

The Anthony Nolan Registry

1971 - Anthony Nolan born suffering from an immune deficiency syndrome - Wiskott-Aldrich

1973 – Apparently successful BMT for another UK child using an unrelated donor

1974 – Shirley Nolan started recruiting to establish a panel of donors – mainly for her son Anthony

1979 - Anthony died without receiving a transplant



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Achievements since 1974:

- Established and maintained a large panel of volunteer donors
- Obtained continuing financial support from the general public without government funding
- Established the principle that volunteer donors should be available both for UK and non-UK patients
- Served as a model for creation of similar panels in other countries and participate in foundation of WMDA
- Started a cord blood stem cell collection program



The Anthony Nolan Trust

- Re-named the Anthony Nolan Trust in the early 1990s (after Shirley Nolan died)
- The Trust now incorporates the register and the Anthony Nolan Research Institute which was set up in 1992 led by Alejandro Madrigal
- The first Shirley Nolan Memorial Lecture was delivered in Tokyo in 2004

