

Free Family Typing

Benefit

- 25% probability of finding a matching donor
- No costs for Transplant Centers (TC)
- DNA samples typed at high resolution in a short time

Features

For patients in countries with little infrastructure or with family members living abroad, it can be difficult to get samples necessary for typing. For **direct family members (parents, sibling, children)** DKMS provides assistance with obtaining and typing samples free of charge. DKMS will arrange sample typing within the patient's country or at DKMS Life Science Lab.

In addition, DKMS can take over the work-up coordination of matched family members, provided they live in a country with a DKMS entity (Germany, Poland, UK, Chile, India, South Africa) or can travel to one of these. Concerning this service, please see **Factsheet "Family Donor Program"**.

Functions

- TC completes the **"Free Family Typing" form** and returns it to Transplant Center Services **tcs@dkms.de**
- TCS sends the family member a swab kit with instructions and pre-addressed envelope to the lab
- TCS organizes sample shipment from the family member to the TC's lab or DKMS Life Science Lab
- HLA typing is performed at TC's lab or DKMS Life Science Lab. In second case, TCS sends results via email to the TC/HUB within 5-6 working days

