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## **Northside Hospital Blood and Marrow Transplant Program Reports Best Survival Outcomes in the Nation**

ATLANTA – The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), the federally funded organization that facilitates most matched unrelated donor (MUD) transplants in the U.S., has released outcome data that indicate Northside Hospital’s Blood & Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program has, by far, the best survival rates for matched related and unrelated transplants of any program in the country. The most recently released outcome data was based on related transplants, performed January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, and unrelated transplants, performed January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008, with 100-day follow-up post transplant. Rankings are among BMT programs that performed more than two transplants during the research period.

Transplanting healthy marrow may be the best and only hope of a cure for life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma and other blood disorders. The BMT Program at Northside is one of the largest and most comprehensive programs in the nation, serving patients who require bone marrow or stem cell transplants. Patients don’t need to travel far to have access to the full range of available hematopoietic transplants, including those from matched related, matched unrelated and haploidentical donors, and cord blood transplants. All services are conveniently located at Northside’s Atlanta campus

In 2010, 175 transplants were performed at Northside, placing the hospital among the top 10 percent of all BMT programs in the nation in terms of volume. The one-year survival of MUD patients transplanted at Northside was 77 percent, the best of any BMT program in the country. Furthermore, the actual survival was nineteen percent above the survival expected by the NMDP for Northside, based on the risk profile of the patients transplanted (56.3%). This is the greatest positive variance between expected and actual survival for any BMT program in the nation

“Although transplant volume is important, our philosophy at Northside is focused on providing the most patient-friendly experience and the best clinical outcomes for patients undergoing BMT,” said H. Kent Holland, M.D., medical director, BMT Program at Northside Hospital. “The compassionate and state-of-the-art care provided surpasses that of many of the country’s most prestigious, academically-oriented programs.”

In 2010, Northside also was selected to join the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP), an exclusive group of 30 community cancer centers. Northside is the only hospital in Atlanta and one of only three hospitals in the southeastern United States chosen for this prestigious honor.

“The BMT Program’s high level of expertise in blood and marrow transplant therapy and strong portfolio of clinical research play an integral role in Northside’s award from the NCCCP,” said Bob Quattrocchi, president and CEO, Northside Hospital. “We are extremely proud of the commitment to quality of the more than 200 professionals that work in our BMT program.”

An accomplished group of nationally recognized physicians, along with a team of highly trained professionals, spearhead the amazing work that takes place in Northside’s newly renovated inpatient and outpatient BMT units, laboratory and blood donor center. Together, they provide patients with promising hope for a disease-free existence.

For more information about the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at Northside Hospital, visit [www.northside.com](http://www.northside.com) and [www.BMTGA.com](http://www.BMTGA.com). For more information about the National Marrow Donor Program, visit [www.nmdp.org](http://www.nmdp.org) or [www.BeTheMatch.org](http://www.BeTheMatch.org).

*The Northside Hospital health care delivery system is a not-for-profit health care provider and has served north Metro Atlanta for more than 40 years. With more than 2,200 physicians and 7,400 employees, the hospital sees nearly 700,000 patient visits a year. Staff provide a full range of health care services, including women’s health, cancer care, emergency care, surgery, specialty medicine and a wide array of outpatient services at many locations. Northside Hospital offers high-quality health care at Northside Hospital-Atlanta in Sandy Springs, Northside Hospital-Cherokee in Canton and Northside Hospital-Forsyth in Cumming.*

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