Treatment of Bleeding Episodes

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Your child may experience some or all of the following:



- * Headache
- * Drowsiness
- * Nausea
- * Vomiting
- * Unsteady balance
- * Irritability
- * Confusion
- * Seizures
- * Loss of consciousness

Joint or Muscle bleed

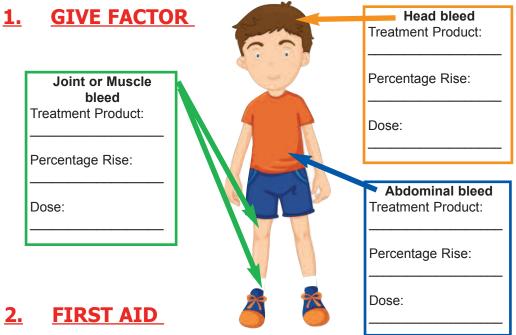
- * Tingling/tightness
- * Pain
- * Redness
- * Swelling
- * Warmth
- * Tenderness
- * Reluctance to move affected limb

Abdominal Bleed

- * Bloody, black or tar-like bowel motions
- * Red or brown urine
- * Pain
- * Vomiting of blood (blood may be red or black)

FOR OFFICE USE
Date:
Name:
MRN:
Diagnosis:
Weight:
Prophylaxis:
Frequency:
Dose:
Review Date:

HOW TO TREAT A BLEED



* MOUTH & GUM BLEEDS

- 1. If possible, apply firm continuous pressure to the bleeding site with a cold cloth for 20 minutes.
- 2. Try giving the child an ice cube or ice pop to suck on.
- 3. Administer tranexamic acid (® Cyklokapron) as prescribed.
- 4. Call the hospital if bleeding has not stopped after 20 minutes.

*** NOSE BLEEDS**

- 1. Position the child sitting with head slightly forward.
- 2. Apply continous pressure under the bridge of the nose with a cold cloth for 20 mins.
- 3. Administer tranexamic acid (® Cyklokapron) as prescribed.
- 4. If bleeding has not stopped after 20-30 mins or if bleeding profusely contact your Haemophilia Centre.

Bleeds in the following areas are especially serious & require immediate attention * HEAD * EYE * NECK * ABDOMEN * GROIN * HIP Call the Treatment Centre immediately

* MUSCLE AND JOINT BLEEDS P.R.I.C.E.

P: PROTECTION

Lower Limb: Take weight off the joint or muscle.

- Non weight bearing with strict bed rest and/or crutches.
- Upper Limb: No carrying or lifting using affected arm.
- Use arm sling with collar and cuff or triangular bandage sling.

R: REST

- Rest means rest!
- Do not allow use of the joint or muscle where possible.

I: ICE

- Regular ice packs can help with pain and reduce swelling.
- Put an ice pack over the affected area for 20 minutes. Repeat every two hours.

DO NOT leave the ice pack on for more than 20 minutes. DO NOT place ice pack directly on skin (Use a tea towel/cold pack cover)

C: COMPRESSION

• Use an elasticated bandage to compress the affected area to reduce swelling.

E: ELEVATION

- Elevate the affected limb to help reduce swelling.
- Keep the affected joint or muscle above the level of the heart.

<u>3.</u> CONTACT HOSPITAL

For all bleeding episodes contact OLCHC/CUH For contact details, please see overleaf

<u>Do not</u> give aspirin or ibuprofen to a child with a bleeding disorder <u>Do not</u> give factor or tranexamic acid (® Cyklokapron) if the child has red or black urine