



# The potential blood donor contribution from men who have sex with men (MSM)\*



**4.5% of men estimated to be MSM**

- 3% gay/bi<sup>2,4,5,6</sup>
- 1.5% men who mainly identify as heterosexual<sup>3</sup>

Based on 4.5% of male donor age (18-75) population<sup>1</sup>

**408,387 MSM**  
Blood donor age

Less 21,468 MSM living with HIV<sup>7</sup>

This excludes trans women and some nonbinary people who have sex with men\*\*

**386,919** potentially eligible MSM blood donors

3.5% Australians donate blood<sup>8</sup>

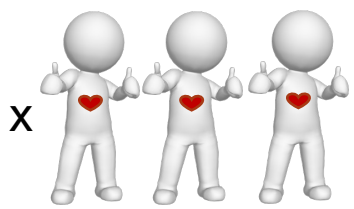
**13,542 MSM** potential donors

13,542 donors x 470ml blood x 4 yearly donations<sup>9</sup> =

**25,459** litres of blood

Each donation can save **3** lives<sup>9</sup>

13,542 donors x 4 donations a year  
**54,168** donations



Up to **162,504** lives saved

\* Men who have sex with men (MSM), as well transgender women and some nonbinary people who have sex with men, need to abstain from having sex with a male for 3 months (even with a long-term partner) in order to donate.  
\*\* Population data on trans women and nonbinary people who have sex with men is not currently available.

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