

PATHWAY FOR ADULT PATIENTS WITH INHERITED BLEEDING DISORDERS:

EMERGENCY SURGERY

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

TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY SURGERY:

Pre-operatively:

- Some surgery may be performed more safely at a Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centre (Oxford)
- Always liaise with the haemophilia team for advice on dosing of factor concentrate and adjunctive haemostatic therapy
 - Some treatments may take 60-90 minutes for full effect, please contact haemophilia team early
 - The haemophilia team will provide a haemostasis treatment plan to cover immediate surgery
- Baseline coagulation samples are often needed – send urgently *to.....*
- Some patients with inherited bleeding disorders will be at risk of vCJD, please consider the surgical implications
- Neuraxial anaesthesia is usually contra-indicated in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Post-operatively:

- Haemostasis treatment will be guided by clotting sample results
- The haemophilia team will provide advice on duration and intensity of haemostasis treatment, as well as need for thromboprophylaxis

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, Out of Hours and Public Holidays
		Via switchboard

Oxford Haemophilia & Thrombosis Centre Contacts for adults:

Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00		Weekends, Out of Hours and Public Holidays
Haemophilia reception	01865 225316	OUH Switchboard: 01865 741166
Haemostasis registrar	Bleep 5529	And then ask switchboard to bleep Haematology registrar on call
Haemophilia Nurses	Bleep 7233	

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