

# KHF Hemosphere

## 2024 Kentucky Unite Walk

The 11th Annual KHF Unite Walk once again did not disappoint. This Walk and Community Event celebrates the fundraising efforts of our walkers and walk teams. Twelve teams from across Kentucky and several individual walkers participated in our eleventh annual Walk at E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park.

The weather was perfect for a walk in the park. Colorful Halloween decorations awaited our walkers on this gorgeous day in October. The aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers soon filled the air to the backdrop of children's laughter and the DJ's Halloween music.

After the walk, participants enjoyed freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by Eric Marcum, board president, and Travis Price, long-term volunteer. Pumpkin painting, pinatas, balloon animals, trick or treat candies, and the costume contest entertained the many kids who came with their families.



The highlight of the walk celebration was the awards ceremony. Top teams were Team Tag and Trey's Turtles from Bowling Green in 1st place with \$7,025; Team Levi from Cynthiana in 2nd place with \$2,085; and Team XL from Louisville in 3rd place with \$1,520. Each of the top three winning team captains received an inscribed glass award. All top three team members received a medal and a commemorative KHF to-go cup.



## Study Suggests Patients Preferences Evolving Along with Treatments



In recent years, the arrival of novel hemophilia treatments that are effective and less burdensome to administer have opened up new possibilities for the consumers of these therapies. This begs the question – How might this evolving landscape be impacting treatment preferences for people with hemophilia?

Investigators sought answers to this question in a new study, “Patient and Caregiver Preferences for Haemophilia Treatments: A Discrete-Choice Experiment,” which was published in the journal *Haemophilia*. The study was informed by a literature review and a survey open to adult males with hemophilia age 18 years and older, and caregivers of teen/adult males with hemophilia age 17 years or younger.

The surveys, which were submitted online from February to April 2022, generated a sample of 151 affected adults and 151 caregiver respondents. Each respondent evaluated hypothetical hemophilia treatment profiles defined by six attributes via a discreet choice experiment (DCE). The DCE was used by the authors to quantify preferences and learn more about trade-offs individuals consider when making decisions about available treatments.

Respondents answered questions based on six attributes: number of annual spontaneous bleeds; ability to live a more active lifestyle; how a medicine is prepared/administered; frequency of administration; risk of an inhibitor; risk of hospitalization due to treatment side-effects.

The burdens of treatment administration (intravenous and subcutaneous) and storage were also explored through a best-worst (BWS) scaling exercise, used to assess an individuals’ priorities. It captures extremes including best and worst items, most and least important factors, biggest and smallest influences.

“In the BWS exercise, adult respondents and caregivers had overall similar preferences regarding the burden of treatment administration features, reported the investigators “Both samples found frequent and longer IV infusions most burdensome and a Sub-Q injection every 2 months least burdensome.”

DCE results indicated that both adult patients and caregivers preferred treatments that enabled a more active lifestyle and are associated with a lower inhibitor risk. Notably, both groups valued an active life more than reducing spontaneous bleeds.

“These findings suggest that adults with haemophilia and caregivers of children with haemophilia are willing to make tradeoffs for potential improvements in lifestyle not offered by clotting factor concentrates, bypass agents or activated factor VIII mimetics,” explained the authors.

The paper also acknowledged limitations. The sample generated from the survey included English speakers exclusively and respondents were predominantly white, highly educated. In addition, the survey was only available online, which would exclude individuals/families who do not have internet.

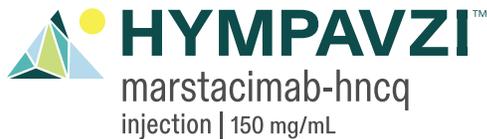
The authors posit that this study underscores the importance of a shared decision-making (SDM) approach to hemophilia care. Through SDM, healthcare providers and patients/caregivers may arrive at decisions that factor in the current treatment landscape and individual preferences.

### Citation

Garcia VC, Mansfield C, Pierce A, Leach C, Smith JC, Afonso M. Patient and caregiver preferences for haemophilia treatments: A discrete-choice experiment. *Haemophilia*. 2024 Jan 10. doi: 10.1111/hae.14928. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38198352.

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For routine prophylaxis in patients 12 years and older with hemophilia A or B without inhibitors

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## Introducing HYMPAVZI—a once-weekly subcutaneous prophylactic treatment that comes in a fixed-dose,\* prefilled pen

\*Your first dose (loading dose) of HYMPAVZI is 300 mg (two 150 mg injections). Then you will inject a weekly (maintenance) dose consisting of 1 or 2 injections as prescribed by your healthcare provider. If more than one injection is required to deliver a complete dose, administer each injection at a different injection site.

### What is HYMPAVZI?

HYMPAVZI is a prescription medicine used to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes in adults and children 12 years of age and older with hemophilia A without factor VIII inhibitors or hemophilia B without factor IX inhibitors.

It is not known if HYMPAVZI is safe and effective in children younger than 12 years old.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Important: Before you start using HYMPAVZI, it is very important to talk to your healthcare provider about using factor VIII and factor IX products** (products that help blood clot but work in a different way than HYMPAVZI). You may need to use factor VIII or factor IX medicines to treat episodes of breakthrough bleeding during treatment with HYMPAVZI. Carefully follow your healthcare provider's instructions regarding when to use factor VIII or factor IX medicines and the prescribed dose during your treatment with HYMPAVZI.

**Before using HYMPAVZI, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have a planned surgery. Your healthcare provider may stop treatment with HYMPAVZI before your surgery. Talk to your healthcare provider about when to stop using HYMPAVZI and when to start it again if you have a planned surgery.
- have a severe short-term (acute) illness such as an infection or injury.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. HYMPAVZI may harm your unborn baby.

#### Females who are able to become pregnant:

- Your healthcare provider will do a pregnancy test before you start your treatment with HYMPAVZI.
  - You should use effective birth control (contraception) during treatment with HYMPAVZI and for at least 2 months after the last dose of HYMPAVZI.
  - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant or think that you may be pregnant during treatment with HYMPAVZI.
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**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**What are the possible side effects of HYMPAVZI? HYMPAVZI may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **blood clots (thromboembolic events).** HYMPAVZI may increase the risk for your blood to clot. Blood clots may form in blood vessels in your arm, leg, lung, or head and can be life-threatening. Get medical help right away if you develop any of these signs or symptoms of blood clots: swelling or pain in arms or legs; redness or discoloration in your arms or legs; shortness of breath; pain in chest or upper back; fast heart rate; cough up blood; feel faint; headache; numbness in your face; eye pain or swelling; trouble seeing
- **allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions, including rash and itching have happened in people treated with HYMPAVZI. Stop using HYMPAVZI and get medical help right away if you develop any of the following symptoms of a severe allergic reaction: swelling of your face, lips, mouth, or tongue; trouble breathing; wheezing; dizziness or fainting; fast heartbeat or pounding in your chest; sweating

**The most common side effects of HYMPAVZI are injection site reactions, headache, and itching.**

These are not all the possible side effects of HYMPAVZI. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

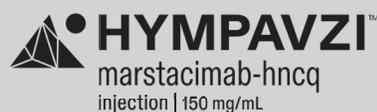
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## How should I use HYMPAVZI?

See the detailed "Instructions for Use" that comes with your HYMPAVZI for information on how to inject a dose of HYMPAVZI, and how to properly throw away (dispose of) used HYMPAVZI prefilled syringe or HYMPAVZI prefilled pen.

- Use HYMPAVZI exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
- Your healthcare provider will provide information on the treatment of breakthrough bleeding during your treatment with HYMPAVZI. **Do not** use HYMPAVZI to treat breakthrough bleeding.

## What warnings should I know about HYMPAVZI?

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- **blood clots (thromboembolic events).** HYMPAVZI may increase the risk for your blood to clot in blood vessels in your arm, leg, lung, or head and can be life-threatening. Get medical help right away if you develop any of these signs or symptoms of blood clots:
  - swelling or pain in arms or legs
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  - shortness of breath
  - pain in chest or upper back
  - fast heart rate
  - cough up blood
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- **allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions, including rash and itching have happened in people treated with HYMPAVZI. Stop using HYMPAVZI and get medical help right away if you develop any of the following symptoms of a severe allergic reaction:
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  - trouble breathing
  - wheezing
  - dizziness or fainting
  - fast heartbeat or pounding in your chest
  - sweating

## The most common side effects of HYMPAVZI are injection site reactions, including:

- itching
- swelling
- hardening
- redness
- bruising
- pain

Headache and itching were also common side effects. A serious side effect of swelling in the legs happened in one patient in the clinical trial.

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This information is not comprehensive. How to get more information:

- Talk to your health care provider or pharmacist
- Visit [www.HYMPAVZI.com](http://www.HYMPAVZI.com) to obtain the FDA-approved product labeling
- Call 1-888-HYMPAV-Z

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) or call 1-800-FDA-1088.



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# More News

## 2024 Kentucky Unite Walk Continued

The top three individual fundraisers also received an inscribed glass award. The recipients were Monica Poynter in 1st place with \$5,200; Levi & Hunter Hill in 2nd place with \$2,060; and Diane Hardman in 3rd place with \$1,295. We greatly applaud and appreciate the tremendous fundraising efforts conducted by these teams and extend our utmost thanks to them as well as to the other teams and walkers.

We also thank our sponsors who contributed so generously to our fundraising total. They were Silver Level sponsors CSL Behring and Novo Nordisk; Bronze Level sponsors Biomatrix, PhRMA, Sanofi, and Takeda; and Kilometer Sponsor Republic Bank & Trust Company. We also thank our staff and volunteers who contributed so much to the Walk's success. They were Madison Bowles, Lindsay Martin, Eric Marcum, Travis Price, Pam Price, Milton Kamala, Connie Thacker and Kayden, Laura Webb, and Patrick and Jennifer Dunegan. The Walk raised a total of \$28,257 for KHF's programs and services for Kentucky's bleeding disorders community.



## 2025 KHF Activities Calendar

- April 26** Family Day at the Louisville Zoo
- June 9** Play a Round for a Cure Golf Scramble, Glen Oaks Country Club, Prospect
- July 20-24** Camp Discovery for Children and Teens, Cedar Ridge Camp,
- Sept. 13** Summer Family Event/Annual Education Meeting, Louisville
- Oct. 18** KHF Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk at E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, Middletown
- Nov. 30** Year-End Family Event, German-American Club, Louisville
- Nov-Dec** Poinsettia Fundraiser - November and December, office pick-ups and deliveries

# Event News

## Annual Education Meeting – Summer Family Event



This event is our major education forum every year in late summer/early fall. Speakers presented cutting edge information pertinent to all attending bleeding disorders families. In 2024, topics were “Bleeding Disorders Care – Past, Present, and Future,” “Bleeds: How to Recognize and Respond,” and “Stop Waiting: Six Principles of Empowerment. Exhibitors engaged with our community and informed them of available products and services. Breakfast and lunch provided welcome interludes.

Children’s activities and door prizes rounded out the event. KHF recognized outgoing board members, Patrick Dunegan and Travis Price. Travis also received the award of outstanding volunteer for thirteen years of exceptional volunteer service and leadership as a KHF Camp Counselor. The membership elected officers for FY 24/25. They are Eric Marcum, President, Andrew Hartmans, VP/Treasurer, and Aisha Irvin, Secretary, and they welcomed Trevor Black as a new director on the KHF board. Young Leader Awards were presented for demonstrated exceptional leadership to Taylor Currie, Elijah Eke, Sam Johnson, Quinn Jackson, Marissa Johns, Izzi Woods, and Jackson Woods.



## 2024 Fall Scholarships

We awarded two \$500 Scholarships for post-secondary education. The Herb Schlaughenhaupt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Emily Wolf from Union, Kentucky. She graduated from Boone County’s Randall K. Cooper High School and was on her school’s Honor Roll all four years of high school, received multiple awards, was active in school clubs, and led several school councils. She is a freshman at the University of Kentucky with a major in Marketing and expecting to graduate with a degree in Business Administration.

The Theodore (Ted) L. Forcht Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kensey Marie Clayton. She graduated from Bethlehem High School in Bardstown and was on her school’s Honor Roll all four years of high school as well. She was active in soccer and basketball and held multiple leadership positions in school clubs and councils. She is a freshman at the University of Kentucky Lewis Honors College majoring in Finance and expecting to graduate with a degree in Finance and a Minor in International Business.



We congratulated the two recipients for their accomplishments and awards and wished them a great freshman semester.



## Gettin’ in the Game

The 2024 Gettin’ in the Game Junior Championship sponsored by CSL Behring took place in Henderson, Nevada. Children and teens from across the country gathered to compete in the disciplines of baseball, basketball, golf, and swimming.

KHF nominated two Kentucky boys, Nikolai Smith from Shepherdsville and Elias Lowrie from Bowling Green. They both stretched their wings in the baseball competition and had a “ball” doing so!



# Event News



## Poinsettia Fundraiser



We thank our faithful volunteers for helping us with our annual poinsettia fundraiser! With their help, we were able to sell more than 900 plants during the holiday season. Our primary supporters of this fundraiser are Louisville and southern Indiana churches and businesses as well as churches in Owensboro, Lebanon Junction, Shelbyville, and Lexington. We extend our gratitude to all supporters, especially Mr. & Mrs. Terry Forcht for their generous contribution and Republic Bank & Trust Company for the sizable order. Many thanks as well to our volunteers who promoted this fundraiser and took orders from family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and fellow church members. They are Brandy Fox, Emily Kinnard, Sharon McMahan, Sadalia Sturgill, Eric Marcum, Deborah Hitt, Myra Loeser, Gail Yates, and April Zimmerman for placing orders. Proceeds from the poinsettia fundraiser benefit our programs and services for Kentucky's bleeding disorders community.

## Year-End Family Event

The Year-End Family Event is a time for bleeding disorders families to get together at the German-American Club in Louisville and celebrate the season. Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere and the children's growing excitement. Bake contest, "ugly" tie contest, silent auction, door prizes, gifts for kids by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, DJ Axel's music, and delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef John Taylor contributed to a special holiday celebration.

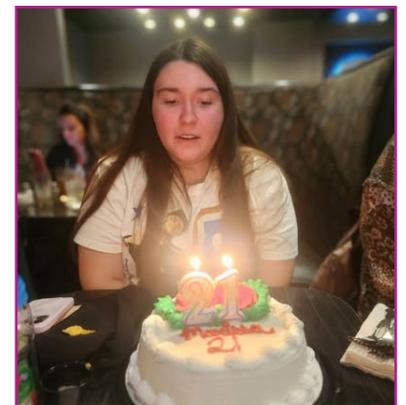


Tira Miller won the 29th Annual Bake Contest with her Pumpkin Cupcakes topped with Cream Cheese Frosting. She selected the large, two-section crockpot as her well-deserved prize. The winners of the "Ugly Tie Contest" were Emily Beard, 1st place, Nathaniel Beard, 2nd place, and 3rd place was shared by Adeline Beard and Kari Grever. These creative individuals all received a gift card for their unique contest entries.

We thank our exhibitors who sponsored this event and who helped make this wonderful celebration possible. They were Biomatrix, CSL Behring, InfuCare, Novo Nordisk, Optum Rx, Paragon Healthcare, and Sanofi. Many thanks also to our staff and day-of-event volunteers who were essential to the event's success. They were Madison Bowles, Samantha Johnson, Patrick and Jennifer Dunegan, Connie Thacker, Pam Price, Shannon Johns, and Milton Kamala.

## 2025 Spring Scholarship Award

KHF extends congratulations to its 2025 spring semester scholarship recipient! Marissa Johns of Shepherdsville was awarded the \$500 Betty Meadors Mattingly Memorial Scholarship. Marissa is on a pre-med tract at the University of Louisville majoring in Neuroscience. She expects to graduate in May 2026 and has her sights set on attending Medical School. Marissa is a member of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation's National Youth Leadership Institute and a valued counselor at KHF's Camp Discovery. The deadline to apply for a 2025 fall semester scholarship is July 15, 2025. Contact KHF for the application form at [info@kyhemo.org](mailto:info@kyhemo.org).



# More News

## 2024/2025 Donations

July 2024 – February 2025

We thank the following individuals and companies for their generous support!

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**Donors, \$2,000+**

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for Unite Walk (KHF Award)

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**Donors, \$500+**

Constellation

for Unite Walk

William Gamble

for Unite Walk

Pam Howard

for Unite Walk



**Saturday 1:22 pm**

Swinging in the backyard with mom

Evan, living with hemophilia A

Not an actual patient

## WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.

**Let's make today brilliant.**

Takeda is here to support you throughout your journey and help you embrace life's possibilities. Our focus on factor treatments and educational programs, and our dedication to the bleeding disorders community, remain unchanged. And our commitment to patients, inspired by our vision for a bleed-free world, is stronger than ever.

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injection | 60 mg | 150 mg | 300 mg pens

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## Reimagined bleed protection is now within your reach

First and only prophylaxis treatment in a prefilled, subcutaneous pen for people who have hemophilia B with inhibitors or hemophilia A with inhibitors

**Royal** lives with hemophilia B with inhibitors, uses Alhemo<sup>®</sup>, and is an employee of Novo Nordisk.



**NO**  
IV infusions



**NO**  
mixing



**NO**  
vials



**NO**  
refrigeration required<sup>a</sup>  
(up to 4 weeks after first use)

Needles provided separately and may require a prescription in some states.

<sup>a</sup>Store in refrigerator before first use. After first use, Alhemo<sup>®</sup> can be stored at room temperature below 86 °F (30 °C) or in a refrigerator at 36 °F to 46 °F (2 °C to 8 °C) for up to 4 weeks.

IV=intravenous.

### Important Safety Information

**What is the most important information I should know about Alhemo<sup>®</sup>?**

- **It is important to follow the daily dosing schedule of Alhemo<sup>®</sup> to stay protected against bleeding.** This is especially important during the first 4 weeks of treatment to make sure a correct maintenance dose is established. Use Alhemo<sup>®</sup> exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider (HCP). **Do not** stop using Alhemo<sup>®</sup> without talking to your HCP. If you miss doses or stop using Alhemo<sup>®</sup>, you may no longer be protected against bleeding
- **Your HCP may prescribe bypassing agents during treatment with Alhemo<sup>®</sup>.** Carefully follow your HCP's instructions regarding when to use on-demand bypassing agents, and the recommended dose and schedule for breakthrough bleeds

**Do not use Alhemo<sup>®</sup> if you** are allergic to concizumab-mtci or any of the ingredients in Alhemo<sup>®</sup>.

**Before using Alhemo<sup>®</sup>, tell your HCP about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- Have a planned surgery. Your HCP may stop treatment with Alhemo<sup>®</sup> before your surgery. Talk to your HCP about when to stop using Alhemo<sup>®</sup> and when to start it again if you have a planned surgery

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Alhemo<sup>®</sup> may harm your unborn baby

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- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if Alhemo<sup>®</sup> passes into your breast milk. Talk to your HCP about the best way to feed your baby during treatment with Alhemo<sup>®</sup>

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**How should I use Alhemo<sup>®</sup>?**

- Change (rotate) your injection site with each injection. **Do not** use the same site for each injection
- To determine the right maintenance dose for you, your HCP will do a blood test to check the amount of Alhemo<sup>®</sup> in your blood. Your HCP may do additional blood tests during treatment with Alhemo<sup>®</sup>
- Do not share your Alhemo<sup>®</sup> pens and needles with another person, even if the needle has been changed. You may give another person an infection or get an infection from them
- **If you miss a dose of Alhemo<sup>®</sup> during the first 4 weeks of treatment**, contact your HCP right away. Your HCP will tell you how much Alhemo<sup>®</sup> to inject

**What are the possible side effects of Alhemo<sup>®</sup>?**

**Alhemo<sup>®</sup> may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Blood clots (thromboembolic events).** Alhemo<sup>®</sup> may cause blood clots to form in blood vessels, such as in your arms, legs, heart, lung, brain, eyes, kidneys, or stomach. You may be at risk for getting blood clots during treatment with Alhemo<sup>®</sup> if you use high or frequent doses of factor products or bypassing agents to treat breakthrough bleeds, or if you have certain conditions. Get medical help right away if you have any signs and symptoms of blood clots, including: swelling, warmth, pain, or redness of the skin; headache; trouble speaking or moving; eye pain or swelling; sudden pain in your stomach or lower back area; feeling short of breath or severe chest pain; confusion; numbness in your face; and problems with your vision
- **Allergic reactions.** Alhemo<sup>®</sup> can cause allergic reactions, including redness of the skin, rash, hives, itching, and stomach-area (abdominal) pain. Stop using Alhemo<sup>®</sup> and get emergency medical help right away if you develop any signs or symptoms of a severe allergic reaction, including: itching on large areas of skin; trouble swallowing; wheezing; pale and cold skin; dizziness due to low blood pressure; redness or swelling of lips, tongue, face, or hands; shortness of breath; tightness of the chest; and fast heartbeat

**The most common side effects of Alhemo<sup>®</sup> include:** bruising, redness, bleeding, or itching at the site of injection, and hives.

Please see Brief Summary of Prescribing Information on the following page.



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### Brief Summary of information about Alhemo® (concizumab-mcti) injection

#### Rx Only

This information is not comprehensive.

- Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist
- Visit [www.novo-pi.com/alhemo.pdf](http://www.novo-pi.com/alhemo.pdf) to obtain FDA-approved product labeling
- Call 1-888-668-6732

#### What is the most important information I should know about Alhemo®?

- **It is important to follow the daily dosing schedule of Alhemo® to stay protected against bleeding.** This is especially important during the first 4 weeks of treatment to make sure a correct maintenance dose is established. Use Alhemo® exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. **Do not** stop using Alhemo® without talking to your healthcare provider. If you miss doses, or stop using Alhemo®, you may no longer be protected against bleeding.
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- Use Alhemo® exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
- Your healthcare provider will provide instructions for stopping (discontinuing) your current treatment when switching to Alhemo®.
- Inject Alhemo® 1 time a day.
- **Your healthcare provider should show you or your caregiver how to use Alhemo® before you use it for the first time.**
- Alhemo® is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection) by you or a caregiver.
- Ask your healthcare provider if you need to use a different injection technique. For example, children and people who are lean may need to inject into a pinched fold of skin to avoid injecting too deep (into the muscle).
- Change (rotate) your injection site with each injection. **Do not** use the same site for each injection.
- You will inject a larger dose (a loading dose) of Alhemo® on your first day of treatment. Then your healthcare provider will prescribe a dose to inject 1 time a day until your maintenance dose is established.
- To determine the right maintenance dose for you, your healthcare provider will do a blood test to check the amount of Alhemo® in your blood. Your healthcare provider may do additional blood tests during treatment with Alhemo®.
- Your healthcare provider will prescribe your dose based on your weight. If your weight changes, tell your healthcare provider.

#### How should I use Alhemo®? (cont'd)

- Your healthcare provider will provide information on the treatment of breakthrough bleeding during your treatment with Alhemo®.
- Do not share your Alhemo® pens and needles with another person, even if the needle has been changed. You may give another person an infection or get an infection from them.
- **If you miss a dose of Alhemo® during the first 4 weeks of treatment**, contact your healthcare provider right away. Your healthcare provider will tell you how much Alhemo® to inject.
- **If you miss a dose of Alhemo® after your daily maintenance dose is established:**
  - For 1 missed dose, continue your normal daily dose.
  - For 2 to 6 missed doses, give 2 doses as soon as you remember. Then continue your normal daily dose the next day.
  - For 7 or more missed doses, contact your healthcare provider right away as you will need to receive a new loading dose before continuing your normal daily dose.
  - If you are unsure about how much to Alhemo® to inject, contact your healthcare provider.

#### What are the possible side effects of Alhemo®?

##### Alhemo® may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Blood clots (thromboembolic events).** Alhemo® may cause blood clots to form in blood vessels, such as in your arms, legs, heart, lung, brain, eyes, kidneys, or stomach. You may be at risk for getting blood clots during treatment with Alhemo® if you use high or frequent doses of factor products or bypassing agents to treat breakthrough bleeds, or if you have certain conditions. Get medical help right away if you have any signs and symptoms of blood clots, including:
  - swelling, warmth, pain, or redness of the skin
  - feeling short of breath or severe chest pain
  - headache
  - confusion
  - trouble speaking or moving
  - numbness in your face
  - eye pain or swelling
  - problems with your vision
  - sudden pain in your stomach or lower back area
- **Allergic reactions.** Alhemo® can cause allergic reactions, including redness of the skin, rash, hives, itching, and stomach-area (abdominal) pain. Stop using Alhemo® and get emergency medical help right away if you develop any signs or symptoms of a severe allergic reaction, including:
  - itching on large areas of skin
  - redness or swelling of lips, tongue, face, or hands
  - trouble swallowing
  - shortness of breath
  - wheezing
  - tightness of the chest
  - pale and cold skin
  - dizziness due to low blood pressure
  - fast heartbeat

##### The most common side effects of Alhemo® include:

- bruising, redness, bleeding, or itching at the site of injection
- hives

These are not all the possible side effects of Alhemo®.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

#### How should I store Alhemo®?

- **Before first use:**
  - Store unused Alhemo® pens in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- **After first use:**
  - Store the Alhemo® pen in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2° to 8°C) or at room temperature below 86°F (30°C) for up to 28 days.
  - Write the date of first use in the space provided on the carton.
  - Throw away (discard) the Alhemo® pen 28 days after first opening even if some medicine is left in the pen.

- Store Alhemo® with the cap on and keep it in the original carton to protect from light.
- Do not store Alhemo® in direct sunlight and keep away from direct heat.
- When stored in the refrigerator, do not store the pen directly next to the cooling element (the part that cools the refrigerator).
- Do not freeze Alhemo®.
- Do not use Alhemo® if it has been frozen or if it has been stored above 86°F (30°C).

#### Keep Alhemo® and all medicine out of the reach of children.

#### More detailed information is available upon request.

Available by prescription only.

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*Gone from our sight but never our memories; gone from our touch but never our hearts...  
May their memory be a blessing!*

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## Do The Five

*Follow these steps to prevent or reduce complications of bleeding disorders*

1. **Get an annual comprehensive checkup at a hemophilia treatment center.**
2. **Get vaccinated – Hepatitis A and B are preventable.**
3. **Treat bleeds early and adequately.**
4. **Exercise to protect your joints.**
5. **Get tested regularly for blood-borne infections.**

To find out more about the National Prevention Program developed by the National Hemophilia Foundation in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), click on [www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org) or call toll-free 800-42-HANDI.



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