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<b>STAGE</b>	<b>REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Registration	Free parking or parking ticket	Donor center
Extended HLA typing and verification typing	Free parking or parking ticket  Blood sample collection free of charge.	Donor center
Work-up (Medical exam – collection)	Free parking or parking ticket reimbursed Public transport – car/motor reimbursed  No fees for consultations, medical exam. Medications: if required during the donation process (GCSF).  Free breakfast, lunch, dinner during collection.  Employers cover absence at work by a medical certificate for the work-up and collection for employees. Leave from employment is solely a matter between the donor and their employer.  A disability life insurance is systematically subscribed by the Marrow Donor Program – Registry for each donor to be harvested.	Collection center
Follow-up	All expenses occurred by the donor during routine collection center follow-up visits and assessments post-donation must be reimbursed. Institutions have specific procedures for free follow up.  Blood sample collection by general practitioner (covered by Health Insurance). Reimbursement of patient fee.	Collection center

## **ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION**

It is the policy of the Marrow Donor Program Belgian Registry (MDPB-R) that the donation shall remain completely **ANONYMOUS**. Indirect, anonymous communication in the form of letters, cards, or gifts between donor and recipient is allowed post-donation and cannot contain any reference to the sender's identity or location. Donor and recipient shall not be allowed to exchange direct correspondence. All correspondence, if any, will go through the MDPB-R and shall be censored by the Donor Center or the transplant physician. Items received must be sent to the other party within 1 month from date of receipt.

When receiving anonymous communication from a donor or recipient it is the responsibility of the Donor Center or Transplant Center to screen the content to ensure donor and patient anonymity is maintained. Unacceptable content within the correspondence or gift, must be removed prior to forwarding to the MDPB-R. A Donor Center or Transplant Center can decide to not forward the message or present (in its whole or partially) if they judge it more appropriate considering the circumstances.

### **Screening Cards, Letters and Gifts for Anonymity**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Not accepted</b>
Donor, patient names		Not accepted
Country of donor or patient		Not accepted
Transplant- and donor center information		Not accepted
Contact details (telephone numbers,...)		Not accepted
Gender	Accepted	
Age	Accepted	
Disease	Mostly accepted	No genetic diseases
Professions	General professions acceptable	No specific professions
Food		Not accepted
Gift cards, DVDs, CDs		Not accepted
Photos		No personal photos with people in the picture