

****URGENT! JOIN THE MARROW REGISTRY!!!****

Our son and brother, Vinay, is 28 years old and has Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He was diagnosed in November of 2006 and was informed this week that he is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Please help us save our son's/brother's (or another child's) life!!!

About Vinay

As many of you are aware, Vinay grew up in Fremont, California and attended Ardenwood Elementary, Walters Junior High, Kennedy High School, UC Berkeley before moving on to get Masters and MD degrees from Boston University. He was married in 2005 to Rashmi, an aspiring physician from Los Angeles, California. They have lived in Boston since the wedding. Vinay is known amongst his family and friends as being a kind, honest and loving human being.

Since November, Vinay has undergone intensive chemotherapy. This week, we



received the difficult news that the chemotherapy was not effective, and that Vinay requires a bone marrow transplant. This is a deeply difficult time and we need your support. There are not enough South Asians in the bone marrow registry. Since Vinay is Indian, there is a greater likelihood of finding a match among the same population as we share similar genes (genetic markers). It is important that as many Indians join the Bone Marrow Registry in the upcoming weeks to maximize Vinay's chances of finding a suitable donor.

How Do I Help?

We are asking all of you to please register at the Bone Marrow Website to help Vinay and many others just like him. Please forward this announcement to all people you know to do the same. Finding a bone marrow donor is very rare, which is why it is so important that as many people register as possible.

You can easily register with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry at <http://www.marrow.org/DONOR/index.html>. The procedure to register is less than a minute and is not invasive, just a simple swab of the mouth. The NMDP recommends that people read about the actual marrow donation procedure on the website before registering.

Please go register and tell your friends! Our son/brother needs your help!!

Thank You For Your Support & Prayers
Hema, Parthasarathy (Partha) & Bharath