

PATHWAY FOR ADULT PATIENTS WITH INHERITED BLEEDING DISORDERS ATTENDING ED**PLEASE CONTACT HAEMATOLOGY TEAM FOR ALL PATIENTS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS****GENERAL CLINICAL ADVICE:**

- Always consider bleeding as a cause for the patient's symptoms
- General rule of thumb: treat **first**, then investigate
- Avoid Aspirin, NSAIDs or IM injections
- Discuss with haematology if considering: arterial blood sampling; LP; other invasive procedure
- Consider compartment syndrome in limb bleeding

SPECIFIC THINGS TO ASK:

- **Disease type:** haemophilia A, haemophilia B, von Willebrands, or something rarer
- Severity of disease
- What is their normal treatment (**see their 'bleeding card'**)
- Patient's weight
- Patients with severe bleeding disorders can generally self-treat, ask when they last had treatment

WHEN TO TREAT: PLEASE DISCUSS ALL TREATMENT WITH HAEMATOLOGY

Life-saving treatment (immediate treatment)	Urgent treatment (30-60 mins)	Prophylactic treatment
Major bleeding, including life or limb threatening bleeding Head injury Significant trauma	All other bleeding, including: Joint & muscle bleeds Significant epistaxis Acute abdomen	Patients may require cover for invasive procedures e.g. urinary catheter; arterial blood sampling; lumbar puncture; bronchoscopy

HOW TO TREAT:

- Clotting factor concentrate and other treatments may be available locally from [blood bank](#)
- [Use must be authorised by the Haematology SpR or Consultant](#)

Local Haematology Contacts for adult patients:

Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00	Weekends and Public Holidays
	Via switchboard

Oxford Haemophilia &Thrombosis Centre Contacts for adult patients:

Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00	Weekends and Public Holidays
Haemophilia reception	01865 225316
Haemostasis registrar	Bleep 5529
Haemophilia Nurses	Bleep 5064
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