

Grant, Dr. Curry

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His transplant — performed at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital by Drs. Hans Messner and Jeff Lipton — was 100 per cent successful, and Dr. Grant says he's now considered "disease-free."

"They don't really say you're cured. That's not a word they like to use in conjunction with cancer."

But he says he feels "fully recovered" and is back to work.

He is also "very thankful" to brother Bruce for his lifesaving bone marrow donation.

But Bruce brushes all kudos aside.

"I would have gone through a lot more if it would have saved Curry's life. The procedure only took a day, and I recovered in a week. If he'd needed a kidney and I had been a good match, he would have had it. Just like that."

Success rate of bone marrow transplants is now as high as 80 per cent, says Dr. Grant. Patients are gradually able to return to work and normal activity, and after a year, most are off all medication.

The upcoming Terry Fox Run Sept. 19 — from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belleville Ramada Inn — provides an "excellent opportunity to help promote our excellent Canadian cancer research," says Grant and his brother Bruce.

"Many cancers can be cured — just ask us!"

Anyone wishing to be considered as a donor for the unrelated marrow transplant program can register with the Canadian Red Cross, says Dr. Grant.

