

Bone Marrow Drive and Health Fair

University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy

What We Did:

- **Objective:**
 - The objective of our inter-professional collaboration project was to increase awareness on the need and procedure of bone marrow transplants. We chose this project because there are several patients in our community who need a bone marrow transplant and are more likely to find a potential match among college-age adults.
- **Plan:**
 - Pharmacy students from the SSHP chapter at the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy collaborated with the university's school of nursing to host a two-hour bone marrow drive on campus. We also invited APhA students to host a health fair at the event. We contacted DKMS to help provide supplies and training for volunteers. Once we had the details of the event planned, we placed flyers around town and advertised on Facebook and a local news and radio station. Our final step was to prepare education material. We found most of our educational material from DKMS, BeTheMatch, and UpToDate.
- **Outcome:**
 - Our pharmacy and nursing students worked together to educate and provide the opportunity to register as a bone marrow donor. We educated over 34 college-age adults about bone marrow donation, with 25 successfully registering as a potential donor. This event also gave our members who volunteered the opportunity to work with nursing students and improve their inter-professional skills.

What You Can Do:

1. Collaborate with another healthcare profession (i.e. School of Nursing).
2. Research the DKMS and BeTheMatch websites for background information on bone marrow donation and transplants.
3. Select your event location and date (Preferably on a college campus).
4. Volunteer to host a bone marrow drive through the DKMS website.
5. Someone will contact you from DKMS. They will give you the supplies you need.
6. Advertise the event at least 2 weeks before (i.e. flyers, school radio, news, Social Media sites).
7. Gather a list of your volunteers and schedule a training date with your DKMS representative.
8. Register potential bone marrow donors and educate them on the procedure to help them overcome any reservations they may have.

Resources:

- www.dkms.org
- <https://bethematch.org/>
- www.ashp.org/sshprecognition

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