

## What is the ABDR?

The Australian Bleeding Disorders Registry (ABDR) is a database that collects all clinical information related to the treatment of people with bleeding disorders, like an electronic medical file. This includes information about patient diagnosis, treatment details, hospital admissions and administrative information as well as details on ordering, supply and use of clotting factor products. Information is entered into the ABDR by staff at haemophilia treatment centres. The ABDR is managed by a service provider engaged by the National Blood Authority. The ABDR was first established in 1988 and has been upgraded many times with the latest significant upgrade in 2008.

## Why do you need it?

The ABDR provides your health care team and support staff with a record enabling them to monitor and manage your treatment over time to improve your quality of life. Depersonalised information available from the ABDR may be used by authorised organisations to understand and improve treatment for bleeding disorders. The ABDR also provides governments with information on total clotting factor product requirements to make sure there is enough available to meet the needs of all Australians with bleeding disorders.

## What about privacy?

Only the health care team and support staff involved in providing medical services to you have access to your personal information. Other authorised users only have access to limited, depersonalised and/or summary information where all identifying information is removed to protect your privacy.

## Does information about me have to be included?

A minimum amount of information about you is required to ensure the continuous supply of clotting factor product is available to meet your treatment needs.

## Where can I get more information?

Further information about the ABDR can be obtained from the Australian Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation (AHCDO) on **(03) 9885 1777**, email **info@ahcdo.org.au** or visit **www.ahcdo.org.au**

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## Endorsement from Haemophilia Foundation Australia

Haemophilia Foundation Australia supports the ABDR. It helps doctors and other treating health professionals to understand more about the care and treatment needs of people affected by bleeding disorders. The ABDR will assist and guide planning to ensure treatment product is available when it is needed. We are confident the steps in place will mean accurate, reliable and confidential data is available and that no patient details can be identified outside haemophilia centres.

[www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au)

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The ABDR is a valuable tool that provides a summary of those affected with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders in Australia. Data from the ABDR is the best information available for clinicians to advise governments making policy decisions regarding treatment needs and product availability.

National statistics available through the ABDR will give AHCDO an overview of practice and allow opportunities for improvement. This data can be pooled to compare Australian treatment standards with international benchmarks. The ABDR will continue to provide the ability to assess quality of life and other important clinical questions arising across Australia.

AHCDO's partnership on this initiative with the National Blood Authority, Haemophilia Foundation Australia and other specialist health professional groups is vital to the pursuit of excellence in clinical treatment practices.

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