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Press Information For The Driving On Marrow Project.

A young doctor has overcome many obstacles, but an acute leukemia was his last.

An acute leukemia is a type of cancer found in blood and in bone marrow. The only way how to treat it, is in many cases, a bone marrow transplant. In the Czech republic, there is not enough donors, so every fourth patient will not find a matching one in time. A lack of donors is the reason why a young doctor **Václav Soudil** (28) from Zlín lost his battle with this disease.

This is how Vašek's girlfriend, Jana Hudečková describes the days before his diagnosis. "An acute leukemia took us by surprise in the most beautiful times of our lives. We have both finished university, Vašek opened his own dentistry practice and asked me to marry him."

"Instead of planning our future, we have started to plan his treatment. It was obvious that we could not get through this without a donor. After a lengthy search, we found a donor all the way in the US. Apparently, this person was a professional soldier, who was just on a mission in Afghanistan, so the donation and transport of the marrow took a long time. When the marrow finally got to the Czech republic, it was already too late. "

"Vašek's leukemia which has been suppressed by a chemotherapy, came back much stronger and in a more aggressive manner. The following chemotherapy did not seem to work and a transplant took place under unfavourable conditions, and even the doctors did not give us much hope. However, Vašek was a fighter. He managed to go through a transplant and for a little while it looked like he will get better. Unfortunately, soon the disease came back again. This time, the doctors told us, that they can not help us and they have send him home – to pass away. ", says Vašek's partner Jana.

His friends found a last alternative all the way in Frankfurt, where they found the best specialists for the treatment of leukemia in the EU. Vašek had an opportunity to go through another chemotherapy, radiation and another transplant. And as there was no other way, he went through it all again, with a great courage. Unfortunately, this did not show any results. After another intervention, his body slowly deteriorated, until he passed away.

The story of Vašek Soudil belongs to the many similar once from patients with leukemia who have died because they did not find a matching donor in time. In the Czech republic, less than 1% of the whole population has signed up to the register and every fourth patient will not find a matching donor.

During Barum rally, fans can sign up to the register at the náměstí Míru in Zlín or at the scrutineering in Otrokovice. The goal of this project is to remind people that the process of entering the register is not difficult and the role every additional donor plays is crucial.

Please, don't be indifferent! Enter the register of bone marrow donors. You can save someones life. Similarly, someone else can save your life too.

Stories of other patients can be found on our website and on facebook.

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