

**WFH Global Summit on**

# women & girls

**with inherited bleeding disorders**



WFH staged their first ever **Global summit on women and girls with inherited bleeding disorders** in November 2020.

The Summit was an exciting two-day virtual meeting for women with bleeding disorders, patient organisations, doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals and other supporters from around the world to exchange information and experiences. It covered:

- diagnosis and management
- quality of life
- how women are advocating for better care
- the ways women are getting their voices heard.

Some highlights from the Summit are published in this issue of *National Haemophilia*.

One of the speakers in the Summit was Australia's Susie Couper, who presented on the international VWD (von Willebrand disease) clinical guidelines and how to use them from the perspective of a patient representative. Susie has put together her reflections on the session and her personal involvement in the development of the guidelines - see page 16.

Sessions involved personal stories from women with bleeding disorders around the world – including Sharri Brodie from Perth, Western Australia, who introduced the session on diagnosis and management. The personal stories were thoughtful and compelling and highlighted the reality of the issues for women.



WFH's **Women and Girls Initiative** was also launched at the Summit. HFA Executive Director, Sharon Caris, interviewed key international leaders about what the Initiative will involve. The Initiative will support more education and training, both for health professionals and the community. You can watch Sharon's interviews on the Summit website.

## **ACCESS THE SUMMIT ON DEMAND**

Even though the summit is over, you can still register and watch recordings of the Women and Girls Global Summit sessions on demand at <https://na.eventscloud.com/VirtualWGBD/>

- click on **VIEW RECORDED SESSIONS**
- click on **NEW REGISTRATION** and registerWFH will send you a confirmation email
- On the website, use your email address and your last name to login
- Go to the **AGENDA** and click on **RECORDINGS** to watch the session. **H**