

PATHWAY FOR ADULT PATIENTS WITH INHERITED BLEEDING DISORDERS:

EMERGENCY SURGERY

PLEASE CONTACT HAEMOPHILIA 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:

- 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 the Haemophilia Centre
- 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 review the patient regularly and provide advice on duration and intensity of haemostasis treatment. as well as need for thromboprophylaxis

HOW TO TREAT:

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

Oxford Haemophilia &Thrombosis Centre Contacts for adults:

Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00		Weekends, out of hours and Public Holidays
Reception	01865 225316	Ask switchboard for Haematology registrar on call
Haemostasis registrar	Bleep 5529	
Haemophilia Nurses	Bleep 5064	