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New HFA education resource

Haemophilia testing in women and girls Your questions answered



Explaining genetic testing and factor level testing

Haemophilia Foundation Australia has published a new education resource, Haemophilia testing in women and girls: your questions answered. It's a comprehensive booklet about genetic testing and factor level testing in haemophilia for women, girls and parents of girls.

There are often many questions and things to think about when checking to see if a woman or girl is affected by haemophilia.

- What is involved in genetic and factor level tests?
- · Who should have them, and at what stage in their life?
- How is haemophilia passed on in a family and what if there is no family history?
- And why do some women and girls have bleeding symptoms or haemophilia and others do not?

HFA developed the booklet to answer these and other questions in collaboration with women and parents in the Australian community, Haemophilia Treatment Centres and genetics and legal experts. It includes infographics, tables and personal stories.

HOW CAN YOU ACCESS THE BOOKLET?

Download the booklet from the HFA website https://tinyurl.com/haemophilia-testing-WG

You can also download specific sections if you are interested in a particular topic, for example, genetic testing and counselling.

If you would like a print copy, email HFA at hfaust@haemophilia.org.au or call 0398857800 to ask us to post you a copy.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the development of this resource, and a special mention of Jane, Sharri and Michelle for sharing their personal stories.

We invite you to take a look at the resource and pass it onto anyone you think would find it helpful.

And look out for the short and simple version which is coming soon!