

**PATHWAY FOR CHILDREN WITH INHERITED BLEEDING DISORDERS ATTENDING ED**

Registered patients will usually in hours contact the Paediatric Haemostasis Team or out-of-hours the Adult Haematology registrar, for clear joint or MSK bleeds these patients will be assessed by the haematology team (usually on Kamrans Ward – sometimes this may be in ED). For acute paediatric illness or in the event of being acutely unwell they will be directed to ED for assessment by ED or Paediatrics. There are also times where children present TO ED without any prior discussion with the Paediatric Haemostasis Team.

**GENERAL CLINICAL ADVICE:**

- Consider bleeding as a cause for the patient’s symptoms
- Early bleeding in head, spine, abdomen, or pelvis may not be clinically obvious
- Avoid Aspirin, NSAIDs or IM injections
- Discuss with haematology if considering arterial blood sampling; lumbar puncture; other invasive procedure

**THINGS TO ASK:**

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

**CONTACT PAEDIATRIC HAEMOPHILIA UNIT/ON-CALL HAEMATOLOGY REGISTRAR FOR ALL PATIENTS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS**

**WHEN TO TREAT: PLEASE DISCUSS ALL TREATMENT WITH HAEMATOLOGY**

Life-saving treatment (immediate)	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

**Factor concentrate:**

- Clotting factor concentrate and other treatments are available from JR blood bank
- Use must be authorised by the Haematology SpR or Consultant

**Oxford Paediatric Haemostasis Unit Contacts:**

**Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00**  
Haemostasis Nurses  
01865 226562 or Bleep 5926

**Weekends, out of hours and Public Holidays**  
Ask switchboard for Haematology registrar on call

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