

Discussion Guide: Educating Teachers and Other School Staff

Any time a child with a bleeding disorder is introduced to a new teacher, coach or other school staff member, it is important to educate that person about the disorder.

This discussion guide can help. Together, you and your child can use it to open the lines of communication at school. This conversation will help prevent any confusion about symptoms and help staff learn what to do in an emergency.

Typical symptoms of a bleeding disorder

- Excessive bleeding after a cut or scrape
- Easy bruising

When to call a doctor or go to the emergency room

- Heavy bleeding that can't be stopped or a wound that keeps oozing blood
- Any signs of bleeding in the brain: painful headaches, neck stiffness, vomiting, sleepiness, difficulty walking, double vision, convulsions or seizures
- Limited motion, pain or swelling of any joint

Questions you might expect from school staff

Before any discussion with a school staff member, you may want to prepare answers to the following questions:

- Can you give me emergency contact information?
- What should I do if your child has a bleeding disorder emergency?
- What about minor bleeding? What first aid methods should be given?
- Are there any activities your child should not participate in?
- What kind of activities will require your child to wear protective equipment?
- What kind of protective equipment will your child need?
- Where can I find more information about your child's disorder?