

What should the anaesthesiologist know about the inherited bleeding disorders

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Case presentation



42-year-old man, 64 kg weight

Moderate haemophilia: Fc VIII 5%

Spontaneous bleeding episodes (nasal)

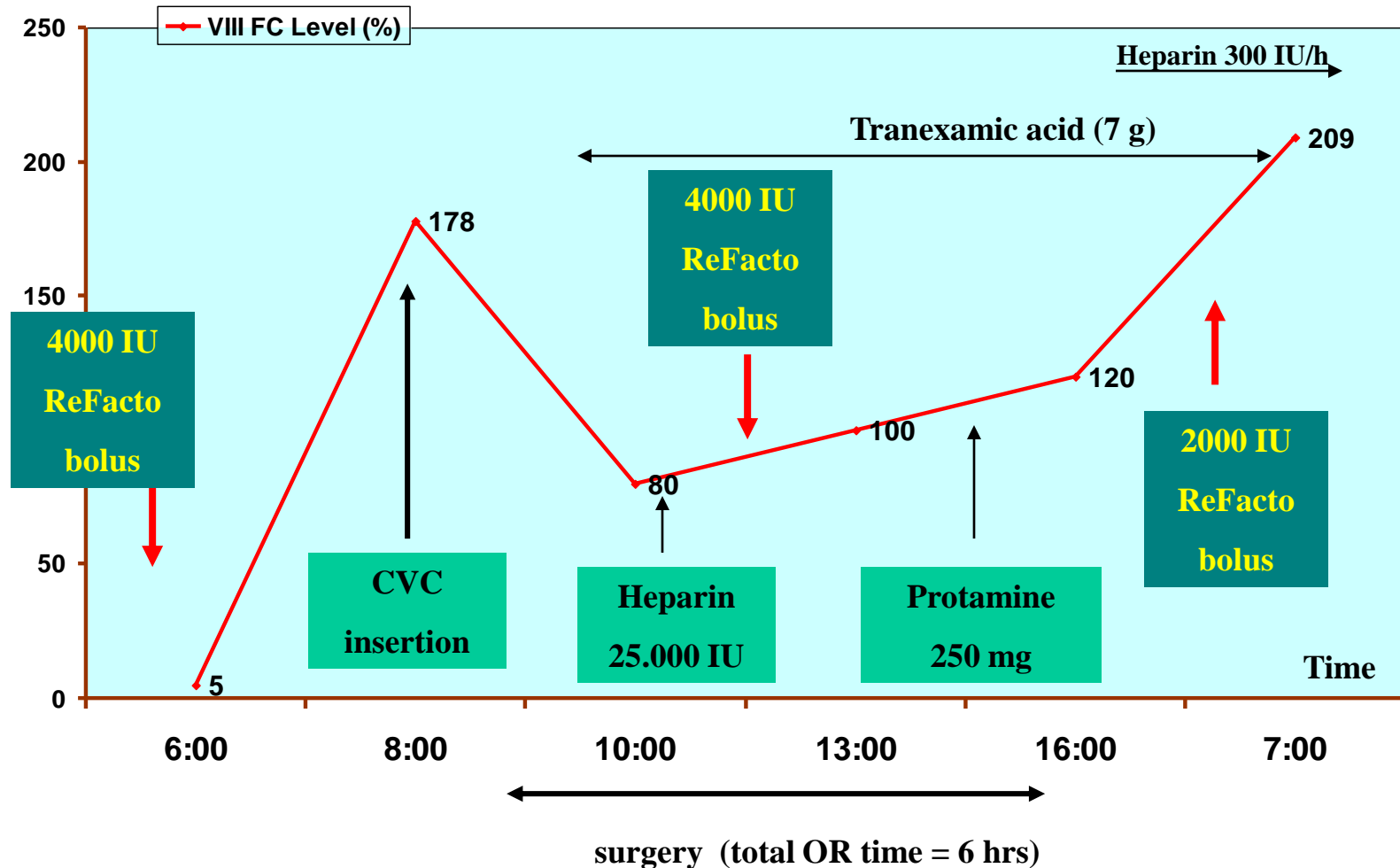
Haemophilic arthropathy - knees and elbows

Orthopedic surgery (14 yrs ago): wedge osteotomy with metal plate and screws

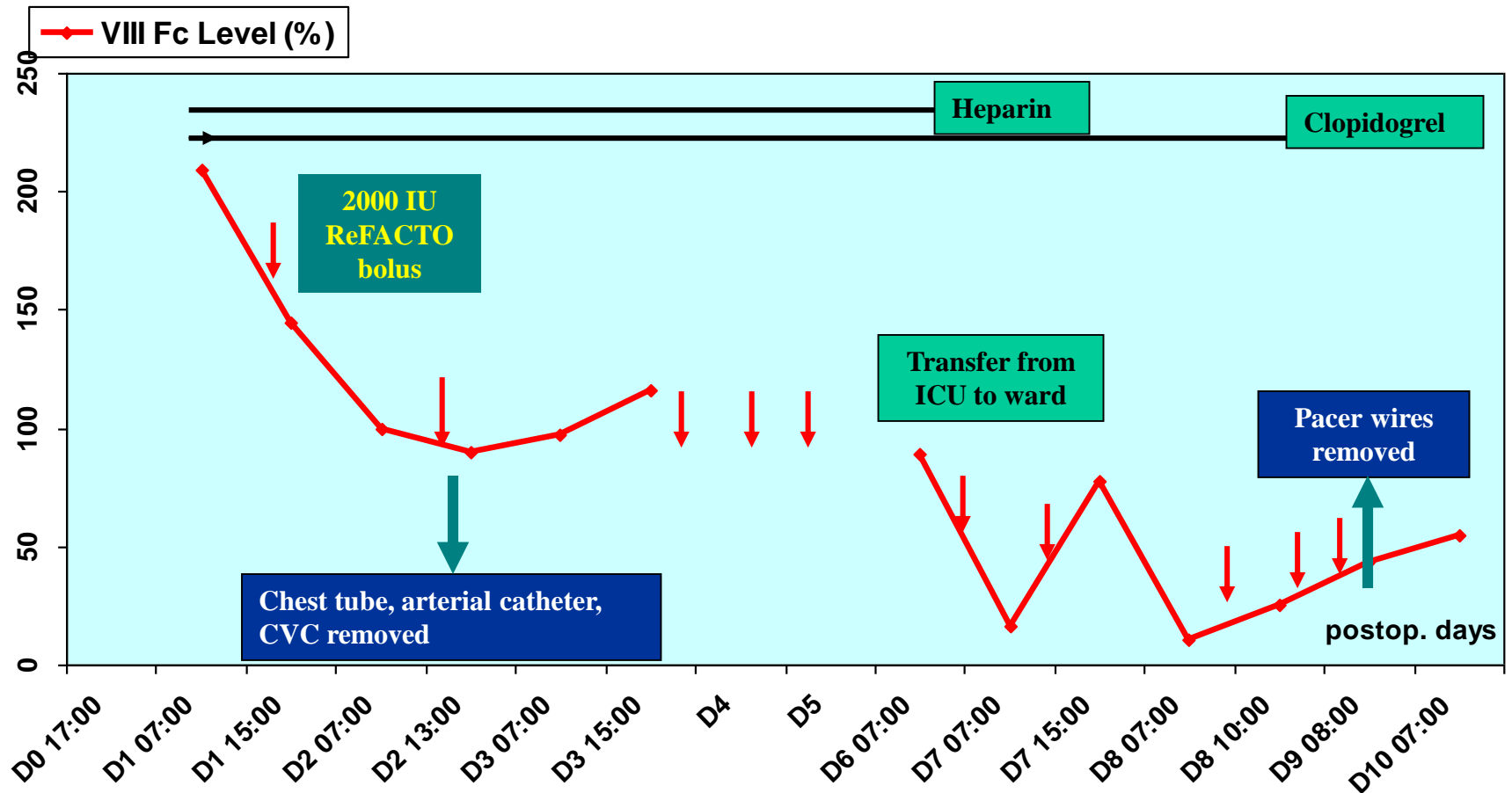
Perioperative Fc VIII replacement therapy; No inhibitors

Scheduled for CABG surgery

Perioperative Factor VIII levels and Fc VIII replacement (surgery and day 0)



Postoperative Factor VIII levels and Fc VIII replacement (day 1-day 10)



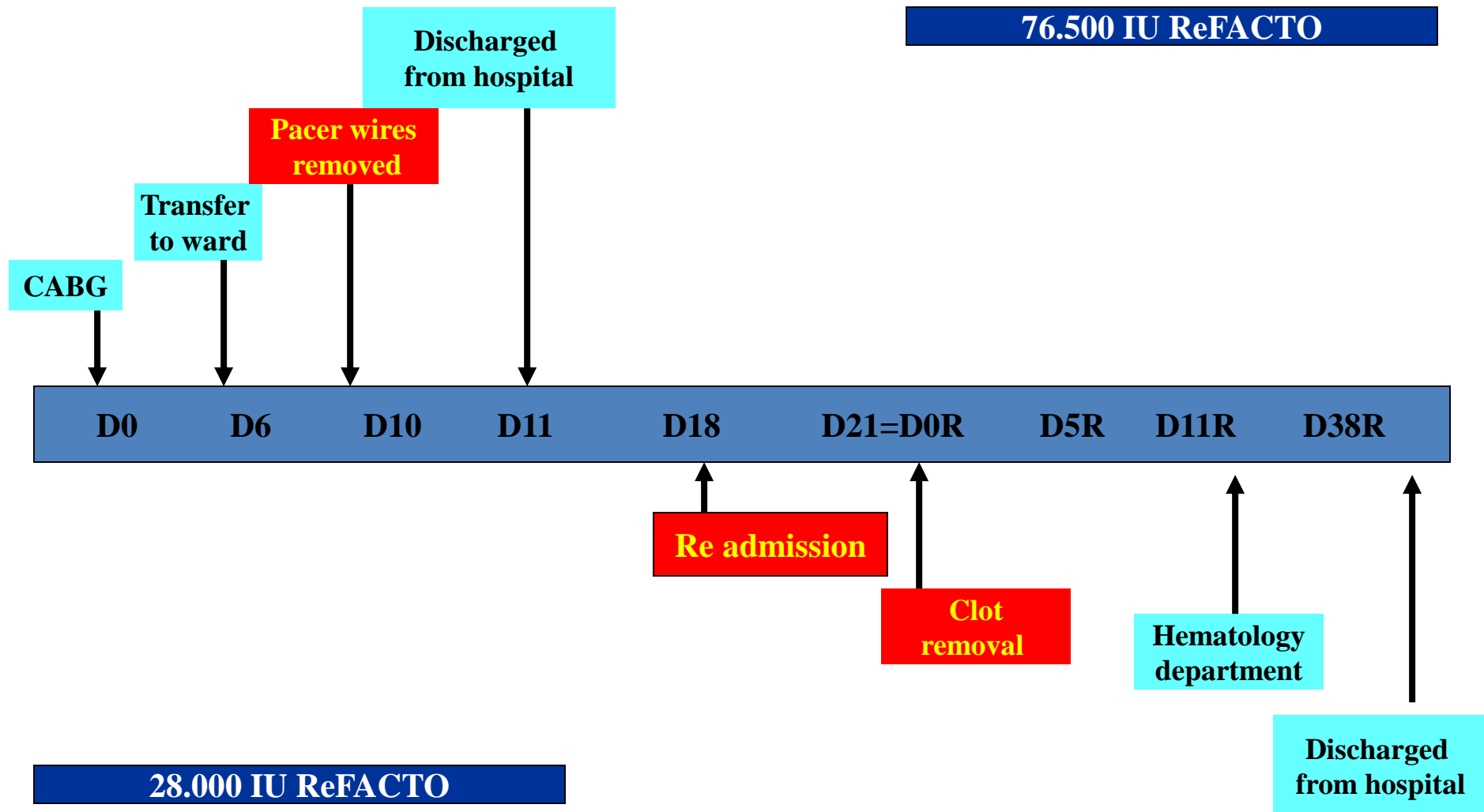
Re admission - late cardiac tamponade

(pericardial clot with compression of right atrium, SVC and IVC)



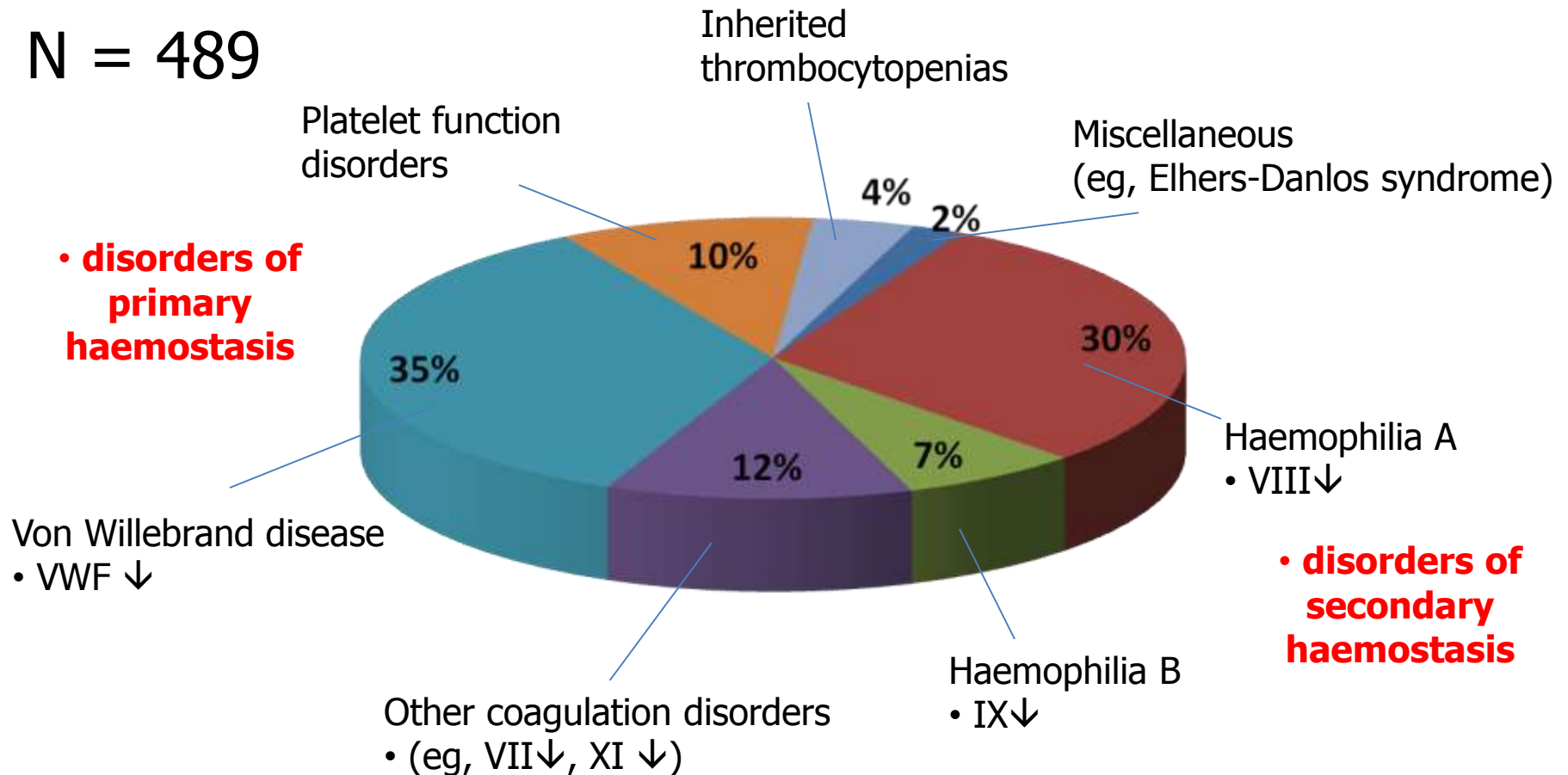
TTE, apical 4 chambers- extrinsic compression of right atrium

Postoperative evolution

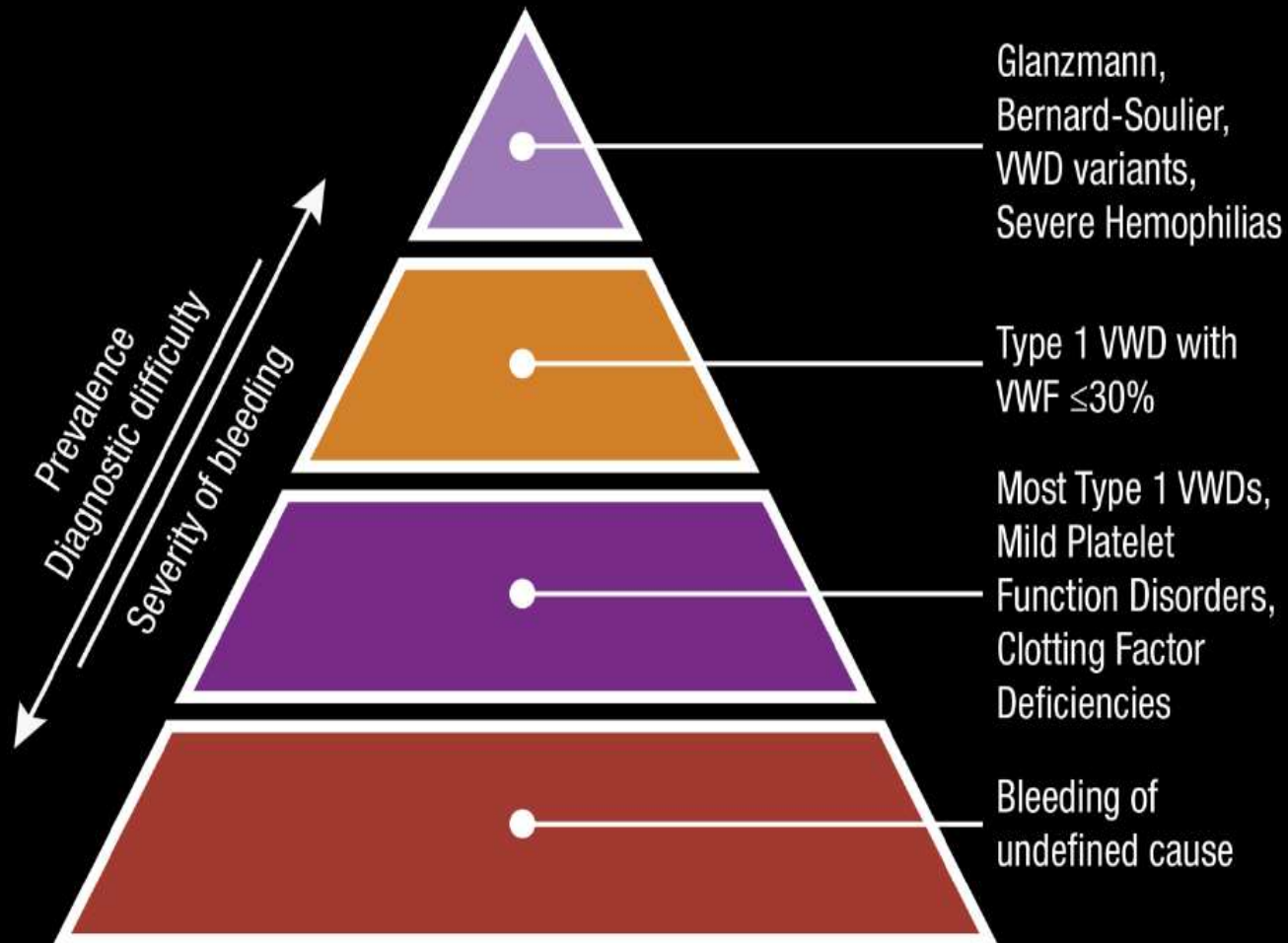


Inherited bleeding disorders

N = 489



Bleeding Severity, Diagnostic Difficulty, and Prevalence of Inherited Bleeding Disorders



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Von Willebrand disease

von Willebrand factor

- Synthesis in endothelium and megakaryocytes
- Forms large multimers
- Carrier of factor VIII
- Anchors platelets to subendothelium
- Bridge between platelets

VWD - Classification

Table 1. Phenotypic Classification and Genetic Transmission of von Willebrand's Disease.

Phenotype	Mechanism of Disease	Genetic Transmission
1	Partial quantitative deficiency of von Willebrand factor (and factor VIII)	Autosomal dominant*
2	Qualitative defects of von Willebrand factor	Autosomal dominant†
A	Defective platelet-dependent von Willebrand factor functions, associated with lack of larger multimers	
B	Heightened platelet-dependent von Willebrand factor functions, associated with lack of larger multimers	
M	Defective platelet-dependent von Willebrand factor functions, not associated with multimer defects	
N	Defective von Willebrand factor binding to factor VIII	
3	Severe or complete deficiency of von Willebrand factor and moderately severe factor VIII deficiency	Autosomal recessive

From: Mannucci PM. NEJM 2004: 683-694

VWD - Clinical manifestations

Symptom	Frequency (%)
Epistaxis	50
Surgery-related	50
Dental-related	50
Easy bruising	80
Menorrhagia	80
Postpartum hemorrhage	30



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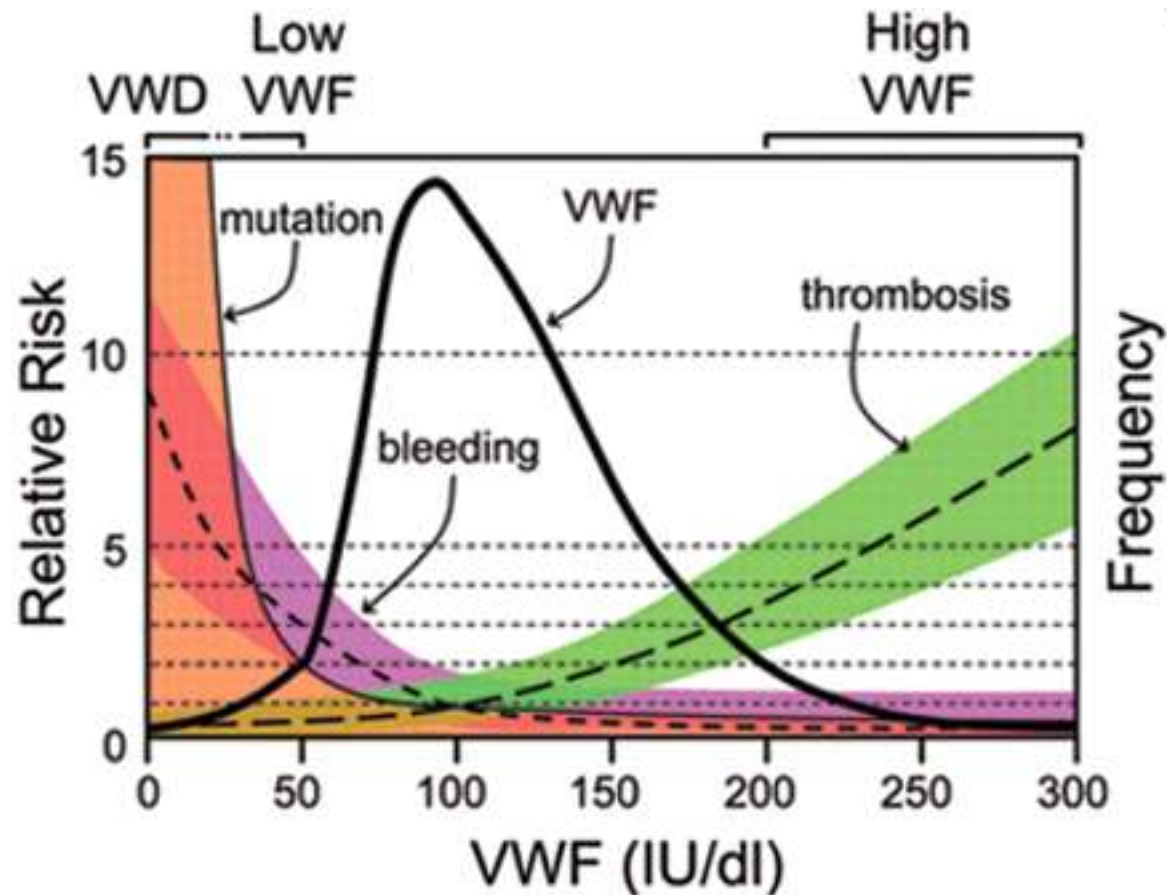




Low von Willebrand factor: sometimes a risk factor and sometimes a disease

J. Evan Sadler¹

ASH Education Book 2009;1:106-112

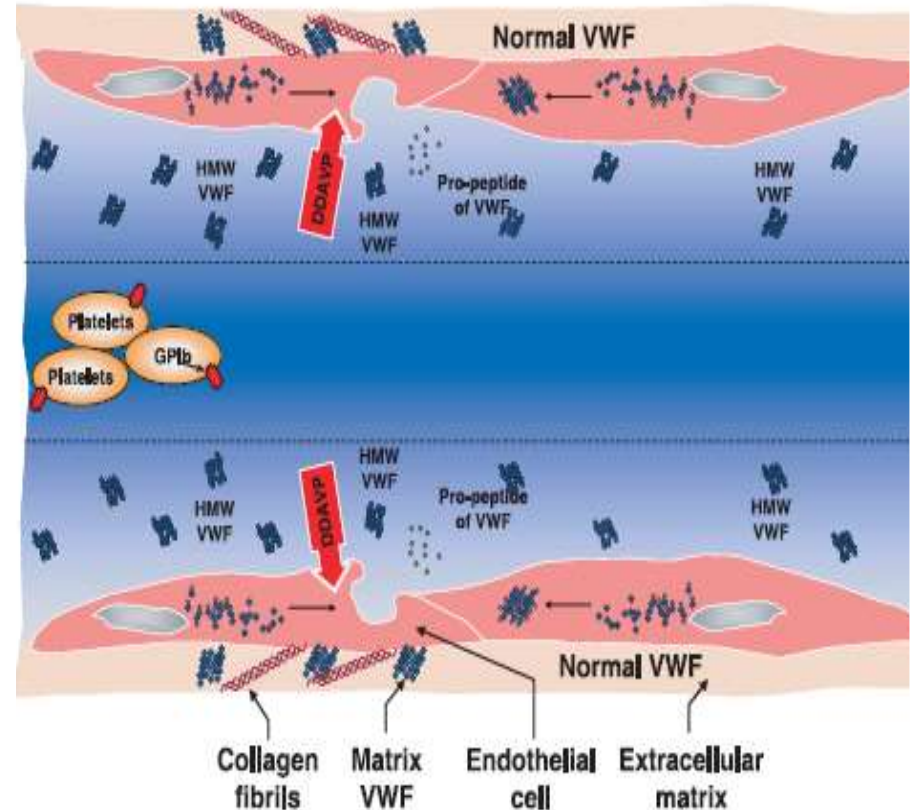


Treatment of VWD

- **Endogenous VWF release by desmopressin**
- **Replacement therapy with VWF containing plasma-derived products**
- **Promoting haemostasis with antifibrinolytics and platelet transfusion**

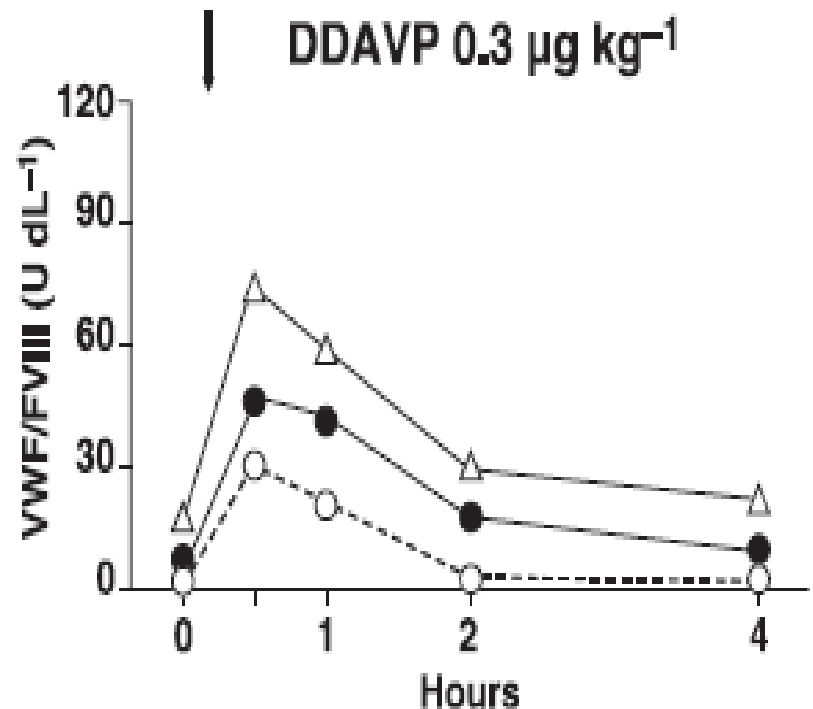
Desmopressin

- Synthetic analog of vasopressin
- Acts on V_2 receptors:
induces an increase (3-5 x) in plasma levels of VWF and FVIII
- First choice treatment
of type 1 VWD, variable effective
in type 2, ineffective in type 3



Desmopressin – dose and monitoring

- 0.3 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ in 30–50 mL of normal saline given over 30 min. and **repeated every 12 to 24 hours**, generally 2–4 doses
- Peak increases in VWF and FVIII are observed between 30 and 90 min after infusion
- A **test-infusion** should be given to all patients with clinically relevant VWD



VWD - replacement therapy

- **Plasma derived factors containing VWF (pd-VWF)**
- **Fresh frozen plasma (FFP)**
- **Cryoprecipitate (CP)**



Haemostatic components of cryoprecipitate and FFP

Component	Cryoprecipitate (per mL)	FFP (per mL)
FXIII activity, U	2.8 ± 1.5	1.2 ± 0.3
FXIII antigen, mg	0.031 ± 0.01	0.0096 ± 0.003
FVIII activity, U	6.3 ± 1.9	1.1 ± 0.3
Fibrinogen, mg	8.8 ± 2.6	2.9 ± 0.6
vWF:Ag, U	8.6 ± 2.7	0.9 ± 0.2
vWF:RCo, U	8.0 ± 1.8	0.9 ± 0.2
Bag volume, mL	21.3 ± 2.7	245 ± 29

Modified from: Caudil J et al. Transfusion 2009;49:765

Treatment of von Willebrand disease with FVIII/VWF concentrates

Giancarlo Castaman

Blood Transfus 2011; 9: s9-s13

Table I - FVIII/VWF concentrates available in Italy for VWD treatment.

Product	Purification	Viral inactivation	Specific activity* (U/mg protein)	VWF:RC ₀ /Ag (ratio)	VWF:RC ₀ FVIII:C (ratio)	Other proteins
Alphanate (Grifols, Los Angeles, USA)	Affinity chromatography (heparin)	Solvent/detergent + 72 h at 80 °C	>100	0.94	1.21	Albumin +
Fanhdi (Grifols, Barcelona, Spain)	Affinity chromatography (heparin)	Solvent/detergent + 72 h at 80 °C	>100	0.83	1.48	Albumin +
Haemate® P (CSL Behring, Marburg, Germany)	Multiple precipitation	Pasteurisation 10 h at 60 °C	40±6	0.96	2.54	Albumin +
Immunate (Baxter, Wien, Austria)	Ion exchange chromatography	Detergent + vapour heat 10 h at 60 °C, 1 h at 80 °C	100±50	0.47	1.10	Albumin +
Wilfactin (LFB, France)	Aluminium hydroxide gel adsorption ion exchange + Affinity chromatography	Solvent/detergent; dry heat; 72 h at 80 °C; 35 nm nanofiltration	≥50*	0.95	>10	Albumin +

Replacement therapy

FVIII/VWF concentrates

- Products with a VWF/FVIII ratio >1 should be preferred
- Patients undergoing elective surgery should receive a concentrate infusion a couple of hours before the procedure in order to allow enough time for new synthesis of endogenous FVIII
- In emergency situations, VWF concentrates containing large quantities of FVIII may be preferred to accelerate the effect of haemostasis
- Supernormal levels of VWF/FVIII may increase the thromboembolic risk

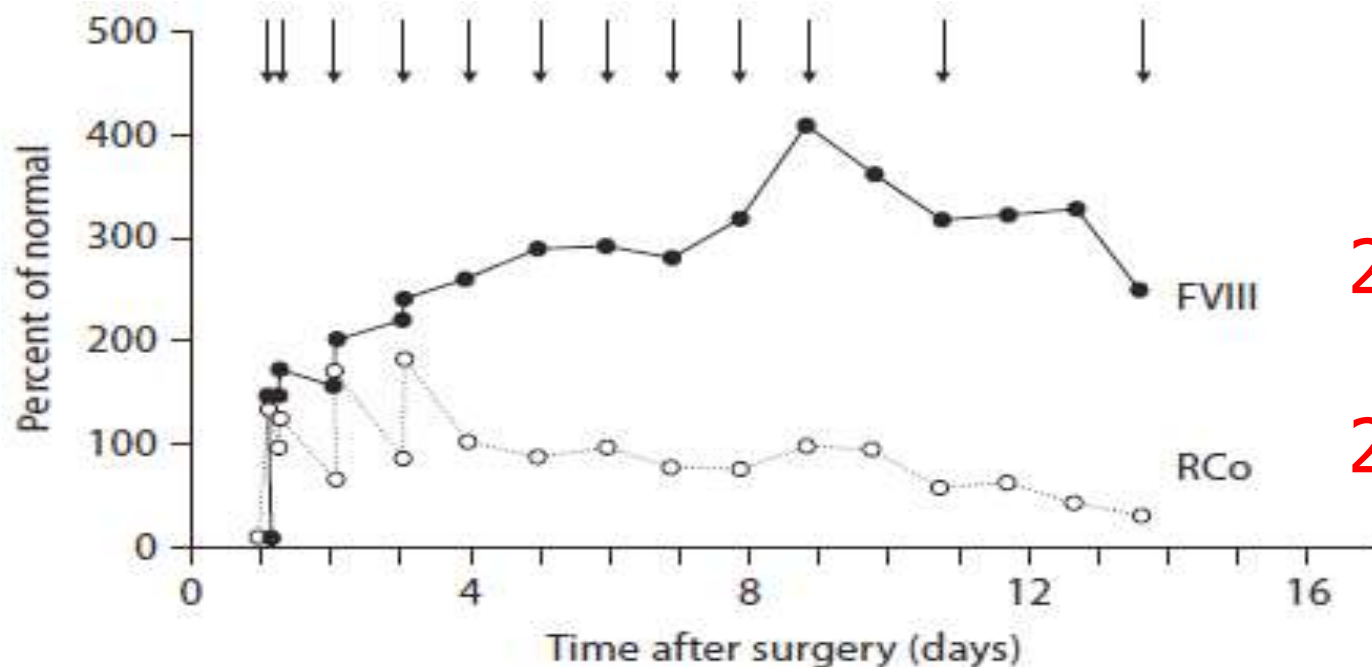
Recommendations of peri-procedural replacement therapy

Type of haemorrhage	Target levels of VWF/ FVIII (IU/dL)		Frequency of administration
	initial	Subseq.	
Major surgery	100	> 50	Every 8-24 hrs 7-14 days
Minor surgery	> 30-50	> 30-50	Every 12-48 hrs 1-5 days
Diagnostic procedures	> 50		Single dose
Delivery	> 50	> 50	Daily before delivery 3-4 days postpartum

Managing Patients with von Willebrand Disease Type 1, 2 and 3 with Desmopressin and von Willebrand Factor-Factor VIII Concentrate in Surgical Settings

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Acta Haematol 2009;121:167–176



250-300 IU/dL

200 IU/dL

REVIEW ARTICLE *von Willebrand disease (VWD)*

Thrombotic adverse events to coagulation factor concentrates for treatment of patients with haemophilia and von Willebrand disease: a systematic review of prospective studies

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1990-2011

71 prospective studies

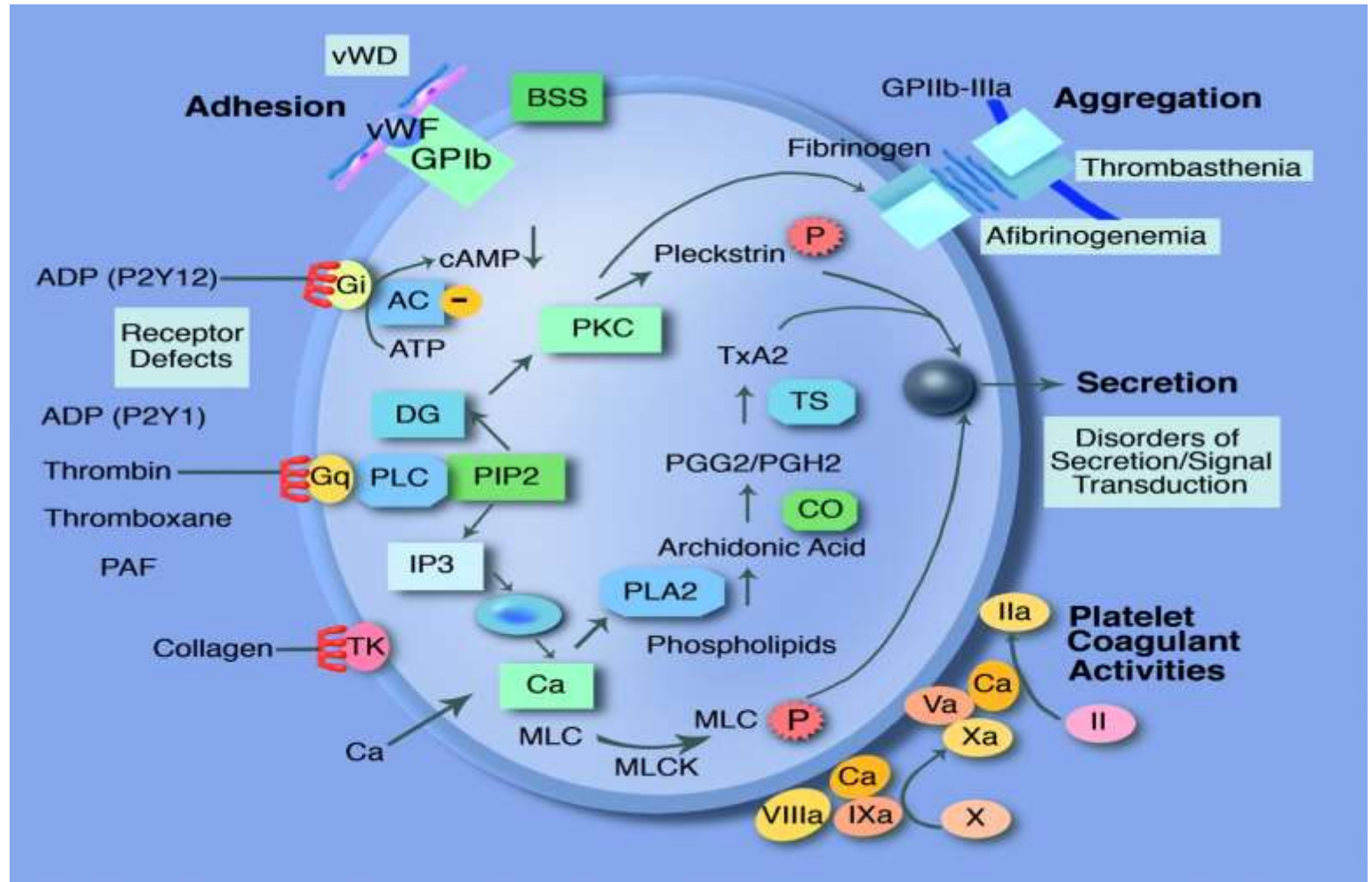
5528 patients

27 different concentrates

20 thrombotic adverse events (3.6 per 10³ patients)

2 major thromboses (3.6 per 10⁴ patients) both in VWD

Inherited platelet defects



Inherited platelet defects

- ◆ Mild to moderate muco-cutaneous bleeding tendency (echimosis, petechia, purpura, gingival)
- ◆ No deep tissue bleeding or haemarthroses
- ◆ Could present particularly abundant bleeding after surgery, trauma or invasive procedures



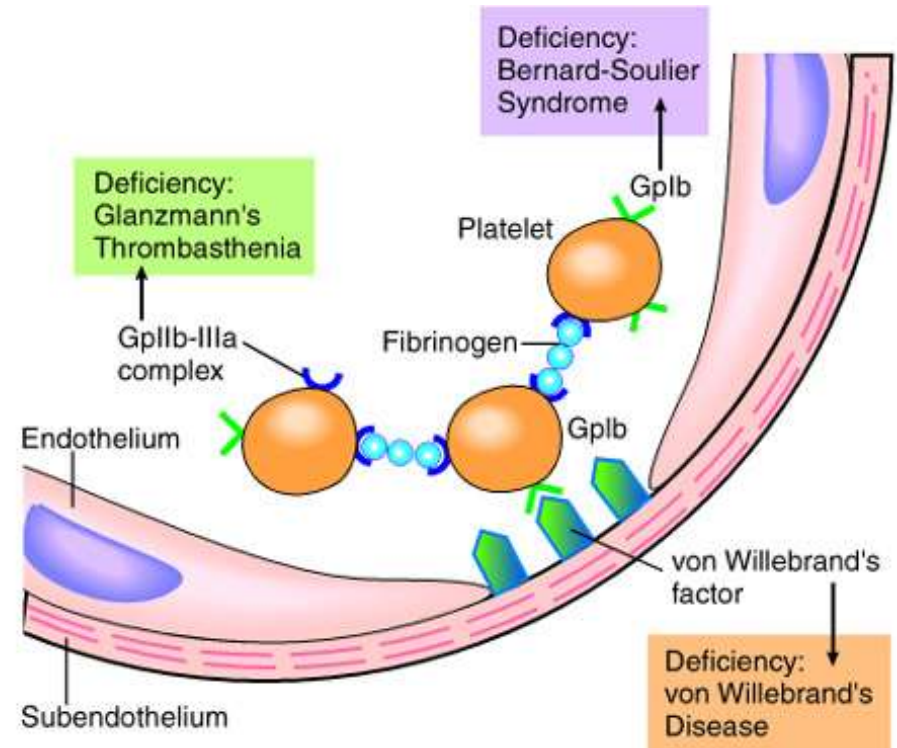
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Inherited severe platelet defects

Bernard-Soulier syndrome is due to dysfunction or absence of a platelet membrane receptor (GP Ib/IX/V) resulting in abnormal adhesion of platelets to subendothelial-bound von Willebrand factor during the formation of platelet plug

Glanzmann thrombasthenia is characterized by a deficiency or functional defect of platelet GP IIb/IIIa resulting in abnormal aggregation



Alamelu J & Liesner R. Brit J Haematol 2010;813-829

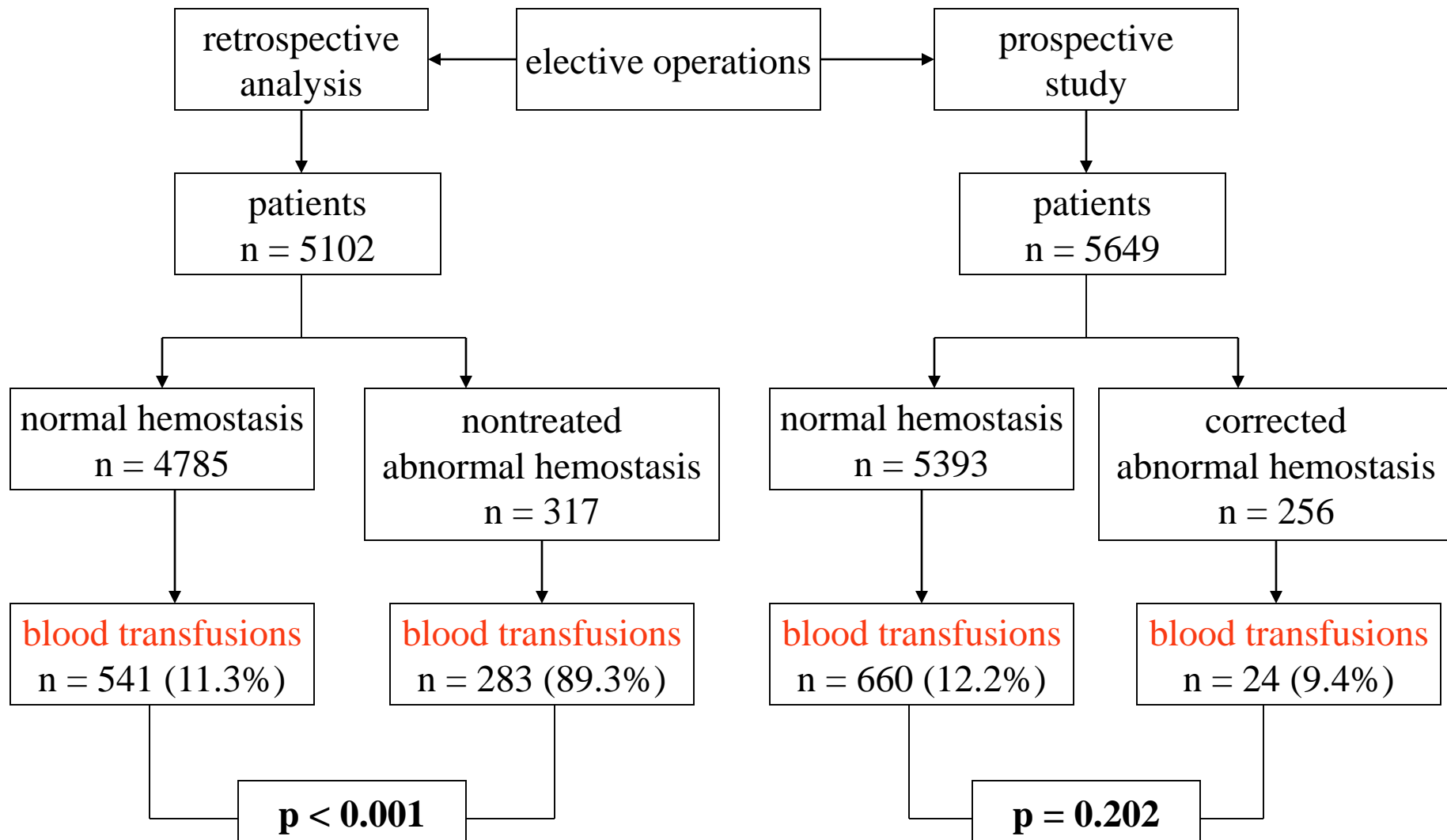
Bolton-Maggs PHB et al. Brit J Haematol 2006;135:603-633

Inherited platelet defects - therapy

- **Desmopressin**
- **Antifibrinolytics**
- **Platelet transfusion**
- **Recombinant factor VIIa**

Alamelu J & Liesner R. Brit J Haematol 2010;813-829
Seligsohn U. Haemophilia 2012;18:161-165

A practical concept for preoperative management of patients with impaired haemostasis

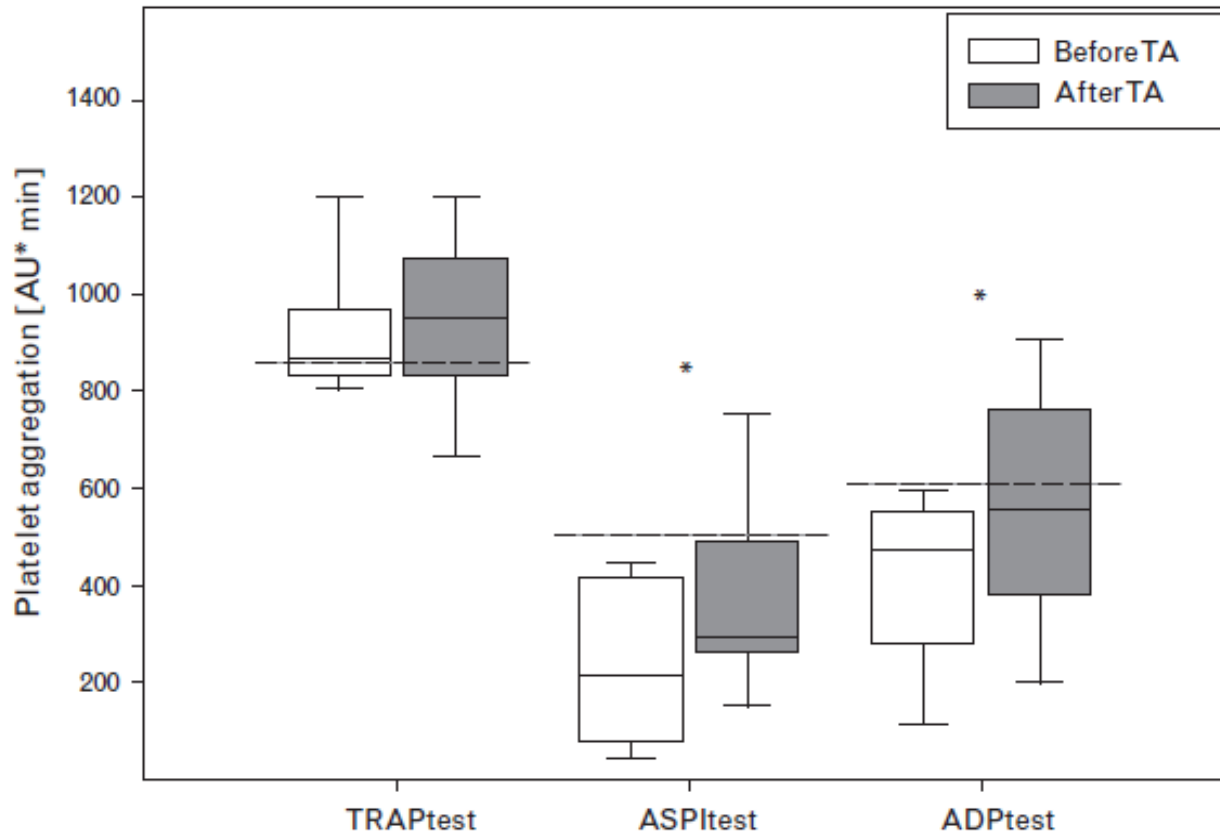


From: Koscienny J et al. Clin Appl Thrombosis.Hemostasis 2004: 155-166

Tranexamic acid partially improves platelet function in patients treated with dual antiplatelet therapy

Christian F. Weber, Klaus Görlinger, Christian Byhahn, Anton Moritz, Alexander A. Hanke, Kai Zacharowski and Dirk Meininger

Eur J Anesthesiol 2011:57-62



aspirin & clopidogrel

Evidence supporting the use of recombinant activated factor VII in congenital bleeding disorders

Pär I Johansson
Sisse R Ostrowski

rFVIIa is licensed for thrombastenia Glanzmann

No RCTs in patients with congenital platelet defects !

Platelet transfusion

To reduce the risk of allo-immunization and the risk of refractoriness:

- HLA and ABO-matched donors
- leucodepleted blood components
- apheresis units from single donors

Disorders of secondary hemostasis

- **Haemophilia A**

- deficit of F VIII
- prevalence 1/10 000 male births

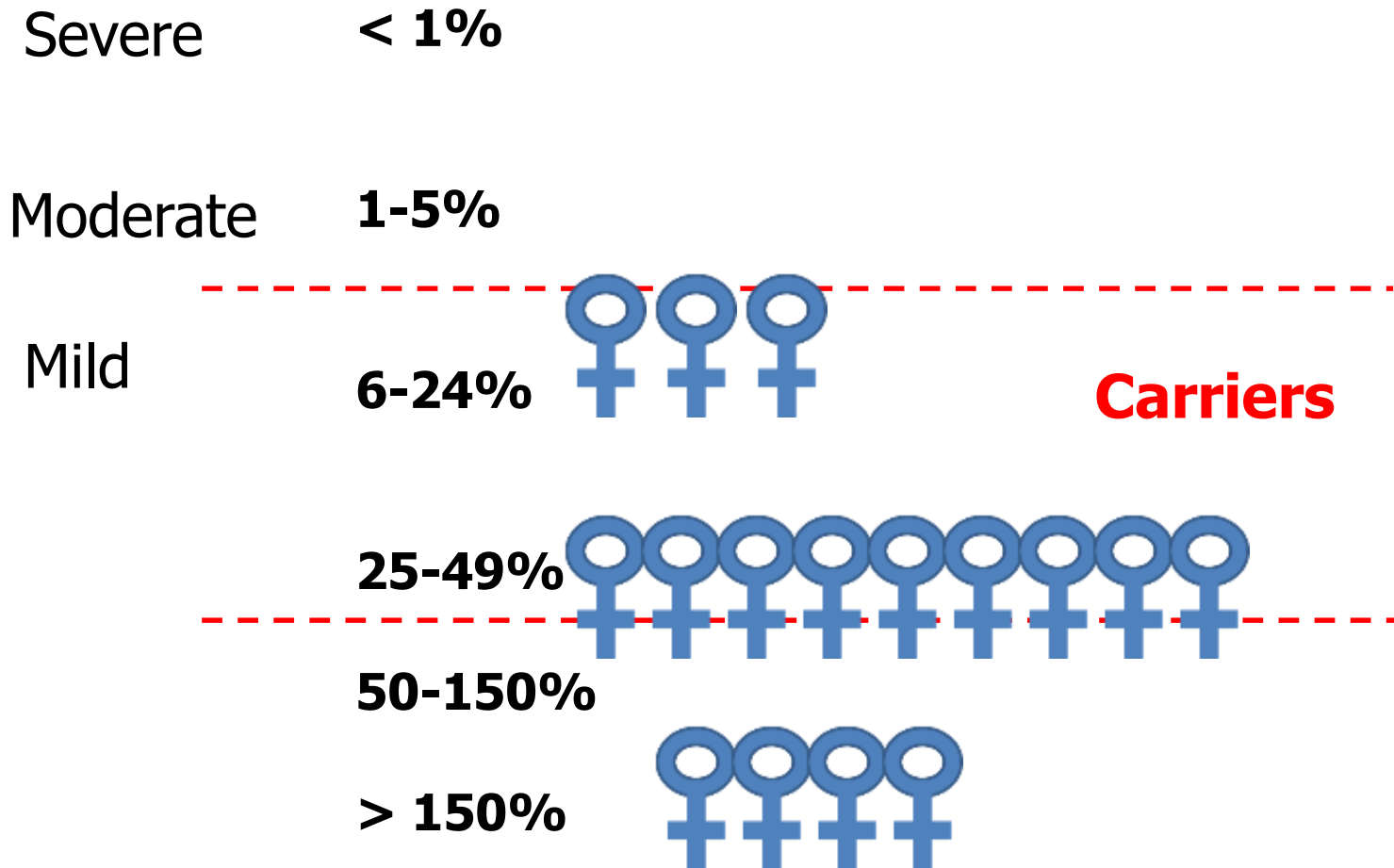
- **Haemophilia B**

- deficit of F IX
- prevalence 1/60 000 male births

Sex-linked disease affecting males

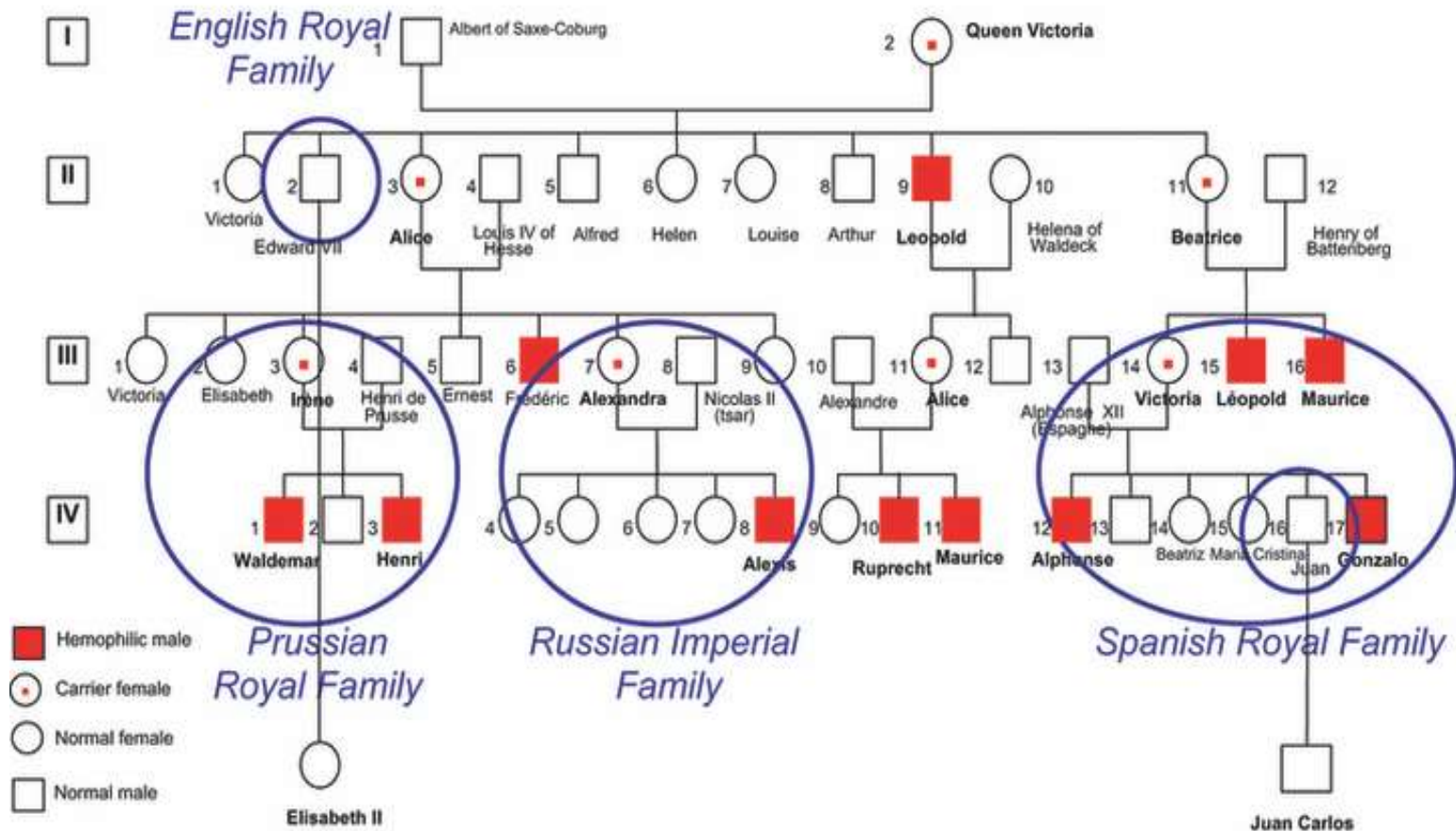
Reported prevalence varies among countries

Factor VIII or IX levels and severity of haemophilia



The 'royal disease'— haemophilia A or B?

A haematological mystery is finally solved



From: Heremans LN. Haemophilia 2010;16: 833-847

Haemophilia - Clinical manifestations

Lack of excessive hemorrhage from minor cuts or abrasions, due to normal platelet function

A major bleed about 20 times/year

✧ **Haemarthrosis**

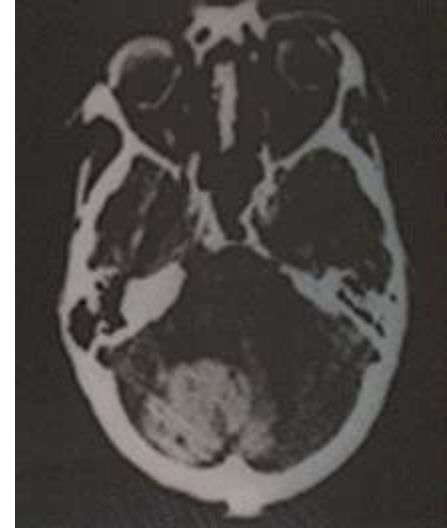
✧ **Haemorrhages into the skin, muscles, soft tissues and mucous membranes**

✧ **Prolonged bleeding post-surgery or trauma**



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Life-threatening bleedings



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GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HEMOPHILIA

WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA

Replacement therapy

- Factor concentrates
plasma derived
recombinant
- Cryoprecipitate/plasma

Desmopressin

mild haemophilia A

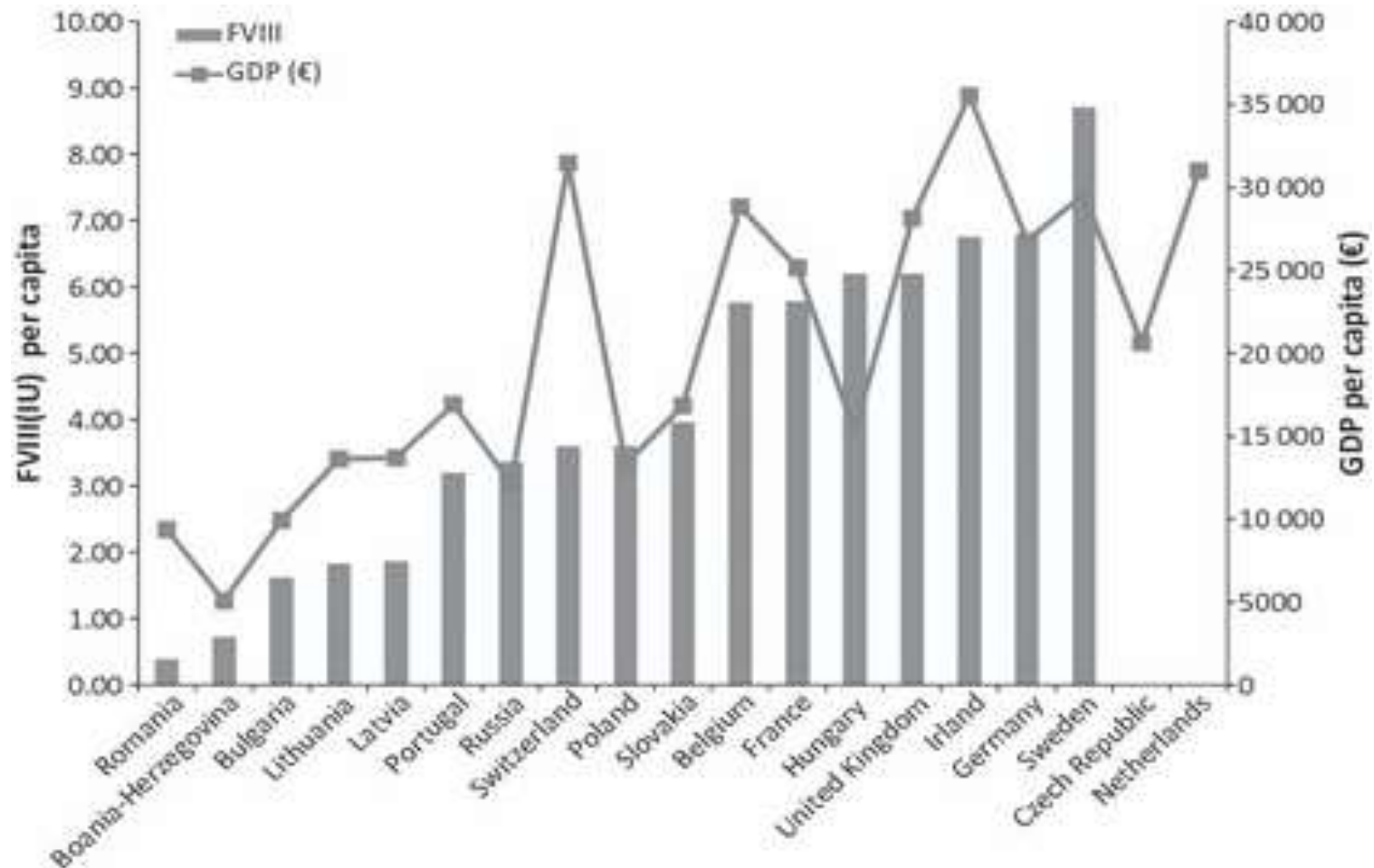
Antifibrinolytic agents

adjuvants

BUT 70% of haemophiliacs
in the world are either **not**
or **poorly** treated



Haemophilia care in Europe: a survey of 19 countries



From: O'Mahony B et al. Haemophilia 2011;17:35-40

Targeted factor levels for surgical management of patients with haemophilia

Srivastava A, et al. Haemophilia 2013;19:e1-e47

Surgery	FVIII		FIX	
	Target level (%)	Duration of treatment (days)	Target level (%)	Duration of treatment (days)
Major surgery	80-100		60-80	
	60-80	1-3	40-60	1-3
	40-60	4-6	30-50	4-6
	30-50	7-14	20-40	7-14
Minor surgery	50-80		50-80	1-5
	30-80	1-5	30-80	1-5

30-50% less in limited resources sites!

Subclinical deep venous thrombosis observed in 10% of hemophilic patients undergoing major orthopedic surgery

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J Thromb Haemost 2010; 8: 1138–40.

- 24 haemophilia pts.
- Grade 1 stockings
- No DVT, PE
- **10% subclinical DVT**

Haemophilia with inhibitors

Inhibitors represent the most serious complication

- neutralization and inactivation of residual endogenous FVIII and exogenous FVIII
- resistance to clotting factor replacement therapy

Up to 30% of patients with severe haemophilia A and 6% in haemophilia B

Bethesda assay used to confirm presence of inhibitors

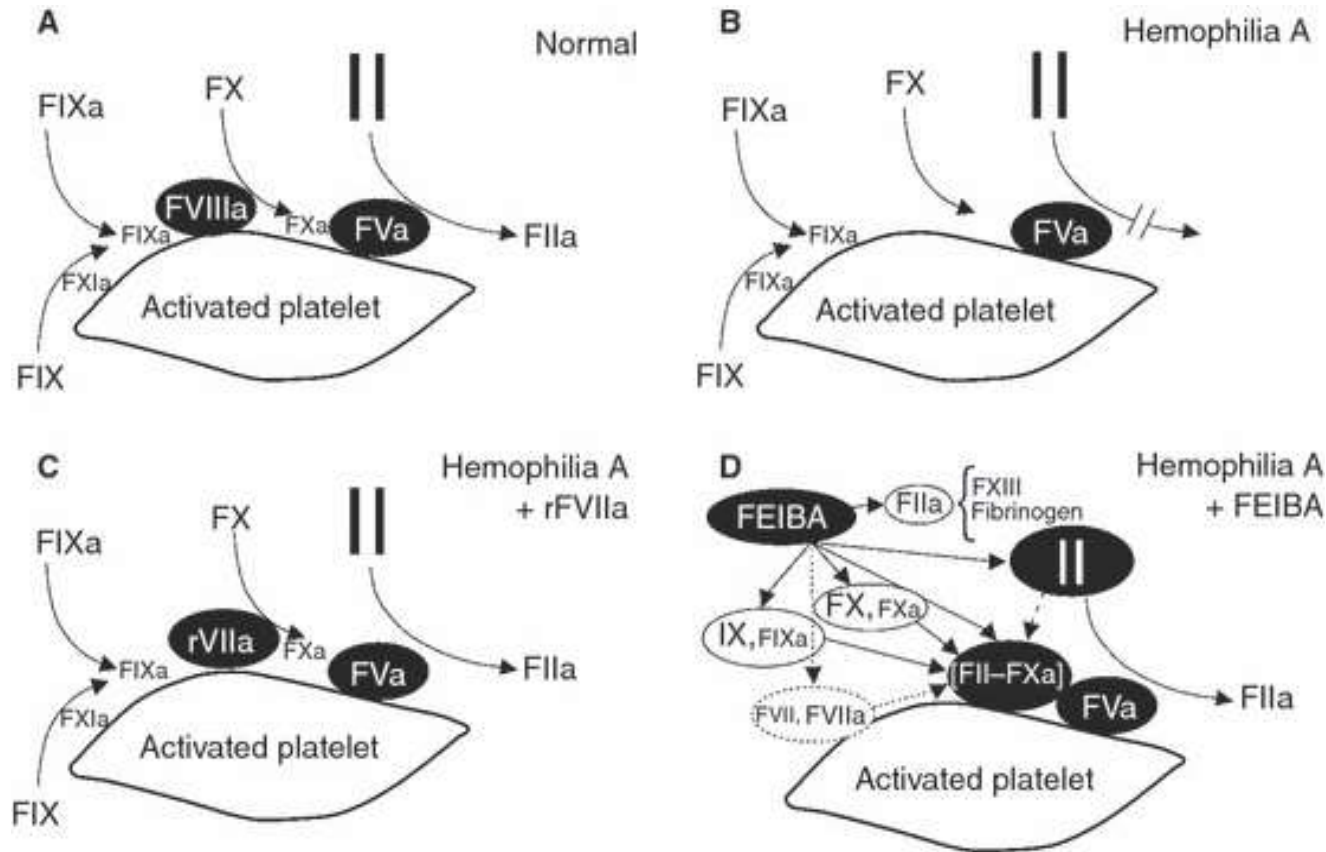
An inhibitor is considered as strong when the titer is >5 BU

Treatment choices in haemophilia patients with inhibitors

rFVIIa	aPCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recombinant product- Short half-life (2-3 hr), as measured by FVII activity- Potential for thrombogenicity- Variable patient response- 90 µg/kg every 2 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plasma-derived product containing a mixture of activated factors II, VII, IX, X- Longer half-life than rFVIIa (4-7 hrs)- Potential for thrombogenicity- Potential for transmission of human viruses- Anamnesis noted because of residual FVIII content- Variable patient response- 50-75 IU/kg every 6-8 hrs

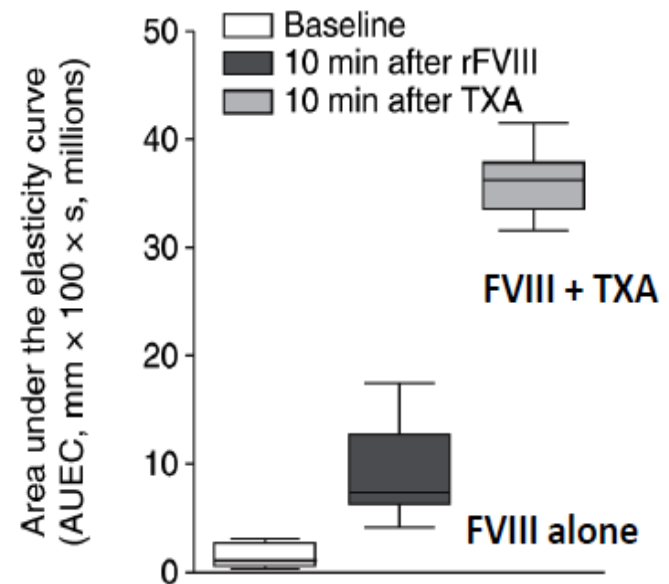
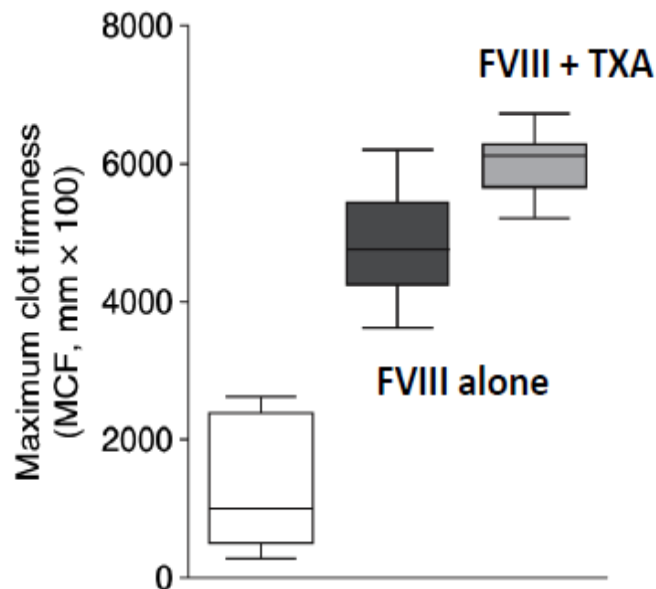
Bypassing therapy should be continued for 10-14 days postop.

Mechanisms of by-passing agent therapy



Antifibrinolytic agents

Tranexamic acid (TXA) combined with recombinant factor VIII in severe hemophilia A



Increased clot stability with combination of FVIII and TXA

Inherited deficiencies of coagulation factors (rare bleeding disorders)

Factor	Bleeding severity
I afibrinogenemia, hypofibrinogenemia, dysfibrinogenemia	Usually mild, except in afibrinogenemia
II	Usually mild
V	Usually mild
Combined V + VIII	Usually mild
VII	Severe with low levels
X	Moderate; severe with low levels
Vitamin K dependent	Usually mild
XI	Mild- moderate with low levels
XIII	Severe

Inherited deficiencies of coagulation factors (rare bleeding disorders)

Association between level and clinical bleeding

Strong: FI, FII, FX, FXIII

Poor: FV, FVII

No!: FXI

Peyvandi F et al. Journal of Thromb Haemost 2012;10:1938-1943

Peyvandi F et al. Journal of Thromb Haemost 2012;18:148-153

Inherited deficiencies of coagulation factors (rare bleeding disorders)

Typical symptoms

- ✓ Umbilical cord, mucosal, gastrointestinal tract (GI), genitourinary or central nervous system (CNS) bleeding
- ✓ Hemarthrosis and haematomas
- ✓ Spontaneous rupture of the spleen
- ✓ Bleeding after trauma, surgery and post-partum

Thromboembolic complications!!!

FI deficiency (afibrinogenemia, dysfibrinogenemia)

FVII deficiency

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Marty S et al. Haemophilia 2008;14:564-570

Mannucci PN et al. Blood 2004;104:1243-1252

Therapeutic options for RBDs

Tailored to the individual situation

Factor	Treatments
I	Fibrinogen concentrate , Cryoprecipitate, FFP
II	PCC , FFP
V	FFP, rFVIIa, platelet transfusion
V + VIII	FFP, FVIII concentrate, desmopressin
VII	Recombinant FVIIa , FVII concentrate , PCC, FFP
X	FX concentrate , PCC, FFP
Vitamin K dependent	Vitamin K , PCC , FFP, rFVIIa
XI	FXI concentrate , FFP, Antifibrinolytic drugs, rFVIIa, desmopressin
XIII	FXIII concentrate , recombinant FXIII , Cryoprecipitate, FFP

Peyvandi F et al. Haemophilia 2012;18:148-153; Peyvandi F et al. Haemophilia 2008:202
 Napolitano M et al. Orphanet J Rare Dis 2010;5:21-29; Franchini M et al. Ann Hematol 2009;88:931-935
 Huang JN, Koerper MA. Haemophilia 2008;14;1164-1169

Therapeutic recommendations for RBDs

Factor	Target	Plasma half-life	Administration
FI	100-200mg/dl	2-4 days	Every 2-4 days
FII	20-30 IU/dl	3-4 days	Every 2-3 days
F V	15 IU/dl	36 hours	Daily
FVII	10-15 IU/dl	4-6 hours	Every 6-8 hours
FX	10-20 IU/dl	40-60 hours	Daily
FXI	30-40 IU/dl	40-70 hours	Daily or alternate days
FXIII	3-10 IU/dl	11-14 days	Every 20-30 days

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Guiding principles for surgery in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

- **Only perform surgery if it is needed and is in the best interest of patient**
- **Do not allow elective surgery to turn into an emergency-get prepared!!**
- **Use the safest haemostatic product that are available**



Peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Preoperative

♦ **Bleeding history**

Patient/ Family

Assessment of bleeding phenotype (non-bleeder, mild vs. severe bleeder)

♦ **Check for other bleeding risk factors**

Medications, co-morbidities

♦ **Type of surgery**

Risk of intraoperative & postoperative bleeding

♦ **Assess the risk of venous thromboembolism**

♦ **Check the serological status** (HIV, hepatitis and vaccination)

- Team meeting: surgeon, anesthesiologist, haematologist, nurses
- Training on factor preparation

Peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Preoperative

💧 Check the factor level

Measurement of response to therapy

Dose titration of therapy

💧 Inhibitor screening

If positive, check titre, peak, type of response

💧 Check the lab capability

Serial level measurements

💧 Check the availability of substitution product

Type, dose, regimen, sampling requirements

Summary of the peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Day of surgery

- Schedule the surgery early in the week and early in the day for optimal laboratory and blood bank support**
- Check the availability of blood products**
- Use oral premedication. Avoid any intramuscular injection**
- Careful planning of the venous access.
Reserve one iv. line for substitution therapy**

Summary of the peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Day of surgery

- **Reconstitute the factor product immediately prior to dosing**, to avoid loss of activity and minimize the risk of bacterial contamination
- **Check immediately prior to the procedure, that the factor is raised to the desired level** and document the patient's response to the replacement therapy
- **Care during intubation of the airway**
Avoid naso-tracheal intubation
- **Careful positioning of the extremities**

Summary of the peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Postoperatively

- Maintain daily contact with the specialized haematologist**
- Check daily the factor level**
- If postoperative bleeding, check the trough factor level**

Summary of the peri-operative plan in patients with inherited bleeding disorders

Postoperatively

- Prompt surgical intervention is required if bleeding continues despite adequate replacement therapy**
- No injection and no invasive procedures without replacement**
- Use paracetamol, selective cox-inhibitors or opioids for analgesia**
- No ASA or NSAIDs**
- Consider thromboprophylaxis in selected cases**

Replacement therapy for invasive procedures in patients with haemophilia: literature review, European survey and recommendations

THE EUROPEAN HAEMOPHILIA THERAPY STANDARDISATION BOARD

Survey

- ♦ **15 European countries**
- ♦ **26 centres**
- ♦ **3633 severe haemophilia pts.**
- ♦ **Interventions per year per centre**
 - 2-4 major interventions
 - 6-10 minor
 - > 10 dental

Literature review

- **35 case series**
- **1114 pts.**
- **1328 surgical procedures**
- **707 orthopedic**

Bleeding rate: 10%

General Surgery in Patients With a Bleeding Diathesis: How We Do It

Aryal K.R. et al. World J Surg (2011) 35:2603–2610

- **Prospectively collected data**
- **113 pts. with bleeding disorders**
 - ✦ 46% haemophilia A
 - ✦ 38% VWD, 6% haemophilia B
 - ✦ 5% FX deficiency
 - ✦ 4% other
- **Age 18-86**
- **144 procedures:**
 - 86 surgical and 58 endoscopic
 - 15 urgent
 - 35% major

2 deaths; mortality 1.4%
4% haemorrhagic complications
10% for major operations

Do patients with haemophilia undergoing cardiac surgery have good surgical outcomes?

Michele Rossi^{a,*}, Raja Jayaram^b, Rana Sayeed^a

Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg 2011

Type of haemophilia	Type of surgery	Total fc VIII consumption	Antifibrinolytics	Thromboprophylaxis
Mild haemophilia	Implantation of a biological aortic valve	51.000 IU Advate	Tranexamic acid	Fragmin 5000IU x 1 In 6 weeks postop
Mild haemophilia	Ventricle resection (DOR) and mitral valve reconstruction	70.000 IU Advate		Aspirin 75 mg x 1
Mild haemophilia	CABG X 3	63.000 IU Kongenate		
Moderate haemophilia	Implantation of a biological aortic valve CABG X 1	94.500 IU Advate	Tranexamic acid	Fragmine 7500 IU x 2 D 1-10 5000 IU x 2 D 11-M 3
Severe Haemophilia	CABG X 4	50.000 IU ReFacto	Tranexamic acid	Fragmine 7500 IU x 2 D 1-10 5000 IU x 2 D 11-M 3
Mild haemophilia	Aorta valve replacement CABG X 1	69.000 IU Advate	Tranexamic acid	Fragmine 5000 IU x 1 D1-5 5000 IU x 1 M1



ORIGINAL ARTICLE *Clinical haemophilia*

Applicability of the European Society of Cardiology guidelines on management of acute coronary syndromes to people with haemophilia – an assessment by the ADVANCE Working Group

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Final tips for success

HAVE A PLAN !!!

- **Accurate diagnosis and knowledge of the severity of the bleeding disorder are essential**
- **Patients with inherited bleeding disorders should be managed peri-operatively in collaboration with a haematologist**
- **Appropriate peri-operative replacement therapy is the mainstay of therapy**
- **Thromboprophylaxis should be discussed in cases with associated risk factors**
- **Good communication is key**