



Haemophilia

haemophilia A and haemophilia B are inherited life-long bleeding disorders.

Haemophilia A or classical haemophilia is a deficiency of clotting factor VIII (8).

Haemophilia B or Christmas disease is a deficiency of clotting factor IX (9).

Without clotting factors, bleeding cannot stop.

Common Signs & Symptoms

First 2 years of life

- ▶ Haemorrhage in early infancy: from umbilicus or circumcision.
- ▶ Excessive bruising.
- ▶ Prolonged bleeding from mouth, tongue, lip, following trauma.

3 - 4 years of life

- ▶ Excessive bruising.
 - ▶ Spontaneous bleeding or bleeding following minor trauma - bleeds into soft tissues or joints.
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- ▶ Evidence of previous haemarthrosis - joint deformity, crippling.
 - ▶ Family history of bleeding.