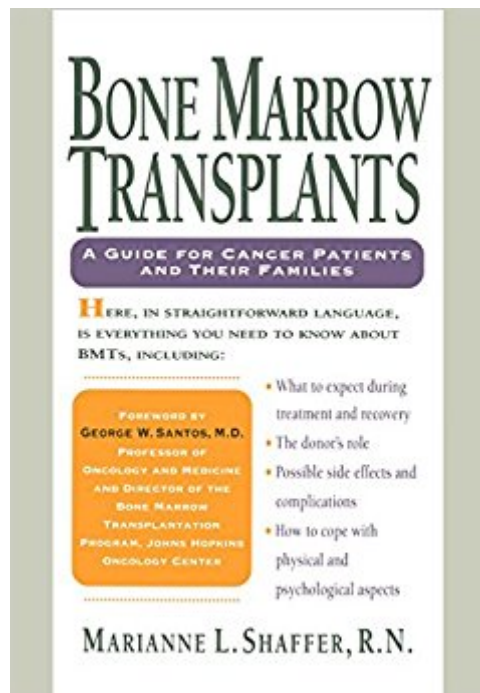




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Here, in straightforward language is everything you need to know about BMT's.

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Shaffer, a nurse and former bone marrow transplant (BMT) patient, here describes this promising procedure, which offers a weapon in treating the 29,000 cases of leukemia and one million cases of other cancers diagnosed each year in the United States. By discussing every aspect of a BMT in lay terms, by covering everything patients and their families need to know, and by explaining what to expect while undergoing treatment, Schaefer demystifies this complicated procedure. Stressing the need for current information and participation in one's own care, Shaffer recommends learning as much as possible and suggests many resources such as the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link and the American Cancer Society. If read in conjunction with Susan Stewart's *Bone Marrow Transplants: A Book of Basics for Patients* (Bone Marrow Transplant Newsletter, 1992), this book provides valuable support for patients and families. Highly recommended.- Janet M. Coggan, Univ. of Florida Libs., Gainesville

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The first successful bone marrow transplant (BMT) was performed in 1968, and since that time the treatment has evolved into one that offers a potential cure to thousands with cancer. Although young in comparison with other medical treatments, bone marrow transplantation is now considered an effective weapon in the fight against leukemia and other cancers. Despite all the attention

recently given BMTs, detailed and easy-to-understand information for patients and their families has never before been available. Now, Marianne L. Shaffer, R.N. and former BMT patient, covers every aspect of the treatment, from diagnosis to post-transplant recovery, discussing such issues as how one decides to undergo the treatment and how marrow "matches" are located. With the author's unique insight, drawn from her experiences as a patient and a medical professional, Bone Marrow Transplants: A Guide for Cancer Patients and Their Families completely prepares you for this complicated but miraculous treatment. In addition, there is an invaluable glossary of cancer and BMT-related terms, a recommended reading list, and a helpful resource section. Finally, here is the up-to-date, comprehensive source that patients, and their health care providers, have been waiting for.

The author explains the complex bone marrow concepts in simple English. There is an American Bone Marrow Registry in order to facilitate transplant management. Allogenic transplant recipients are matched to specific donors. Syngeneric transplants involve identical twins. An autologous transplant utilizes the patient's own bone marrow during the transplant process. There are important considerations prior to going forward with the bone marrow transplant procedure:- Has cancer metastasized into the bone marrow itself?- Should anti-cancer treatments be performed first?- When should peripheral stem cell harvesting be done? This work sets forth important bone marrow transplant information in a readable form.

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