

# Hemophilia

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Hemo → Blood ; Philia → loving  
Love to Bleed

because Hemostasis is impaired  
Blood flow ↓ stop

Inherited def. either → Qualitative  
→ Quantitative

Normally,

after cut or damage to the endothelium or Inner lining of blood vessel walls, there's an immediate vasoconstriction or narrowing of blood vessel which limits the amount of Blood flow.



Then some platelets adhere to damaged vessel wall and become activated and the recruit additional platelets to form a plug.

⇒ Formation of platelet plug is called Primary Hemostasis after that coagulation cascade is activated

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# Blood clotting factors mostly have proteins synthesized by the liver, that are inactive and simply float around the blood.

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The coagulation cascade begins when one of these proteins gets proteolytically cleaved (activating it)



This active protein then proteolytically cleaves and activates the next clotting factor, & so on



This cascade has a great degree of amplification and takes only a few minutes from injury to clot formation.

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The final step is activation of the protein fibrinogen (factor-1) to fibrin which deposits & polymerise to form a mesh around a platelet.

\* So, these steps heading up to fibrin reinforcement of the platelet plug make up the process called *secondary hemostasis* → results in hard clot at the site of injury

⇒ In most cases of Haemophilia there is a ↓se in the amount and function of one or more of the clotting factors that makes secondary Hemostasis occurs less effective  
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leads to more bleeding.

The coagulation cascade can be started in 2 ways :-

- 1° Extrinsic Pathway
- 2° Intrinsic Pathway.

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1° Extrinsic Pathway :-

Start when tissue factors get exposed by the Injury of the endothelium

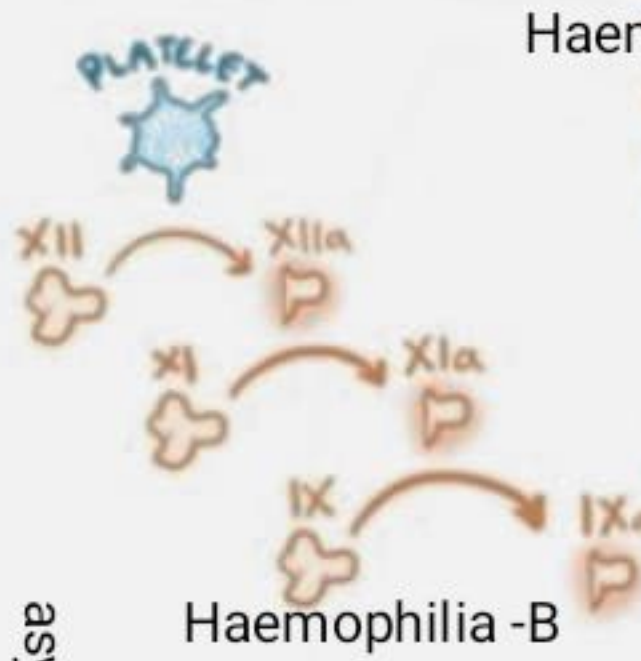
↓  
Tissue factors goes turns Inactivate (Inactive) factor VII into activate factor VII a (a = active)

& then

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Tissue factors goes onto bind the newly formed factor VII a to form a complex that turns factor X into activate factor X a

# INTRINSIC PATHWAY



Haemophilia- A

VIIIa

# EXTRINSIC PATHWAY



EXPOSED TISSUE FACTOR



STABLE CLOT

asymptomatic 12th factor

↓  
Factor  $\text{X}$  a with factor  $\text{Va}$  (as a cofactor) turns factor  $\text{II}$  (also called prothrombin) into factor  $\text{IIa}$  or thrombin

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Thrombin then turns factor  $\text{I}$  or fibrinogen, which is soluble into factor  $\text{I}$  or a fibrin (which is insoluble and ppt. out of the blood at the site of injury)

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Thrombin also turns factor  $\text{XIII}$  into factor  $\text{XIIIa}$  which cross link fibrin to form a stable clot.

The second way is the *Intrinsic pathway*: starts when,

Platelet near the blood vessel injury activate factor  $\text{XII}$  into factor  $\text{XIIa}$

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which then activate factor  $\text{XI}$  to factor  $\text{XIa}$

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which then activate factor  $\text{IX} \rightarrow \text{IXa}$

↓  
this  $\text{IXa}$  along with  $\text{VIIIa}$  work together to activate

factor  $\text{X} \rightarrow \text{Xa}$



at that point it follow same fate as before,  
so both ext. and Int. pathways basically converge  
on a single final path called **common pathway**

\* An insufficient conc. or decreased activity of  
any coagulation factor can cause

**Haemophilia**

except factor  $\text{XII}$  deficiency  $\rightarrow$  which is  
asymptomatic

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$\Rightarrow$  By far most common of these are deficiencies  
are factor  $\text{VIII}$  which rise to factor  $\text{VIIIa}$

and is stabilized by another factor called

**Von Willebrand factor** cause **Haemophilia A**

see **Classic Haemophilia**

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\* Decrease of factor  $\text{IX} \rightarrow$  **Haemophilia B**

also called as **Christmas Disease**

$\rightarrow$  so, in severe von Willebrand factor deficiency,  
factor  $\text{VIII}$  gets broken down faster and can  
become deficient too.

# Causes

1. Some acquired causes of Haemophilia are liver failure.

since the liver synthesizes factors I, II, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XIII

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2. Vitamin K deficiency.

as vitamin K is needed by liver to synthesize and release factors — II, VII, IX & X.

3. Autoimmunity against a clotting factor.

causing autoimmune response

4. Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (consume clotting factors)

Now, [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

The mutated gene in Haemophilia A  $\rightarrow$  F8 and Haemophilia B is F9 are on the X chromosome

Both conditions are X-linked recessive



Hence, it usually affects men,  $\because$  they have only one X chromosome and  $\therefore$  will have only copy of diseased gene F8 or F9 genes.

Hence they get diseased. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

On the other hand Women,

who have only one copy of mutated gene and the other X chromosome is healthy so they do not get haemophilia but become carriers and generally remain asymptomatic.

Hence men are symptomatic and can have haemophilia. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

## Clinical Manifestations

of Haemophilia A and Haemophilia B is nearly identical.

As,

factor VIIIa & IXa  $\longrightarrow$  together in coagulation cascade to activate factor X.

$\rightarrow$  easy bruising (ecchymosis)

$\rightarrow$  Hematomas  $\rightarrow$  collection of blood outside blood vessel (often in the muscles)

$\rightarrow$  Prolonged bleeding after cut or surgery.

$\rightarrow$  oozing after tooth extraction.

$\rightarrow$  Gastrointestinal bleeding

$\rightarrow$  Hematuria (Blood in urine)

$\rightarrow$  severe nose bleeding.

$\rightarrow$  Hemarthrosis (Bleeding into joint spaces.)

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→ A dangerous complication →

Is Bleeding into the brain  
it causes ↓

• stroke

• Increase ICP (Intracranial Pressure)

5-15 mmHg in Normal Adults

\* symptoms depends on mutation. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

# Diagnosis

1. Lab test

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→ Platelet. (Normal)

→ Prothrombin time (test ext. & common pathway)

→ Partial Thromboplastin time  
(test Inter. & common pathway)

Partial Thromboplastin time is prolonged in  
Haemophilia A and B

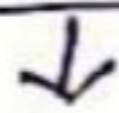
2. Confirmation (for Haemophilia A or B) →  
test for specific factor activities and  
mutation testing.

# Treatment

\* Injection of Missing or Non functional Clotting factors.

\* If the patient has severe deficiency (where Intrinsic production of the factor is  $\ominus$  absent or very low). [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

In this condition supplement factor can be seen as foreign by the Immune system which results in the production of antibodies that try to eliminate the Injected clotting factors which are called Inhibitors



and also sometimes cause Anaphylaxis

⇒ For Haemophilia A → Desmopressin (DDAVP)  
helpful for mild factor 8 deficiency.

Desmopressin stimulates → Von Willebrand factor released from endothelial cells.



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which promote stabilisation of residual factor 8.

\* Avoid Contact sports and certain Medications (Aspirin)