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HAEMOPHILIA IN AFRICA



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MESSAGES AND INFORMATION ABOUT HAEMOPHILIA

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A CONSULTATION WITH A DOCTOR

MESSAGES ABOUT HAEMOPHILIA



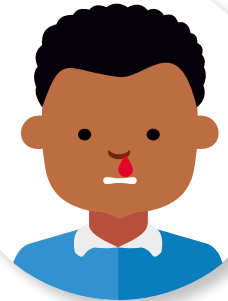
1. HEREDITARY DISEASE

- Transmitted by parents
- Cannot be caught. You are born with haemophilia and have it your entire life.

2. BLEEDING DISEASE

- You bleed longer and the bleeding does not stop
- Joint swelling/haemarthrosis for severe forms
- Spontaneous bleeding or after a surgery, injury or accident
- There are bleeding diseases other than haemophilia

ROLE OF BLOOD COAGULATION TO STOP BLEEDING



BLOOD COAGULATION IS LIKE A SAUCE



THE SAUCE DOESN'T FORM
WHEN AN INGREDIENT IS MISSING!

WHEN AN INGREDIENT IS MISSING...

Lack of Factor 8 (VIII) Haemophilia A

Severe : < 1%
Moderate : 1-5%
Mild : > 5%

Lack of Factor 9 (IX) Haemophilia B

Severe : < 1%
Moderate : 1-5%
Mild : > 5%

HAEMOPHILIA SEVERITY



NORMAL

Factor 8 (VIII) and 9 (IX)
50-100%



MILD

Factor 8 (VIII) and 9 (IX)
>5-40%



MODERATE

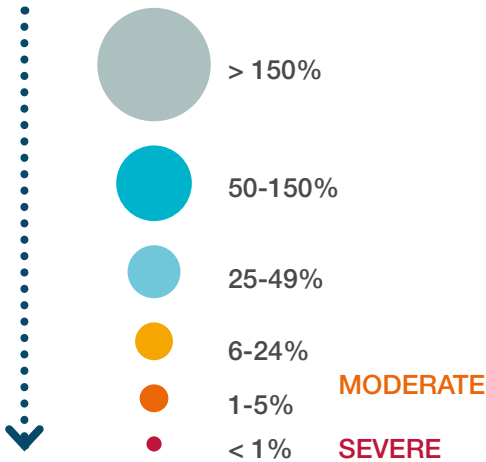
Factor 8 (VIII) and 9 (IX)
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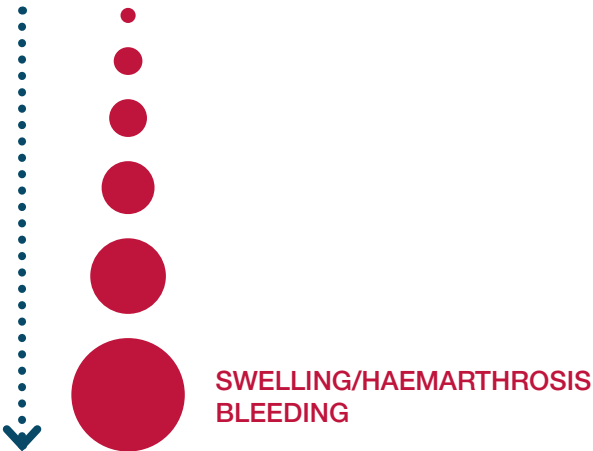
SEVERE

Factor 8 (VIII) and 9 (IX)
< 1 %

FACTOR 8 (VIII) OR 9 (IX) LEVELS

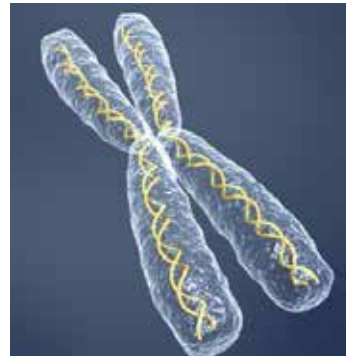


NUMBER OF SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS OR BLEEDING



HEREDITY

Chromosome



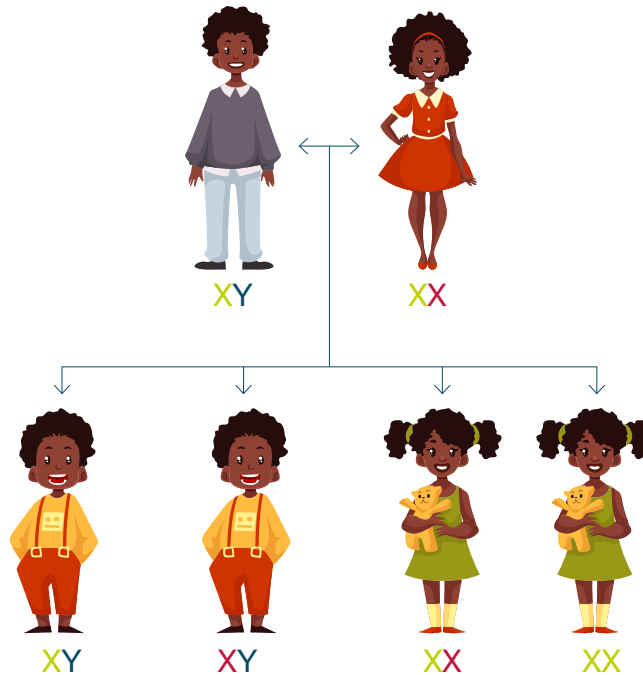
- Heredity information is located in the chromosomes in the form of genes
- Each parent transmits half of their genes to their child (e.g. large ears or large eyes)
- This is random

HEREDITARY SIMILARITY →

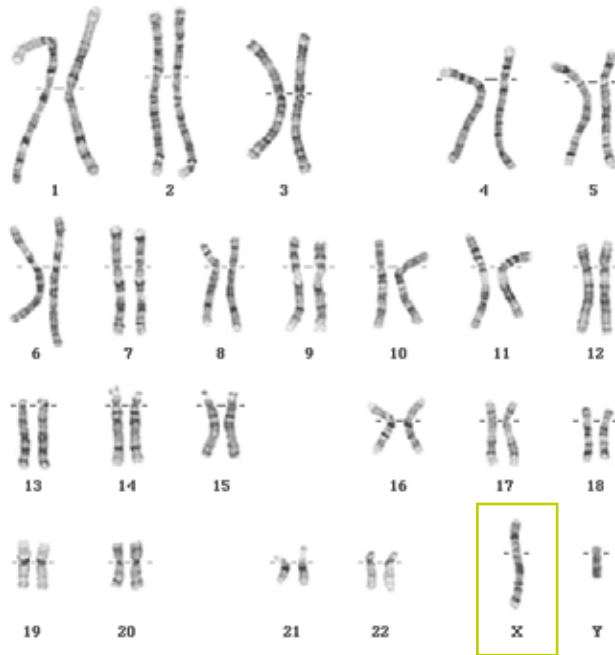


BOY OR GIRL?

- The father determines the sex of the baby according to the sexual chromosome (X or Y) he transmits.
- The mother always gives an X chromosome to the child.



THE GENE OF FACTORS 8 (VIII) AND 9 (IX) IS LOCATED IN THE X CHROMOSOME

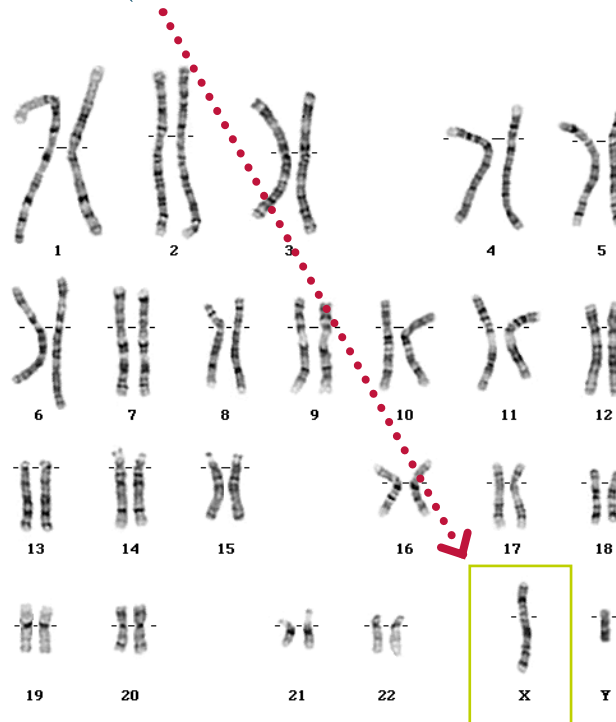


.....➔ FACTOR 9 (IX)
FACTOR 8 (VIII)

WHAT CAUSES HAEMOPHILIA?

Defect
Spelling mistake
Mutation

in the **X** chromosome,
on the factor 8 (VIII) or 9 (IX) gene



IT'S LIKE A RECIPE

JOLLOF RICE

For the tomato paste :

2 fresh tomatoes, 1 small tatashe (red bell pepper), cored and deseeded, 1 small red onion

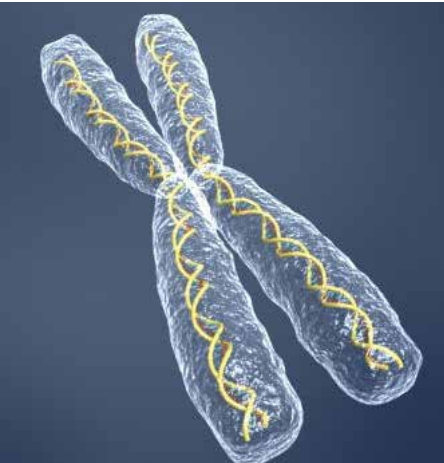
For the Jollof rice :

500 g long-grain white rice, 4 tablespoons sunflower or olive oil, 1 red onion, finely chopped, 30 g tomato purée, 500 ml (2 cups) chicken stock or water, 1 tablespoon Ataro Jollof, spice blend, 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste, 2 fresh habanero peppers, blended, or to taste, your favourite vegetables for garnish



- If there is an error in your recipe, your dish will taste different.
- If there is an error in the factor 8 (VIII) or 9 (IX) gene, your body will not make enough factor 8 (VIII) or 9 (IX) and you will be affected by haemophilia.

DEFECT ON THE FACTOR 8 (VIII) OR 9 (IX) GENE



LACK OF
FACTOR 8 (VIII) OR 9 (IX)

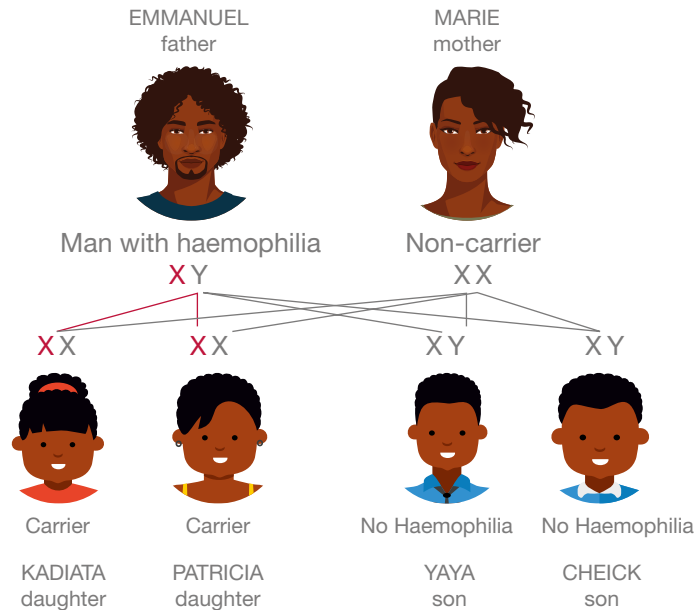
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HAEMOPHILIA A OR B



HOW IS HAEMOPHILIA TRANSMITTED?

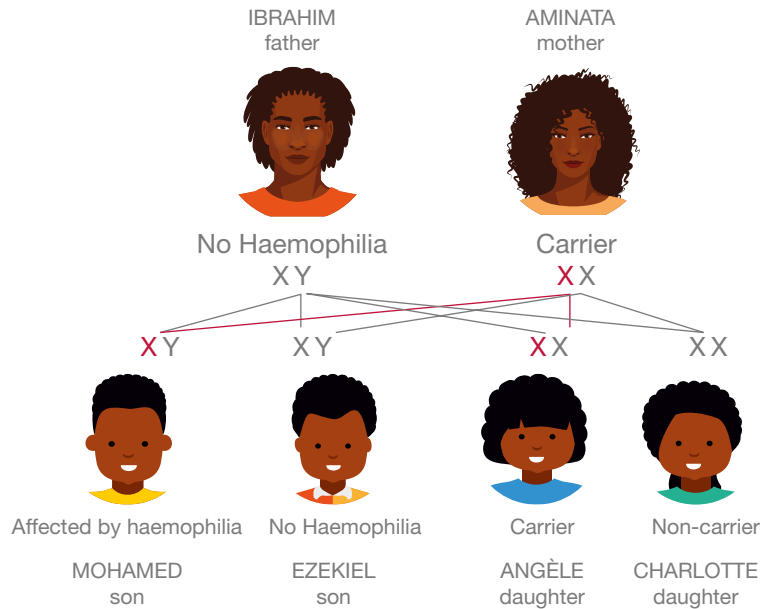
TRANSMISSION BY FATHER



- **ALL** daughters of a man with haemophilia are carriers
- The son of a man with haemophilia son is **NOT** affected by haemophilia

HOW IS HAEMOPHILIA TRANSMITTED?

TRANSMISSION BY MOTHER

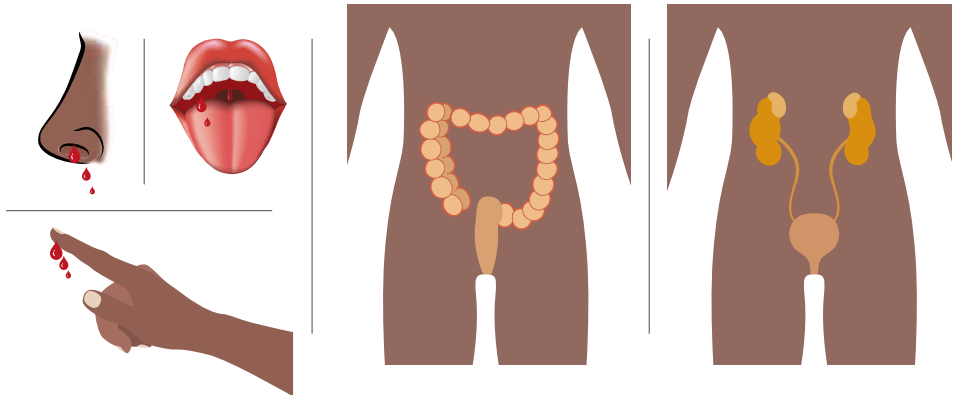


- The son of a carrier has a 50 % chance of being affected by haemophilia
- The daughter of a carrier has a 50 % chance of being a carrier

SIGNS OF HAEMOPHILIA

- Swelling of joints/haemarthrosis
- Swelling in a muscle (haematoma)
- Bleeding from the nose, mouth (gums-teeth), in the urine, mark/bumps on the skin (haematoma)
- Internal/deep bleeding (in the belly, head, etc.)

SWELLING / HAEMARTHROSIS - BLEEDING



CONSEQUENCES OF HAEMOPHILIA

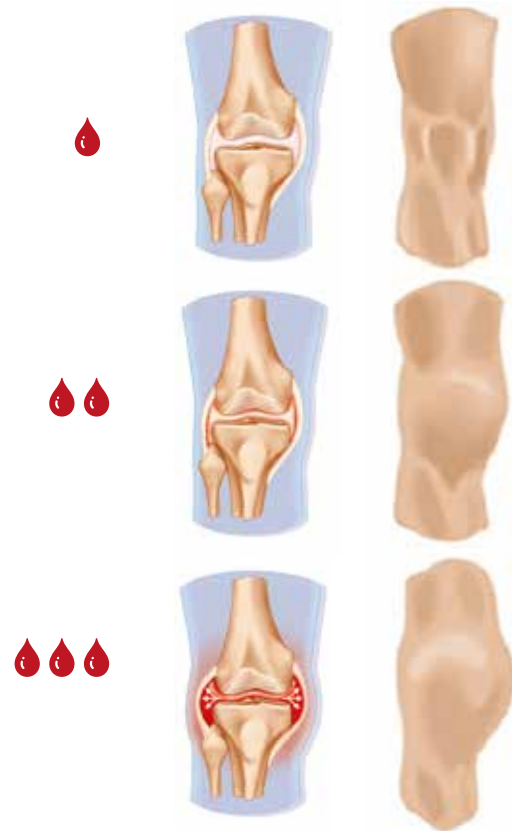


- REPEATED SWELLING AND HAEMARTHROSIS WILL DESTROY THE JOINTS AND DAMAGE THE MUSCLES
- EXCESSIVE BLEEDING IN CASE OF SURGERY (INCLUDING CIRCUMCISION!)
- ANAEMIA, LACK OF BLOOD
- SOMETIMES DEATH (BLEEDING INTO THE HEAD, AFTER CIRCUMCISION, ETC.)

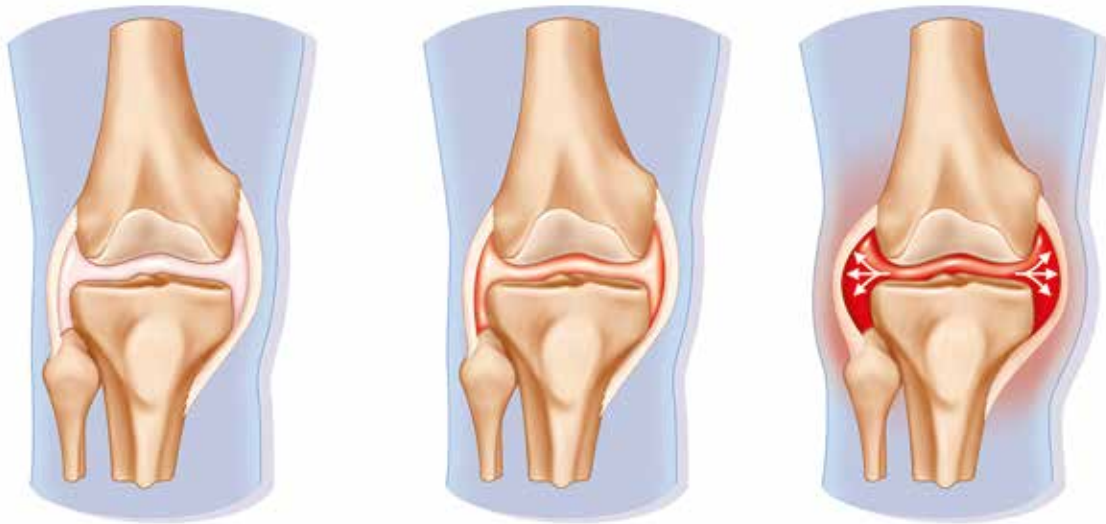
JOINT SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS



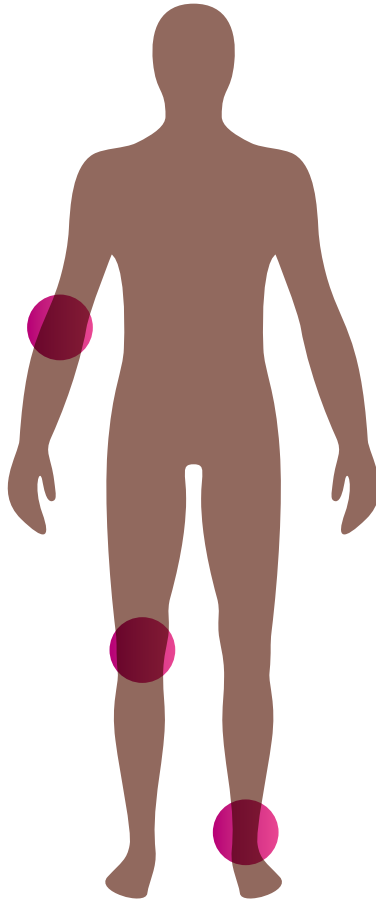
- TINGLING
- PAIN
- SWELLING
- BLOCKAGE
- HEAT



REPEATED SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS WILL LEAD TO JOINT DESTRUCTION



THE MOST AFFECTED JOINTS



- KNEES
- ANKLES
- ELBOWS

CONSEQUENCES OF JOINT SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS

- PAIN
- DIFFICULTY IN BENDING OR STRAIGHTENING A JOINT
- DISABILITY - LOSS OF MOBILITY

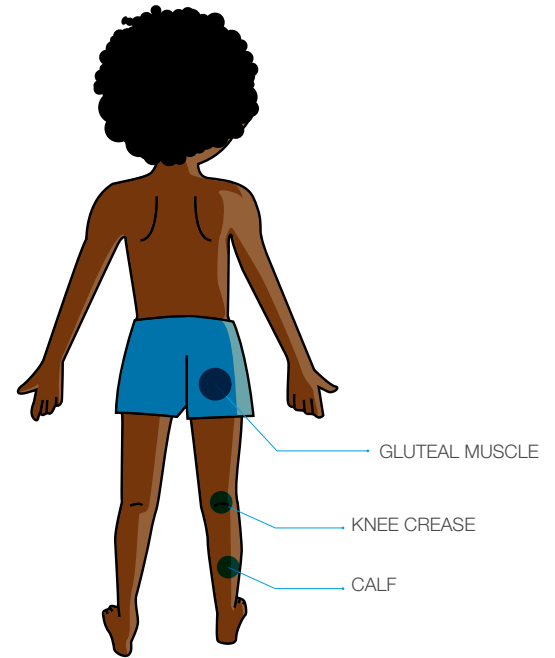
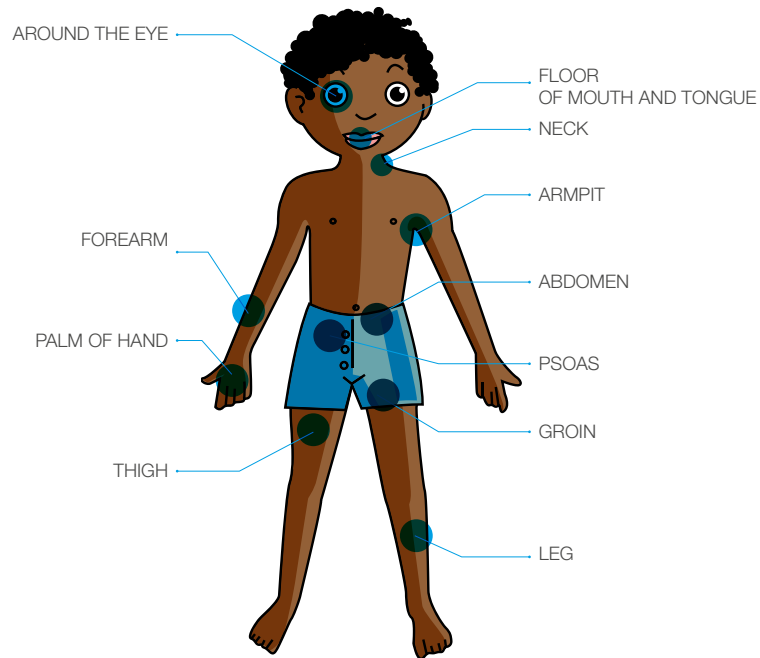


SWELLING OF MUSCLES MUSCLE HAEMATOMAS



MUSCLE HAEMATOMAS

PAIN • SWELLING • MARKS ON THE SKIN



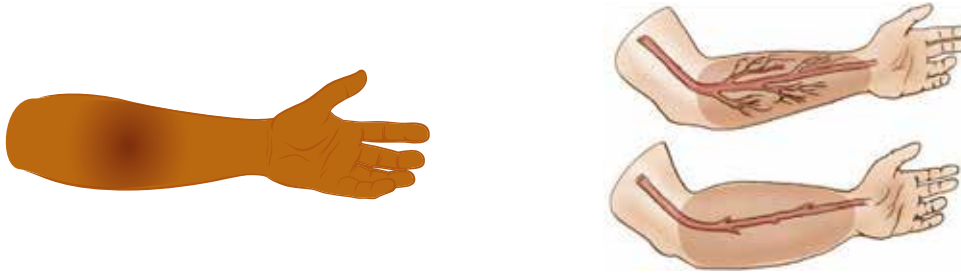
CONSEQUENCES OF MUSCLE HAEMATOMAS PSOAS HAEMATOMA



CONSEQUENCES OF MUSCLE HAEMATOMAS LOSS OF FLEXIBILITY/MUSCLE RETRACTION



CONSEQUENCES OF MUSCLE HAEMATOMAS COMPRESSION OF NERVES AND PARALYSIS



CEREBRAL HAEMORRHAGE



- HEADACHE
- LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS
- PARALYSIS
- TROUBLE SPEAKING/LOSS OF SPEECH
- VOMITING
- DEATH

MAY OCCUR SPONTANEOUSLY
OR
AFTER A BLOW OR FALL TO THE HEAD

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY HAEMOPHILIA?



- Visit to the doctor at the haemophilia treatment centre
- Track your family history (family tree)
- Blood test to measure the factor 8 (VIII) or 9 (IX) levels
- The blood test can be done at birth



WHEN IS THERE REASON TO SUSPECT HAEMOPHILIA?

- **IN A BOY WHO HAS**

- A Bleeding/haemorrhage after circumcision, surgery, dental care, etc.
- Joint swellings, repeated bleeding (mouth, nose, digestive system, urine, etc.)
- One or more known person with haemophilia in the family (from the maternal side) (brother, uncle, grandfather, cousin)
- One or more deaths from bleeding (especially after circumcision) in the family



HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT

**INJECTION OF CLOTTING FACTOR WITHOUT DELAY IN CASE
OF SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS/ HAEMATOMA OR BLEEDING**



TREAT RAPIDLY TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS



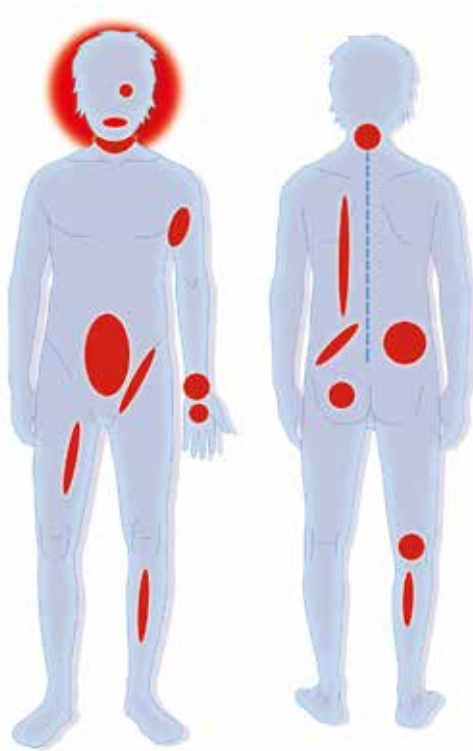
RECOGNISING SIGNS OF SWELLING



- PAIN
- TINGLING
- HEAT
- SWELLING
- DIFFICULTY IN MOVING A JOINT/LIMB
- CRYING IN CHILDREN

RECOGNISING DANGEROUS SWELLING/BLEEDING

CAUTION! CONTACT THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY!



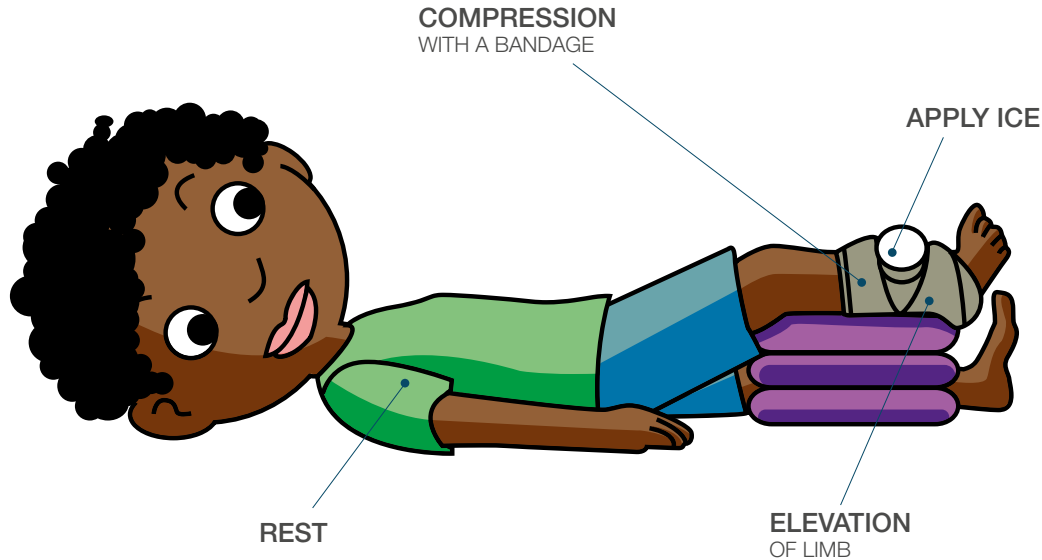
- HEAD (FALL OR BLOW TO THE HEAD)
- NECK
- AROUND OR IN THE EYE
- SPINE
- GROIN - PSOAS
- FRACTURE
- VOMITING BLOOD
- BLOOD IN STOOL

TREATMENT OF JOINT SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS



- IF POSSIBLE, RAPIDLY INJECT CLOTTING FACTORS
- REST, ICE, COMPRESSION, ELEVATION OF LIMB
- PHYSIOTHERAPY (AFTER A FEW DAYS OF REST)
- PAINKILLERS
 - PARACETAMOL/ACETAMINOPHEN
 - COX-2 INHIBITORS (E.G. CELEBREX® OR ARCOXIA® OR EXXIB®)

TREATMENT OF JOINT SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS



PHYSIOTHERAPY



1. Rest for a few days
2. Gradual resumption of movement
(first without weight-bearing - with a crutches)
3. Physiotherapy sessions

TO FACILITATE WALKING AND REDUCE PAIN



- CRUTCHES
- SPLINT
- ORTHOPAEDIC SHOES
- ORTHOPAEDIC SOLES
- ORTHOTICS

OTHER HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENTS

- **TRANEXAMIC ACID - EXACYL®** : to be swallowed or used in mouthwash
- **DDAVP - DESMOPRESSIN - MINIRIN®**
- **PAINKILLERS**
 - PARACETAMOL + ACETAMINOPHEN
 - COX-2 INHIBITORS (E.G. CELEBREX® OR ARCOXIA® OR EXXIB®, ETC.)



Buy the medicines in the pharmacy!

HOW CAN YOUR TREATMENT BE IMPROVED?



- Have clotting factors at home
- Inject clotting factors without any delay
- Inject the dose recommended by the doctor
- Fill in your patient diary
- Contact the haemophilia treatment centre quickly if there is no improvement
- Parent or patients are able to inject themselves coagulation factors



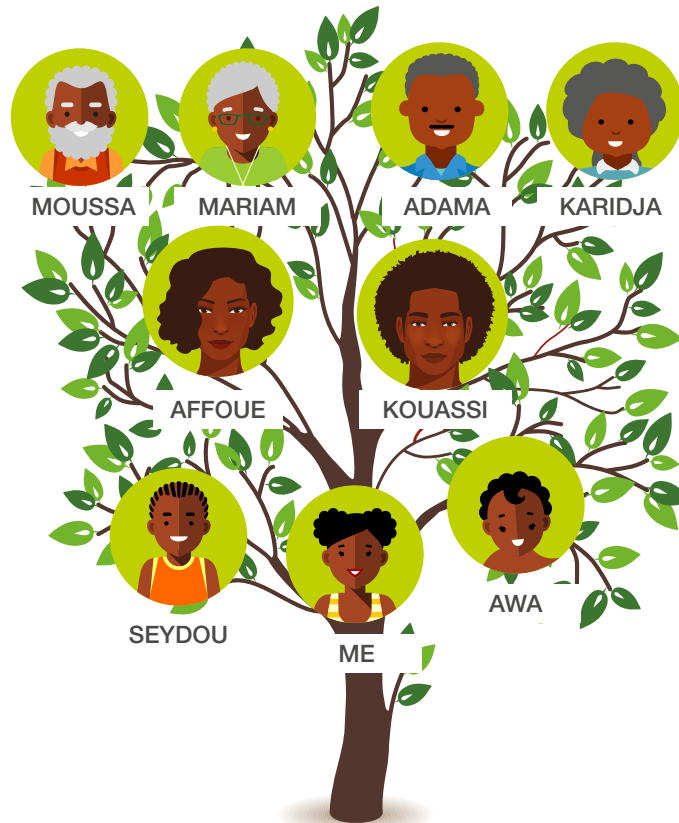
REGULAR FOLLOW-UP AT HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTRE



- Physical examination
- Look for other cases of haemophilia in the family (screening)
- Check of joint condition by the physiotherapist
- Treatment recommendations
- Inform the haemophilia centre if a baby boy is born in the family



FAMILY TREE → SCREENING



HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT



→ PREVENTION

- Have a haemophilia identification card
- Fill in your patient diary
- Do not hide swelling or bleeding (children)
- Inform the haemophilia centre if a baby boy is born in the family



HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT

→ PREVENTION

- No surgery, circumcision or dental care without treatment
- No intra-muscular injection (subcutaneous vaccine)
- No aspirin
- No anti-inflammatory drugs (except COX-2 inhibitors, such as Arcoxia®, Celebrex® and Exxib®)



HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT

→ PREVENTION

- Visit to the dentist
- Dental hygiene (brush your teeth every day!)



HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT

→ PREVENTION

- Sport or appropriate activity
- Regular physiotherapy



IN CASE OF SURGERY

- **Visit to the haemophilia treatment centre BEFORE surgery to:**
 - Confirm the haemophilia diagnosis if necessary
 - Ensure the absence of inhibitor
 - Establish a treatment plan with clotting factors
 - Product type
 - Dose
 - Duration
- **Close and specialised follow-up AFTER SURGERY**



IN CASE OF CIRCUMCISION

- Visit to the haemophilia treatment centre and confirmation of diagnosis BEFORE circumcision
- Circumcision at the hospital
- Circumcision while using a coagulation factor



INHIBITORS

- The body sometimes produces antibodies that make the clotting factors ineffective or less effective
- These antibodies are called inhibitors and are detected with a blood test
- Treatment of bleeding is difficult and requires management by the haemophilia treatment centre



PATIENTS ASSOCIATION OF HAEMOPHILIA AND OTHER BLOOD DISEASES



- IDENTIFICATION CARD
- REGISTER
- INFORMATION
- ADVICE
- SUPPORT





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CARRIERS
OF HAEMOPHILIA

BEING A CARRIER MEANS...

- Raising one or more sons affected by haemophilia
- Perhaps having heavy/abnormal bleeding
- Knowing that there is a risk of having a son affected by haemophilia and having a daughter who is a carrier



IMPORTANT FOR CARRIERS

- Screen for carriers in the family of a person with haemophilia
- Inform carriers about the transmission of haemophilia
- Educate mothers to best treat their son(s) affected by haemophilia
- Identify and treat carriers at risk of bleeding







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TESTING CARRIERS

WHO ARE THE CARRIERS?

MANDATORY

- The daughter of a man with haemophilia
- The mother who has
 - Two sons with haemophilia

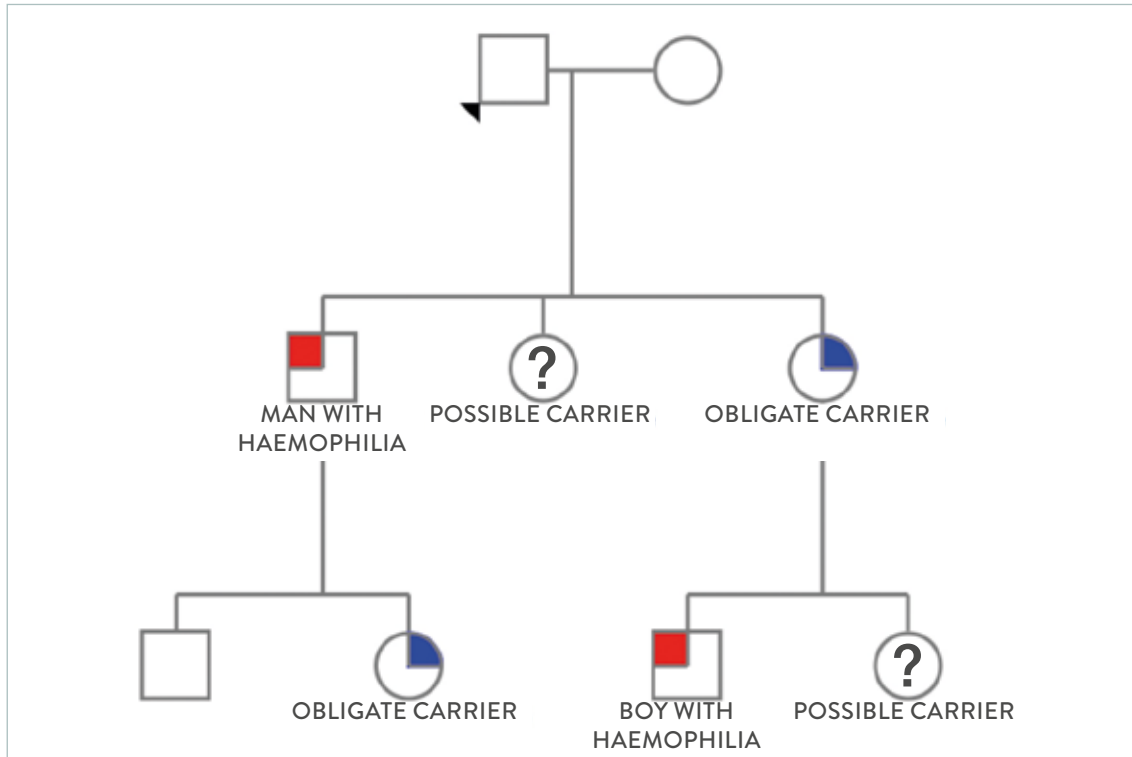
OR

- One son with haemophilia and another person with haemophilia in the family on the mother's side (brother, uncle, cousin, etc.)

POSSIBLE

- The sister of a person with haemophilia
- The sister of a carrier
- The mother of a person with haemophilia without other known haemophilia cases in the family

FAMILY TREE EXAMPLE



HOW ARE CARRIERS IDENTIFIED?

- **FAMILY TREE**

Easy - Free

- **FACTOR 8 (VIII) OR 9 (IX) ASSAY**

Laboratory specialised in blood clotting (at the haemophilia treatment centre)

- **GENETIC TESTING**

Very expensive - Laboratory specialised in genetics



MEASURING FACTORS 8 (VIII) AND 9 (IX) IN CARRIERS



- **WHY?**

- Some carriers have less factor 8 (VIII) or factor 9 (IX) and may bleed more
 - After surgery, childbirth or an accident
 - Heavy menstrual periods
 - Bleeding of the nose, gums, etc
- If factor 8 (VIII) and 9 (IX) levels are known in the carriers, precautions can be taken to prevent bleeding

PREVENTION OF BLEEDING

- **WHEN?**

- During menstruation
- In case of bleeding/haemorrhage (nose, gums, etc.)
- In case of surgery
- At time of delivery or miscarriage
- Dental care

- **HOW?**

- TRANEXAMIC ACID (Exacyl®)
- DDAVP - DESMOPRESSIN - Minirin®
 - Only for carriers of haemophilia A
 - Test to confirm the efficacy of DDAVP
- Sometimes injection of clotting factor



DDAVP Test

MODE OF HAEMOPHILIA TRANSMISSION

- The son of a carrier has a 50 % chance of having haemophilia
- The daughter of a carrier has a 50 % chance of being a carrier
- The risk is the same with each new pregnancy.
- In doubt, a potential carrier is considered as being a carrier



PREGNANCY IN CARRIERS

- Inform the gynaecologist
- Contact the haemophilia treatment centre
- Hospital delivery
- Forceps and vacuum extraction should be avoided

IF THE BABY IS A BOY

Take a blood test to check for haemophilia (BEFORE circumcision)

- To avoid bleeding and death after circumcision
- To treat swelling/haemarthrosis and other bleeding from a young age
- To avoid complications



TAKING CARE OF A SON WITH HAEMOPHILIA



- Recognise the signs of swelling/haemarthrosis/bleeding
- Treat quickly to avoid complications
- Regular follow-up at the haemophilia treatment centre
- Visit to the dentist
- No surgery - circumcision without advice of the haemophilia treatment centre

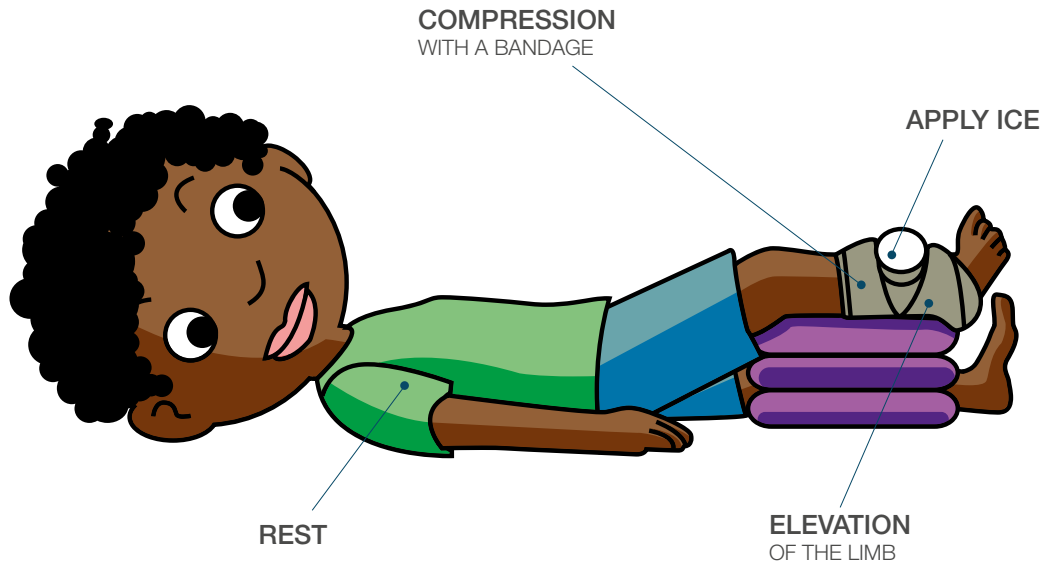
SCHOOL AND HAEMOPHILIA

- Children with haemophilia have normal intellectual skills
- They should attend school regularly
- Notify the teacher, professor or school director about haemophilia
- Do not systematically exclude the child from participating in all activities
- Appropriate activities, non-violent games

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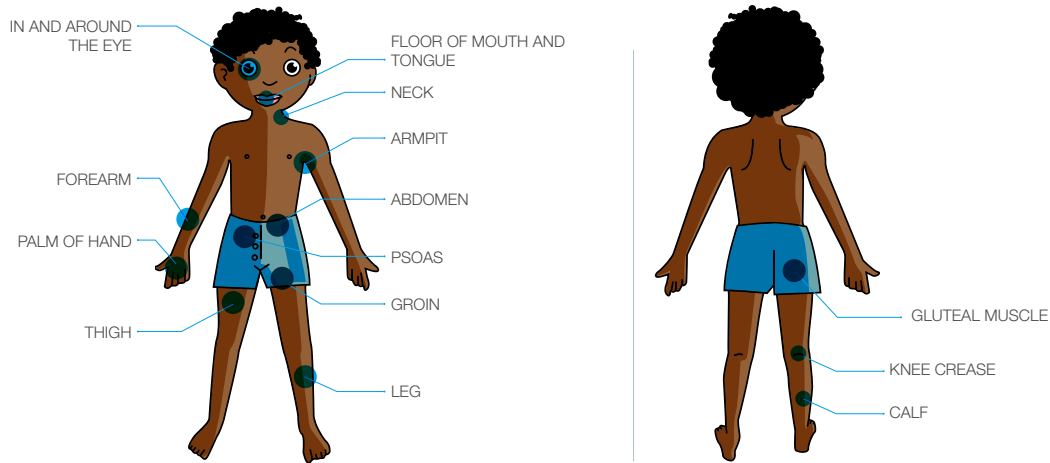
IF A JOINT SWELLING/HAEMARTHROSIS OCCURS

- The clotting factors should be administered without any delay



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Swelling or bleeding in these areas may be dangerous
- Clotting factors should be injected and the doctor should be contacted immediately



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