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Commentary

The two most common congenital bleeding disorders are von Willebrand disease (vWD) vWD is caused by and hemophilia. defective synthesis or function of a protein, called von Willebrand factor, which is necessary for normal blood clotting. vWD occurs with equal frequency in men and women. Although the prevalence of this disease is not precisely known, it is estimated that between one and two percent of the population are affected. There are different types and severity of vWD. Symptoms include heavy or prolonged menstrual bleeding, easy bruising, frequent or prolonged nosebleeds, and prolonged bleeding following surgery, dental work, childbirth, or injury.

Hemophilia is caused by a defect in the gene located on the X chromosome that contains the genetic code for one of the clotting factor proteins necessary for normal blood clotting. A deficiency of factor VIII is referred to as hemophilia A or "classic" hemophilia. In contrast, a deficiency of factor IX characterizes hemophilia B, also known as Christmas disease. The defect usually occurs on one of the two female X chromosomes and results in a carrier state. When males have the defect on their only X chromosome, they are affected with the disease. Thus, almost all of the approximately 17,000 persons with hemophilia in the United States are male.

People with severe hemophilia can experience serious bleeding into tissues, muscles, joints, and internal organs, often without any obvious trauma. Repeated bleeding into joints without adequate treatment results in crippling chronic joint disease, one of the severe complications of bleeding disorders. In the mid-1970s, treatment for hemophilia was improved through the use of clotting factor concentrates, products made from the plasma of donated blood. However, because blood donations from thousands of donors are pooled together to make these products, many persons with bleeding disorders were infected with hepatitis B and C viruses and with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, before the risk of disease transmission in blood products was recognized and prevention measures taken.

In 1975, Congress initiated federal funding to specialized hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) to provide comprehensive care to persons with bleeding disorders. Since 1986, CDC has been involved with the hemophilia community through the HTC system, primarily through risk-reduction efforts aimed at preventing secondary infection of family members with HIV.

In 1991, CDC received a request from the National Hemophilia Foundation to expand their collaborative activities within the bleeding disorders community. Meetings with patients and hemophilia care providers were held during 1992 to determine the areas of highest priority. Based on recommendations from these constituents, a Congressional mandate was issued to CDC, with the goal of reducing the human suffering and financial burden of bleeding disorders by focusing national emphasis on prevention and early intervention. The issues of greatest concern identified by the bleeding disorders community were: 1) the safety of the blood supply from infectious diseases; and 2) the prevention of joint disease.

In response, CDC developed the Universal Data Collection Program (UDC). The purpose of UDC is two-fold: 1) to establish a sensitive blood safety monitoring system among persons with bleeding disorders; and 2) to collect a uniform set of clinical outcomes information that could be used to monitor the occurrence of and potential risk factors for infectious diseases and joint complications.

Persons with bleeding disorders are enrolled in UDC by care providers in each of the nation's 134 federally funded HTCs. As part of the project, a uniform set of clinical data and plasma specimens are collected by HTC staff each year during the participant's annual comprehensive clinic visit. A portion of the plasma specimen is used to perform free screening tests for hepatitis A, B, and C viruses and for HIV. The remainder of the specimen is stored for use as needed in future blood safety investigations.

Enrollment in UDC began in May 1998. Information about eligibility requirements, enrollment procedures, and data collection can be found in the *Technical Notes* of this report. Participating HTCs are listed by region in the *Acknowledgements*. A regional map is included at the end of this report.

The purpose of this surveillance report is to disseminate the information being collected by this project to public health workers, health educators and planners, other care providers, and patients in the bleeding disorders community. The report contains information about the demographic characteristics of the participants, their blood and factor product use, and the occurrence and treatment of joint and infectious diseases. We hope that this information will prove useful to those involved in efforts to reduce or prevent the complications of these conditions.

The proper interpretation and appropriate use of surveillance data require an understanding of how the data are collected, reported, and analyzed. Therefore, readers of this report are encouraged to review the *Technical Notes*, beginning on page 22.

Suggested Reading:

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States. American Journal of Hematology 1998; 59:288-294.

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The following publications are available from HANDI (800-42-HANDI):

- What You Should Know about Bleeding Disorders (1997)

- Comprehensive Care for People with Hemophilia by Shelby Dietrich, MD (1991)

- Understanding Hepatitis by Leonard Seeff, MD (1997)

- HIV Disease in People with Hemophilia: Your Questions Answered by Glenn Pierce, MD, PhD (1991)

- Bleeding Disorders and AIDS: The Facts (1997)

- Information packet on von Willebrand disease.

<u>Month</u>	Number Enrolled	Number Refused	<u>Refusal Rate (%)</u>
May – Dec 1998	1431	136	8.7
Jan – Aug 1999 September	2876 304	344 55	10.7 15.3
October November	262 231	46 51	14.9 18.1
December January 2000	176 211	29 40	14.1 15.9
February	223	32	12.5
Total	5714	730	11.3

Table 1. Enrollment in UDC, May 1998 – February 2000

Table 2. Regional* enrollment activity, May 1998 – February 2000

<u>Region</u>	Number Approached	Number Enrolled	<u>Refusal Rate (%)</u>
I	254	228	10.2
II	891	757	15.0
	983	821	16.5
IV-N	603	566	6.1
IV-S	381	334	12.3
V-E	406	352	13.3
V-W	718	666	7.2
VI	723	619	14.4
VII	294	256	12.9
VIII	359	346	3.6
IX	764	700	8.4
Х	36	34	5.6

*See map (page 28) for regional designations.

		Hemor	W	/D		
	A (n =	A (n = 3835) B (n = 901)		(n = 8	389)	
Characteristic	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Age Group (years)						
2 – 10	1087	28.4	217	24.1	237	26.7
11 – 20	1170	30.6	246	27.4	321	36.1
21 – 40	951	24.8	269	29.9	169	19.0
41 – 60	536	14.0	129	14.3	121	13.6
61+	84	2.2	38	4.2	41	4.6
Race / Ethnicity						
White	2636	68.7	664	73.7	655	73.7
African American	476	12.4	104	11.5	44	4.9
Hispanic	484	12.6	95	10.5	83	9.3
Asian / Pacific Islander	91	2.4	14	1.6	27	3.0
Native American	33	0.9	6	0.7	7	0.8
Other	115	3.0	18	2.0	73	8.2
Sex						
Male	3769	98.3	875	97.1	424	47.7
Female	65	1.7	26	2.9	465	52.3

Table 3. Demographic characteristics of persons* enrolled in UDC

*Thirty-two persons were reported to have both hemophilia and vWD, and 119 persons had a bleeding disorder other than hemophilia or vWD.

Figure 1. Median, 25th, and 75th percentile of age for persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC by region

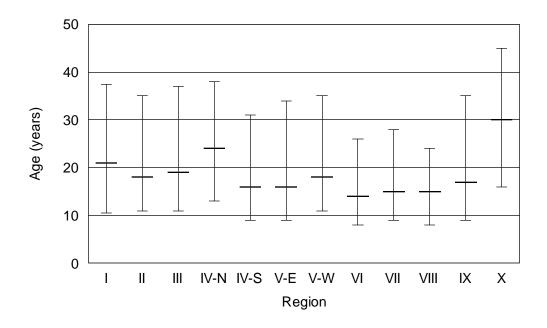
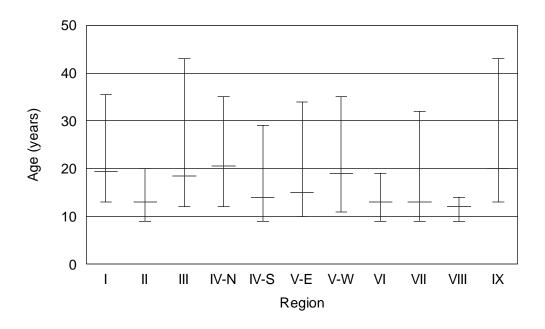


Figure 2. Median, 25th, and 75th percentile of age for persons with vWD enrolled in UDC by region



		nophilia :4736)	vWD (n=856)		
Reimbursement Source	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
Straight Commercial Commercial Insurance HMO Commercial Insurance PPO	1111 921 667	23.4 19.4 14.0	231 191 133	27.0 22.3 15.5	
Straight Medicare Medicare HMO Straight Medicaid Medicaid HMO	408 37 1015 263	8.6 0.8 21.4 5.5	48 6 120 63	5.6 0.7 14.0 7.4	
CHAMPUS State High Risk Plan	30 99	0.6 2.1	13 6	1.5 0.7	
Other	623	13.1	150	17.5	
Uninsured	200	4.2	25	2.9	

Table 4. Sources* of health care reimbursement listed by persons enrolled in UDC

*Some persons may have listed more than one source of reimbursement.

HMO = Health maintenance organization; PPO = Preferred provider organization

Table 5. Disease severity of persons enrolled in UDC

		Hemophilia						vV	VD	
	Mi	ld	Moderate		derate Severe		Types 1 & 2		Туре 3	
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%
Number of Participants*	1009	21.3	1078	22.8	2639	55.8	715	88.4	94	11.6

*Numbers do not equal total number of persons because of missing data.

Figure 3. Regional distribution of disease severity for persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC

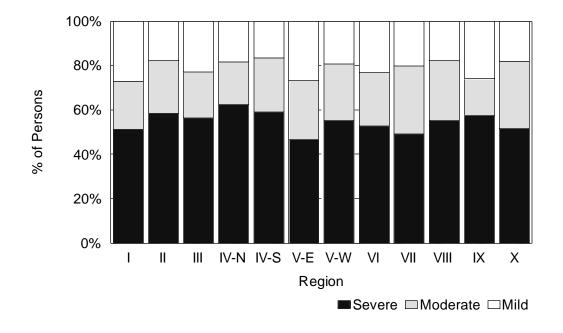
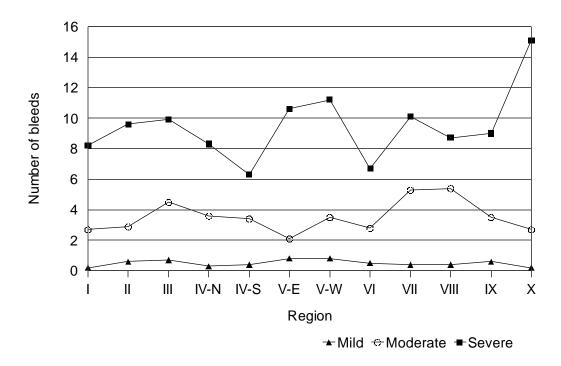


Figure 4. Average number of reported bleeds in a 6-month period among persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC by severity and region



No prophylaxis		Hemophilia		, A	ND
		Петторгіша			
Bleeding site	Mild n = 1004	Moderate n = 967	Severe n = 1964	Types 1 & 2 n = 688	Type 3 n = 93
Joint Muscle Other	0.5 (2.1) 0.3 (1.0) 0.8 (4.1)	3.6 (7.5) 1.0 (2.3) 1.4 (4.2)	9.1 (11.9) 2.6 (5.8) 2.1 (5.3)	0.2 (1.4) 0.3 (3.9) 3.4 (11.0)	3.4 (7.7) 0.6 (1.5) 3.8 (6.5)
All sites Mean Median	1.6 (4.9) 0	6.0 (9.9) 3	13.7 (15.8) 10	3.9 (11.9) 0	7.7 (10.2) 4

Table 6. Bleeding episodes* among persons enrolled in UDC by disease severity and prophylaxis status

With prophylaxis

		Hemophilia					
Bleeding site	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
	N = 5	n = 111	n = 674				
Joint	1.0 (1.4)	2.7 (3.8)	3.1 (5.8)				
Muscle	1.6 (3.6)	1.0 (5.0)	0.8 (2.0)				
Other	1.0 (1.4)	1.1 (3.0)	1.4 (5.9)				
All sites Mean Median	3.6 (4.3) 2	4.9 (8.7) 3	5.2 (9.2) 2				

*Values are mean (\pm SD) number of bleeding episodes experienced during the 6-month period preceding the UDC visit.

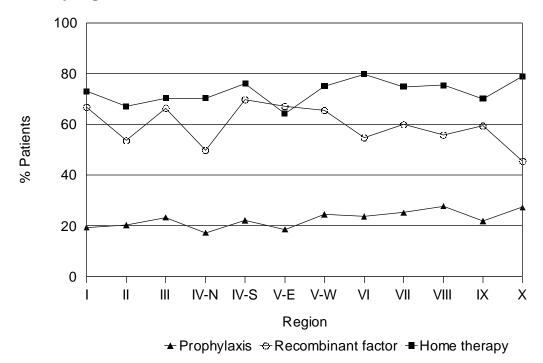
	Hemophilia A		Hemophilia B		vWD	
Treatment product	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Recombinant factor	2349	61.3	494	54.8	5	0.6
Monoclonal factor VIII	771	20.1	1	0.1	2	0.2
Other human factor VIII	175	4.6	1	0.1	184	21.5
Porcine factor VIII	7	0.2	0		0	—
Purified factor IX	2	0.1	306	34.0	1	0.1
Prothrombin complex	62	1.6	34	3.8	0	—
Activated prothrombin complex	x 180	4.7	11	1.2	0	—
Cryoprecipitate or FFP	16	0.4	9	1.0	17	2.0
Desmopressin	253	6.6	3	0.3	325	37.9
None used	355	9.3	150	16.6	318	37.1

Table 7. Blood and factor products used* by persons enrolled in UDC

*Any use of the product(s) during the 12-month period preceding UDC enrollment.

NOTE: Individuals may have used more than one type of treatment product.

Figure 5. Treatment practices of persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC by region



	Hemo	philia	vWD	
Infectious Disease Complications	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Risk factors for liver disease				
Past/present hepatitis B virus infection	951	20.1	31	3.5
Past/present hepatitis C virus infection	2183	46.1	73	8.2
History of alcohol abuse	178	3.8	4	0.5
Other	52	1.1	13	1.5
None	2433	51.4	793	89.3
Signs or symptoms of liver disease (During the last year)				
Jaundice	30	0.6	1	0.1
Ascites	28	0.6	1	0.1
Varices	21	0.4	0	
Other	56	1.2	1	0.1
None	4629	97.7	885	99.7
Laboratory markers of liver disease				
Chronically elevated ALT/AST levels	847	17.9	23	2.6
Elevated prothrombin time in the last year	112	2.4	12	1.4
Therapy for chronic viral hepatitis				
Anytherapy	199	4.2	8	0.9
Successful therapy	34	17.1*	1	12.5*
Intravenous access devices (IVAD)				
Used an IVAD in the last year	574	12.1	27	3.0
IVAD infection in the last year	73	12.7**	3	11.1**
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Table 8. Infectious disease complications among persons enrolled in UDC

*Percent of persons who received any therapy for chronic viral hepatitis.

**Percent of persons who used an IVAD in the last year.

Figure 6. Prevalence of hepatitis A virus exposure and reported vaccination among persons with hemophilia

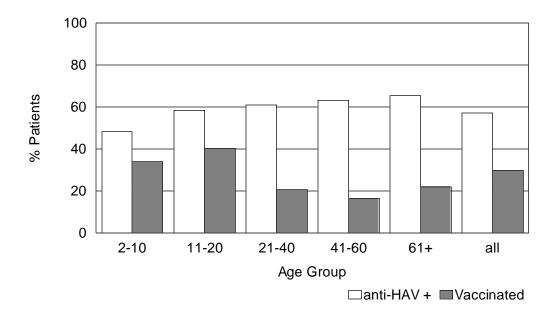


Figure 7. Regional distribution of natural and acquired immunity to hepatitis A virus among persons with hemophilia

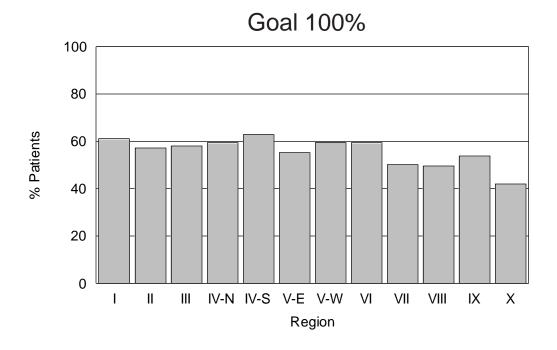


Figure 8. Prevalence of hepatitis A virus exposure and reported vaccination status among persons with vWD

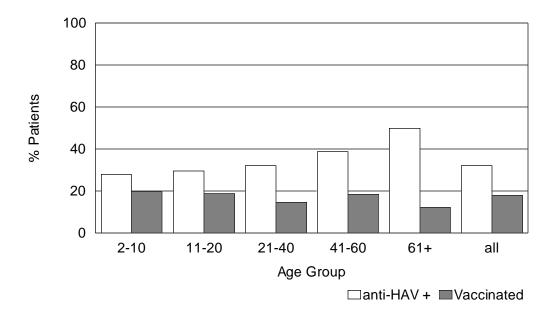


Figure 9. Prevalence of hepatitis B virus exposure and reported vaccination status among persons with hemophilia

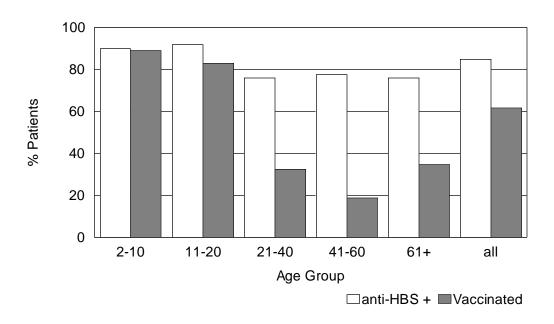


Figure 10. Regional distribution of natural and acquired immunity to hepatitis B virus among persons with hemophilia

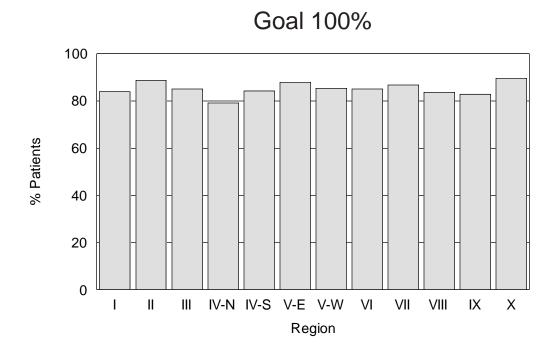


Figure 11. Prevalence of hepatitis B virus exposure and reported vaccination status among persons with vWD

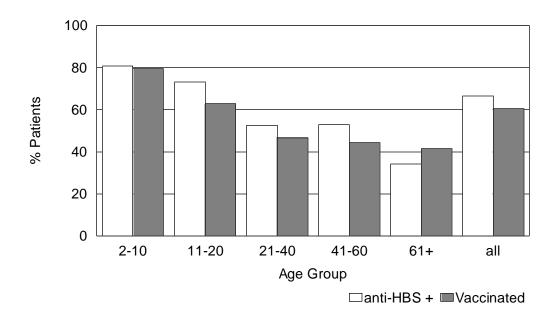


Figure 12. Prevalence of hepatitis C virus infection among persons with bleeding disorders

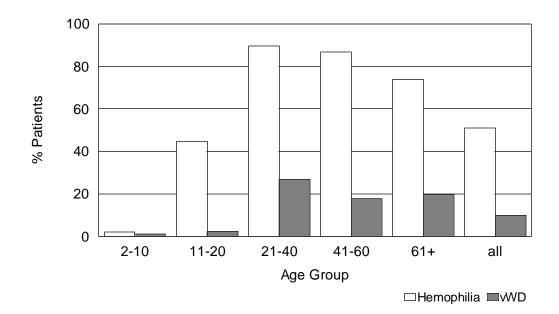


Figure 13. Prevalence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection among persons with bleeding disorders

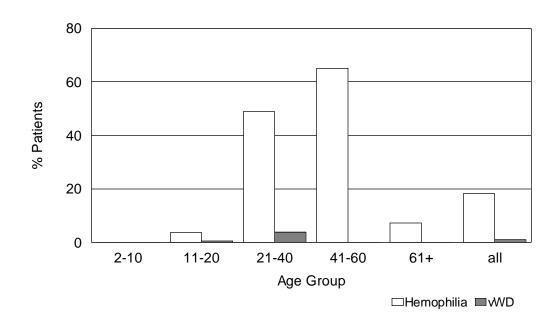


Figure 14. Prevalence of hepatitis C virus and HIV infection among persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC by region

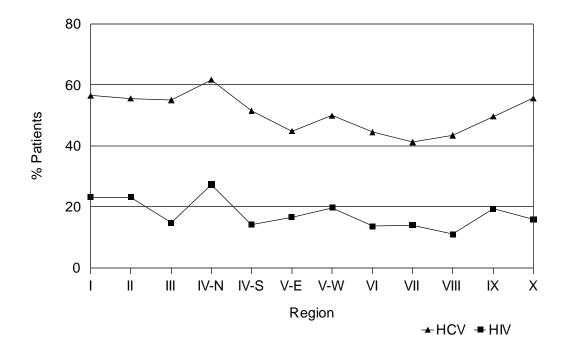


Table 9. Treatment type for persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC

Severity	Total number	Episodic care No. (%)	Number on intermittent prophylaxis	Number on continuous* prophylaxis
Mild	1009	993 (98.4)	11	5
Moderate	1078	923 (85.6)	44	111
Severe	2639	1759 (66.6)	206	674

*Prophylaxis is considered continuous when administered for at least 46 weeks per year.

		Hemophilia A			Hemophilia B			
Severity	Number	Low titer	High titer		Number	Low titer	High titer	
Mild	797	4 (0.5)	1 (0.1)		212	0	0	
Moderate	775	12 (1.6)	12 (1.6)		303	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	
Severe	2254	82 (3.6)	137 (6.1)		385	5 (1.3)	15 (3.9)	

Table 10. Prevalence of current inhibitors by titer* among persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC

*Low titer is defined as an inhibitor level of 0.5 – 5 Bethesda units (BU). High titer is defined as an inhibitor level of >5 BU. Numbers in parentheses are percents.

Table 11. Intra-cranial hemorrhage (ICH)* among persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC

	Hemophilia A			Hemophilia B			
Severity	Total	No. with ICH (%)	Total	No. with ICH (%)			
Mild	797	2 (0.2)	212	0			
Moderate	775	7 (0.9)	303	1 (0.3)			
Severe	2254	24 (1.1)	385	4 (1.0)			
		Causes of ICH Trauma Thrombocytop Other	Trauma Thrombocytopenia				

*Diagnosed by a physician during the year prior to the UDC visit.

	Hemophilia						vWD				
	N	/lild %	Mod N	erate %	Sev N	vere %		ype N	1 & 2 %	Tyj N	be 3 %
Target joint*	81	8.0	317	29.4	1285	48.7	1	5	2.2	19	20.2
Invasive procedure	37	3.7	69	6.4	324	12.3	1	6	2.3	7	7.4
Joint infection	7	0.7	16	1.5	42	1.6		5	0.7	0	—
Used cane	130	12.9	265	24.6	827	31.3	4	1	5.9	20	21.3
Used wheelchair	19	1.9	63	5.8	267	10.1	1	8	2.6	6	6.4
Any activity restriction	141	14.0	318	29.5	1114	42.2	5	1	7.4	29	30.8

Table 12. Joint complications among persons enrolled in UDC

*Please see Technical Notes (page 22) for the definition of a target joint.

Figure 15. Invasive joint procedures and restricted activity during the past year among persons with severe hemophilia enrolled in UDC by region

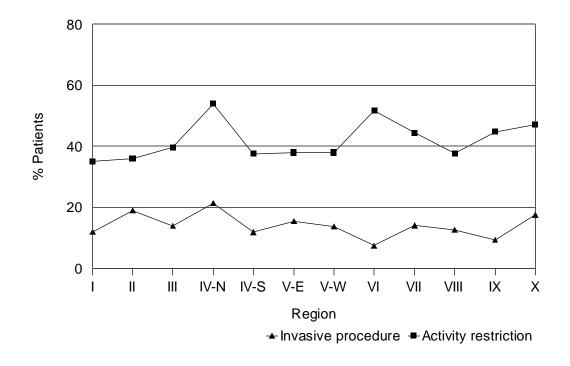
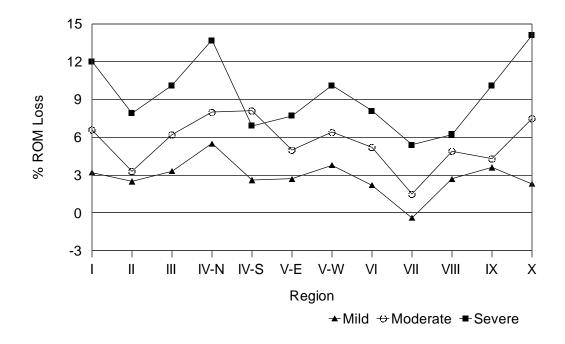


Table 13. Joint limitations among persons enrolled in UDC

		Hemophilia		vWE	vWD		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Type 1 & 2	Туре 3		
Number of patients	951	990	2328	651	88		
Mean indicator* value	52.3	91.9	156.8	24.8	69.4		
Standard deviation	98.9	169.9	218.9	84.5	117.7		

*Indicator is the total number of degrees of range of motion less than normal for five joints. The joint motions measured and normal values used (in parentheses) are: hip extension (30); hip flexion (120); knee flexion (135); knee extension (0); shoulder flexion (180); elbow flexion (150); elbow extension (0); elbow pronation and supination (80); ankle dorsiflexion (20); ankle plantar flexion (50). Any hyperextension of the knee or elbow is included in the calculation. In UDC, limitations in knee and elbow extension are recorded as negative numbers. Patients with missing measures for any of the joints are excluded from the analyses. As an example, patients with mild hemophilia have on average 52.3 degrees less than normal range of motion across ten joints. Because the sum of all of the normal measures is 1,690 degrees, this represents an overall 3.1% loss in range of motion.

Figure 16. Average percent joint range of motion loss among persons with hemophilia enrolled in UDC by disease severity and region



Technical Notes

Eligibility Requirements

To participate in UDC, patients must receive care in a federally funded HTC and meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) age 2 years or older with a bleeding disorder due to congenital deficiency or acquired inhibitors in which any of the coagulation proteins is missing, reduced, or defective and has a functional level of less than 50 percent; or 2) age 2 years or older with a diagnosis by a physician of von Willebrand disease. Individuals specifically excluded from participation in UDC include persons with any of the following: 1) an exclusive diagnosis of a platelet disorder; 2) thrombophilia; or 3) coagulation protein deficiencies due to liver failure.

Data collection

UDC data are collected during the participant's "annual visit," which ideally should occur once each calendar year (January-December), with the interval between visits as close as possible to 12 months. Data are collected according to guidelines and definitions detailed in surveillance manuals provided to HTC staff by CDC. Informed consent for participation is obtained each year. Demographic information and reasons for refusal are obtained using a Patient Refusal Form for all eligible persons who decline participation. To protect patient confidentiality, all data sent to CDC do not contain personally identifying information, but rather use a unique 12-digit code that is generated by a computer software program supplied to HTCs by CDC.

Eligible participants are registered into UDC through a Registration Form completed by HTC staff; this form includes patient demographic, diagnostic, and historical information. Month and year of birth are used to calculate age on the last day of the current year. Information on race and ethnicity is obtained from clinic records and may have been based either on self-report or on observations made by care providers.

During the annual visit, clinical information is recorded on a standardized data collection form (Annual Visit Form). In addition to information about education, employment status, and health insurance, data are also collected about treatment type (episodic vs. prophylactic), presence and treatment of inhibitors, the number of bleeding episodes experienced (based on infusion logs or patient recall), type and brand name of all factor concentrates or other treatment products used, and whether or not clotting factor is infused at home.

Information regarding infectious diseases is also collected including risk factors and clinical signs, symptoms, and laboratory markers of liver disease. Data are also recorded about any therapy for chronic hepatitis, the status of vaccination for hepatitis A and B viruses, and, among patients with an intravenous access device, the occurrence of a device-associated infection. Persons ≥16 years of age who are HIV-infected are asked several questions concerning risk-reduction activities including partner testing and condom use.

Data are also collected on joint disease, including the use of walking aids, the occurrence of joint infections, and measures of impact of joint disease on daily activities. During the visit, range of motion measurements on five joints (hip, knee, shoulder, elbow, and ankle) are taken by a physical therapist or other trained health care provider according to detailed guidelines provided in a reference manual supplied by CDC. All health care providers performing these measurements are trained and certified by regional physical therapists who have themselves received centralized training. In addition, information about whether a particular joint is a "target joint" or whether the participant has required the use of an orthopedic appliance or has undergone an invasive orthopedic procedure is collected. In UDC, a target joint is defined as a joint in which recurrent bleeding has occurred on four or more occasions during the previous 6 months or one in which 20 life-time bleeding episodes have occurred.

All data collection forms are sent overnight to CDC where they are then key entered into a computer database using double-entry software to minimize data entry errors. Data are then screened for omissions, inconsistencies, and unusual values that possibly represent abstraction or data-entry errors. Error reports are generated and faxed to the HTC, where a designated UDC contact uses available information to resolve discrepancies and complete missing data items.

Laboratory testing

During the annual visit, a blood specimen is obtained from each participant in UDC. The specimen is processed by HTC personnel according to guidelines provided by CDC that are designed to minimize the effects of storage and shipment on subsequent analyses. Samples are shipped overnight to the CDC Serum Bank where they are aliquoted and stored. A portion of the specimen is sent to the Eugene B. Casey Hepatitis Laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. A second portion is sent to the HIV Testing Laboratory at CDC. The remainder of the specimen is stored in the CDC Serum Bank for future blood safety investigations, as needed.

Testing for hepatitis A, B, and C viruses follow algorithms designed to determine with the highest probability the patient's status with regard to exposure to or infection with these viruses. Information provided by HTC staff on a Laboratory Form, including the results of previous local testing and vaccination history, is used by personnel at the testing laboratory to provide a detailed interpretation of the test results.

Testing for HIV follows algorithms designed to determine patient status with regard to infection with HIV-1 and HIV-2. The results of all laboratory testing are reported to the HTC using the CDC unique code which can be matched to the patient only by HTC staff.

Mortality reporting

Deaths occurring among all HTC patients (regardless of whether or not they have been enrolled in UDC) are reported to CDC using a Mortality Form. Data collected include age at death, sex, race/ethnicity, disease type and severity, and whether or not blood products had been used during the year prior to death. Additionally, information about the death, including the date, cause (primary and contributing), and whether or not an autopsy was performed, is also collected.

Tabulation and presentation of data

Data in this report are provisional. The data presented in this report represent the first 22 months of what is planned to be at least a 5year surveillance project. Future reports will include expanded data tables to cover subsequent surveillance periods and will provide the results of more detailed analyses of available data and findings from special studies. We thank the Regional Coordinators (listed below in italics) of the federal HTC regions for their assistance in the implementation and technical support of UDC. Data for this report were collected by care providers in HTCs at the following institutions:

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Lebanon, NH
Rhode Island Hospital
Providence, RI
UCONN Hemophilia Treatment Center
Farmington, CT
Vermont Regional Hemophilia Center
Burlington, VT
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston, MA
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, CT

Region II

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Region III

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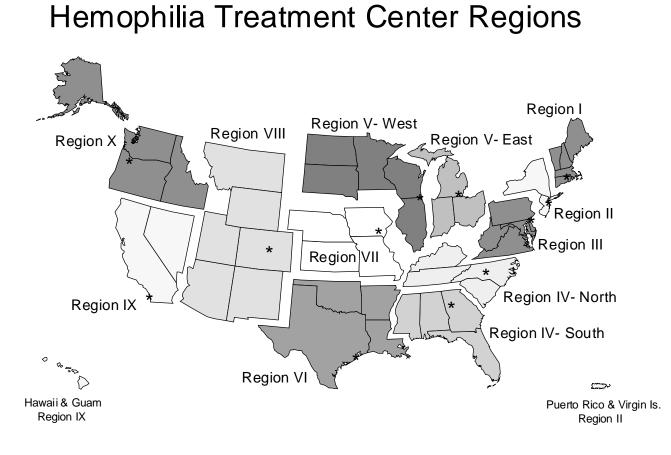
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