow donor center; more than 38% of the Be The Match® registry consists of potential donors recruited by Delete Blood Cancer and DKMS combined.”**

Some sobering statistics from Delete Blood Cancer DKMS:

- Blood Cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths and kills more people under 20 than any other disease in the U.S.

- While 30% of patients can find a matching donor within their family, 70% must turn to the national registry to find one.

- Every year, more than 10,000 patients need transplants using donated marrow or cells. Only half will get them.

- Diversity matters. Most patients find a compatible donor in someone who shares their ancestry, making it even more critical to increase the donor base for the underrepresented in donor registries.

- According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, there are 1.5 million people in the U.S. living with, or in remission from, a form of blood cancer.

All it takes is a simple cheek swab, and there's no charge to you in registering. **You could be a lifesaving match.** If you are interested, please be sure to let us know next time you are in the office.

You can learn more about this program at [www.deletebloodcancer.org](http://www.deletebloodcancer.org).