



HAEMOPHILIA



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Many Faces

Haemophilia Awareness Week

7-13 October 2007

Haemophilia is a rare blood clotting disorder in which one of the essential clotting factors is deficient or missing.

It is incurable and, without treatment with replacement clotting factor, it can be life threatening.

Haemophilia is hereditary, but in one third of cases it appears in families with no previous history of the disorder.

It affects males almost exclusively and is passed on through females who carry the defective gene. Some women are symptomatic carriers of the haemophilia gene and may also experience bleeding problems.

von Willebrand disorder is a related bleeding disorder which affects both men and women. It is caused by insufficient von willebrand factor which is a protein necessary to stop bleeding, or where the von willebrand factor does not work properly.

There are approximately 2,000 people with bleeding disorders in Australia.



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