



FOUNDATION FOR
Women & Girls
with Blood Disorders

Spring 2020 - Learn, Integrate, Collaborate

Educating Providers. Changing Lives.

Become an FWGBD Member Today!



When you become a member of the Foundation for Women & Girls with Blood Disorders, you become part of a diverse network of active healthcare professionals who have a shared commitment and are passionate about enhancing their professional education and raising awareness about the unique needs of women and girls with blood disorders. Whether you are an established physician, medical student thinking about what's next, or clinic nurse working with patients with blood disorders, FWGBD offers benefits and opportunities for healthcare professionals at every level.

FWGBD Membership Benefits for Healthcare Professionals:

- Reduced Rate at [FWGBD Biennial Conference](#) -- save \$100 off registration!
- Access to our [Ask-the-Experts Video Library](#)
- Advance notice about programs, events, and research fellowship award opportunities
- Invitation to join one or more of FWGBD's Learning Action Networks (LANs) (*Note: LAN membership is limited to healthcare professionals only and certain requirements do apply.*)
- Our quarterly newsletter ([view sample issue](#))

Please note that our current membership offerings are for healthcare professionals and members of industry. For more information, please contact membership@fwgbd.org or visit www.fwgbd.org/membership.

FWGBD 2020 Inaugural Conference

September 26-27, 2020
Arlington, VA

Join us on September 26-27, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA for the most comprehensive conference dedicated to women and girls with blood disorders. Hear experts discuss current topics and provide practice changing, evidence-based takeaways for immediate implementation.

FWGBD 2020 will bring together over 300 healthcare professionals across disciplines, all dedicated to improving the care of women and girls with blood disorders. **Plenary and breakout sessions** will dive deep in bleeding and clotting issues that impact women and girls across the lifespan, using the lenses of hematology and gynecology. From ITP to sickle cell disease, heavy menstrual bleeding to hormonal therapy, leading providers will discuss evaluation, management, and care in engaging and collaborative sessions.

Register now to receive the early bird rate -- and join as a member to receive an additional discount!



Connective Tissue Disorders and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: On Demand Webinar Recording

This is a recorded version of the webinar *Connective Tissue Disorders and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome*. This program was presented by Dr. Pamela Trapani and Dr. Sarah O'Brien, and took place on November 15, 2019.



This [state-of-the-science Webinar](#) explored the care of women and girls with connective tissue disorders, including a special focus on Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. The faculty addressed specific issues and needs that individuals with connective tissue disorders may have; differentiated between the various types of connective tissue disorders; discussed comorbidities between hypermobility and bleeding disorders; described the treatment strategies that are recommended for symptom management; and, described the importance of collaboration between disciplines for effective management and treatment.

[View Webinar](#)

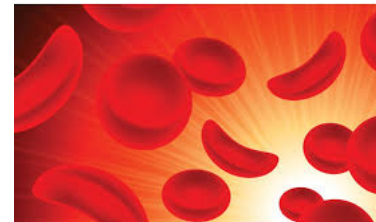
Additional on Demand Webinars

- [Caring for Transgender Individuals at Risk of Thrombosis](#)

Faculty: Dr. Barbara Konkle and Dr. Joshua Safer

Ask-the-Experts: Submit Your Questions

Ask-the-Experts is a resource for healthcare providers that enables a user to submit a question to the Foundation's Board and Medical Advisory Committee. These are researchers and educators at the top of their respective fields, and include specialists in hemostasis, thrombosis, sickle cell disease, obstetrics/gynecology, and genetic counseling.



Are you a healthcare provider and have a question? [Email us here!](#) Please note that our experts are unable to provide advice for specific patients, and are only available to answer questions from their colleagues.

Matching Grant from HCWP Still Available!

There is Still Time!

Once again, the Foundation has been awarded a dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$135,000 from the Hemophilia Center of Western Pennsylvania (HCWP).

Please help us reach our goal by making a donation today.

Your gift x 2 = doubles the education we are able to provide and doubles our impact on providers' knowledge as well as patients' lives:

\$25 = \$50 and provides enhanced access to **online resources**

\$50 = \$100 and advances providers' **knowledge** on the correct diagnosis, treatment and management of blood disorders affecting women and girls

\$100 = \$200 and supports new faculty in their **research**

\$250 = \$500 and gives a healthcare professional the chance to **collaborate** with his/her peers as part of an FWGBD Learning Action Network (LAN)

[MAKE A GIFT NOW!](#)

ASH Releases New Clinical Guidelines for VTE and ITP

ASH recently released new evidence-based guidelines on [venous thromboembolism \(VTE\)](#) and [Immune Thrombocytopenia \(ITP\)](#) to support healthcare providers in making informed care decisions for their patients.

Ten ASH [Clinical Practice Guidelines on Venous Thromboembolism](#) were released covering prophylaxis for medical patients, diagnosis, anticoagulation therapy, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, pregnancy, pediatrics, treatment, cancer, thrombophilia, and prophylaxis in surgical patients, an update to the previous recommendations.

The 2011 ASH [Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immune Thrombocytopenia](#) were updated, covering management of both adult and pediatric immune thrombocytopenia.

ASH Guidelines are developed by leading clinical, methodological, and patient experts through a rigorous process to review evidence and write actionable recommendations. Guideline panels are explicit about how recommendations were determined and open about the quality of evidence that factored into the final decision-making process.

COVID-19 Resources for the Bleeding Disorders Community Offered by Partner Organizations

In this uncertain time, FWGBD would like to share some valuable resources offered by our partner organizations for the bleeding disorders community:



HFA (Hemophilia Federation of America)

HFA has developed a detailed resource page with information and resources, including:

- Letters and statements from medical partners and industry
- Updates and product availability news
- Answers to frequently asked questions by the community
- Resources for patients on:
 - Insurance coverage concerns
 - Care or product concerns
 - Mental wellness
 - Emergency Assistance

- [Visit the HFA COVID-19 Page HERE](#)

SCDAA (Sickle Cell Disease Association of America)

The Medical and Research Advisory Committee (MARAC) at SCDAA has also provided information to our sickle cell community.

- [Visit the SCDAA Information Page HERE](#)

National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)

Every Friday, NHF's Dr. Leonard Valentino will post trusted information about the pandemic and information you can use to keep you and your family safe.

- [Visit the NHF Page HERE](#)

Additional information may also be found through these organizations leading the charge:

- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

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Stay Connected



Our Vision:

We seek to ensure that all women and girls with blood disorders are correctly diagnosed and optimally managed at every life stage.