

Dear All,

Excuse me but I need to call your attention to an important thing in my life at present.

This is an appeal arranged with the **Italian Association of Donors' Bone Marrow** to find with the greatest urgency a compatible donor for Michela, my wife aged 35, who is suffering from **Multiple Myeloma**.

This is a malignant proliferation of plasma cells which are responsible for manufacturing immunoglobins as part of the function of the immune system.

A transplant of bone marrow can be used to offer hope to her or to other patients with the same illness or other similar illnesses (for example **Leukaemia**).

**Why are transplants necessary ?**

The word transplant suggests the image of a major organ transplant, but bone marrow transplants are very **different**.

**Bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells** are both removed by needle, and received intravenously.

The objective of a transplant is to restore the bone marrow's ability to produce healthy blood cells – to carry oxygen, prevent bleeding and fight off infection.

Most people who've donated say it's a humbling experience, to know you can help so easily. It simply isn't a huge operation.

For all the information you may need, please see the **Anthony Nolan**

**Trust website:** [www.anthonynolan.com](http://www.anthonynolan.com)

This trust works to offer patients all around the world a better chance of a successful bone marrow transplant.

**A gift of life.**

**Please send this message to all the people you know asking them to do the same.**

**More information, more donors...more hope to give life.**

Thank you very much for your attention but especially for all the help you may provide in regard to this appeal !

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