

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

- The requesting transplant center completes the **"Free Family Typing" form** and submits 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
- High resolution, long range HLA typing is performed at TC's lab or DKMS Life Science Lab. If the latter is the case, TCS provides results via secure email within 7 working days from receipt of samples.

