



## WORLD AIDS DAY 2019

World AIDS Day is marked globally on 1 December to raise awareness in the wider community about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS.

In 2019 the World AIDS Day national theme was **Every journey counts.**

### A TIME TO REMEMBER

In 2019 HIV continues to be a part of our community's experience.

The bleeding disorders community suffered greatly when it became known that HIV had been transmitted through blood products in the mid-1980s, resulting in illness and loss. Many individuals and their partners, families and carers still feel the effects of this. World AIDS Day is an opportunity for everyone in the community to reflect and to provide support.

For those of you who live on with the challenges of HIV, we recognise your strength and your determination to work together to create a supportive community for all affected by HIV.

UNAIDS' theme for World AIDS Day 2019 was **Communities make the difference.** It highlights the important role of the community as leaders to enable all people living with HIV to lead healthy and productive lives free from the harmful effects of stigma and discrimination.

For more information about World AIDS Day, visit [www.worldaidsday.org.au](http://www.worldaidsday.org.au).

## NEW GENE THERAPY RESOURCE

HFA's new resource **Gene therapy for haemophilia** was developed to answer the questions from our community:

- What types of gene therapy are used in haemophilia?
- How does gene therapy work?
- Is it a cure?
- How safe is it?
- Who can have gene therapy?

The information includes diagrams to explain simply how genes and gene therapy work.

Our thanks to the bleeding disorders community members and expert reviewers and our designer, Ray Hehr, who made valuable contributions to this resource.

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**Gene therapy for haemophilia** is available on the HFA website and in print. A print copy has been included with this issue of *National Haemophilia*. To order more copies, contact HFA:

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