



# THE ARTERY

The Newsletter of the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan

Spring 2013

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

What's Happening at  
HFM?

~

Parent Dinners

~

Dental Program

~

HFM Database  
Update

~

Advocacy News

~

2012 Donors

~

Camp Bold Eagle  
Receives Honor

~

Washington Days

# SpringFest

April 20-21, 2013

Bavarian Inn Lodge  
Frankenmuth, Michigan

It's that time of year again... Spring is right around the corner and that means SpringFest, HFM's annual consumer conference, is too!

If you and your family have never attended SpringFest, this is a great year to start! Many great topics will be discussed throughout the weekend. There is something for everyone: children, teens, adults, caregivers, and spouses.

The conference will kick off on Saturday morning with a plenary session:

### ***Michigan's Impact in the History of Bleeding Disorders.***

*The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan was incorporated as a chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation in 1956, making this our 57th anniversary! It's difficult to imagine the days when factor products, DDAVP and other medical treatments were non-existent. Join Dr. Jeanne Lusher, Dr. John Penner, and Sally McAlister for this fabulous session. We will review our history and progress over the years and the impact our great community has had on the families in Michigan.*

Other topics to be covered throughout the weekend include: genetics, tips for interviewing for people with chronic illnesses, discipline dilemmas, medical terminology, and a men's rap session. Saturday evening is rounded out with the annual meeting, professional awards, and family entertainment.

SpringFest is a great opportunity to network with new friends and reconnect with old ones. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of something great!

Registration forms have been sent through the mail or you can register online by going to [hfmich.org/](http://hfmich.org/) **Registration deadline is April 10th.**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HFM?



### **Derby for Dreams Polo Fields – Washtenaw in Ypsilanti Saturday, May 4 from 5:00p – 11:00p.**

Come enjoy an evening of fun, we'll have prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. Proceeds of this event benefit HFM providing services to children and families within the bleeding disorders community.

The 139th running of the Kentucky Derby will be shown LIVE on TV's. If you hold the ticket with the Win, Place or Show Kentucky Derby horse, you are eligible to win a special Run for the Roses prize. Ladies, don't forget to wear your favorite Derby Hat OR Sombrero! Does a derby hat or sombrero improve one's luck at picking a winner? Some say, "YES it certainly helps!" The evening will capture the mood and spirit of the famous Churchill Downs track while making you feel you are part of the "Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."

Admission is \$40/single and \$75/couple. Each admission includes a southern style buffet and entertainment for the evening. Everyone is encouraged to dress for the Derby. For more information, please contact Dawn at dawn@hfmich.org or visit www.hfmich.org to register now.

### **Walkin' on the Wild Side for Hemophilia Sunday, August 25, 2013 – Detroit Zoo**



HFM along with event chair, Daryl Brown, invite you to participate in our annual Walkin' on the Wild Side for Hemophilia. This family-friendly event takes place on Sunday, August 25th at the Detroit Zoo

Registration (with breakfast) begins at 7:45am; the walk starts at 8:45am. There will be entertainment, prizes, and fun for all ages. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a day at the zoo after the event ends.

\$15 per person receives all day admission to the zoo, refreshments and a Walk t-shirt. Children under 2 are free. Please keep in mind this event is a FUNDRAISER and there are costs associated with admission to the zoo, Walk t-shirts, and refreshments.

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** March is Hemophilia Awareness month. Register BEFORE 3/31 and your name will be entered in a drawing for an iPad Mini! Winner will be drawn on 4/20 at SpringFest. Winner need not be present.

**2013 DRAWING:** For every contribution of \$100 made, the individual donor's name will be entered in a drawing for 3 exciting prizes. Winners will be drawn immediately following the walk. Winners need not be present.

Donate online or mail your donations by Wednesday, August 21, 2013 to be considered for the drawing. Donations made after will NOT be included. Donate to your favorite walker, team or directly to HFM.

If you are interested in walking as individual, forming a team, volunteering or supporting Walkin' on the Wild Side for Hemophilia, please contact Dawn at dawn@hfmich.org visit www.hfmich.org to register NOW.

### **Texas Hold 'Em Nights**

Looking for a way to have fun while raising money for HFM? Why not help us sell betting chips during a Texas Hold 'Em tournaments in 2013. We are looking for volunteers at the Roundtree Bar and Grill in Ypsilanti on the following dates:

Monday, September 30 – Thursday, October 3

Sunday, November 17 – Wednesday, November 20

We need 2 volunteers per shift. 1st shift is 4:00p – 9:00p and 2nd shift is 9:00p – 2:00a

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF CAMP BOLD EAGLE CAMPERS!**

HFM will offset the expense of your child's camp fee by volunteering for two Texas Hold 'Em shifts. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact Dawn at dawn@hfmich.org or call 800-482-3041.



**Swinging for Smiles  
Charity Golf Outing  
June 3, 2013  
Polo Fields - Washtenaw**

It's almost time to shine up those clubs and head to the Polo Fields – Washtenaw in Ypsilanti for HFM's annual Swinging for Smiles Charity Golf Outing. This fun-filled event takes place on Monday, June 3rd. Proceeds go directly to HFM's Camp Bold Eagle and Eagle Outpost.

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan's camping programs continue to lead the country in camping opportunities for children and teens with bleeding disorders. Founded in 1969 by the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, Camp Bold Eagle was the first and is the oldest camp of its kind in the United States. At camp, children participate in arts and crafts, archery, outdoor recreation, swimming, music and evening programs. Additionally, health care center activities focus on each camper knowing their diagnosis and treatment and working with campers who are ready to self infuse. Camp is a unifying experience for many children with a bleeding disorder.

The actual cost of sending a child to one of these camps is over \$2,000. However, HFM never turns a child away due to financial constraints or the inability to pay. Without the generous support of our sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers, we would not be able to have this open door policy for camp.

Contact Dawn at 800-482-3041 for more information or visit [www.hfmich.org](http://www.hfmich.org) to register your team now.

**Looking for a Parent Night Out?**

**Common Grill Restaurant**

112 S. Main St. Chelsea, Michigan. 734.475.0470

Dinner and program free of charge to parents and/or family support person.  
(Please limit to two persons per family)

6:30-9:00 pm

**Tuesday May 28, 2013** at The Common Grill, Chelsea, MI-  
Dr. Steven Pipe will present

Please RSVP to UMHS-HTC @ 734-936-6393 for food and table count.

Please respect that there will be no alcoholic beverages served during this event.  
University of Michigan Hemophilia Treatment Center staff will facilitate the event.  
Events sponsored by Baxter Healthcare Corporation and UMHS Home Med

**Parent Support Dinners**

**Hemophilia Treatment Center at Children's Hospital**

**March 21st**

Understanding Private Insurance - Speaker: Michelle Rice-NHF  
Location: TBD Sponsor: PHS

**April 24th**

Medicaid/CSHCS Insurance Changes- Speaker: Debbie Whelan  
Location: TBD Sponsor: PHS

**May 23rd**

Location and topic: TBD

**June 18th**

Topic: Carriers Speaker and Location: TBD

All require reservations. For more detailed information, call: 313-745-0086  
or email at [dmerritt@dmc.org](mailto:dmerritt@dmc.org).

**HTC News**

## Thoughts From the Executive Director

As we reflect on the past year at the Foundation, we are thankful for the tremendous support (both financially and through volunteerism) that we have received to help support our mission. Your contributions convey trust and create a shared responsibility for accomplishment. We would not be able to deliver such wonderful programming without your generous support.

Now, for the exciting updates here at HFM and around the community....I would like to acknowledge all the great work that came from the World Aids Day Planning Committee and the events surrounding World Aids Day Detroit in December 2012. HFM supports this effort in partnership with Phil Kucab and all of the members on the WADD Planning Committee. The group did an absolutely wonderful job promoting the mission of 'getting to zero'-the worldwide fight against HIV transmission. Transmission of HIV via clotting factor ceased with the introduction of new techniques to treat factor products and the introduction of recombinant products in the 90's. This event helps us remember those who live with HIV in our community that were contracted with the virus decades ago from contaminated clotting factor. We believe it is important to help recognize those that have paved the way and provide a forum to help educate the community about this devastating piece of our history.

As I personally continue to immerse myself in the bleeding disorders community I am finding that in order for us to remain competitive in today's grant world we must improve our data collection process, both in quality and in quantity. With this in mind, we are asking that each of you provide us with updated demographic information for our donor and membership database as a first step in this process. You will be receiving a notice very soon from Ann LeWalk, HFM's Administrative Coordinator, regarding this request. I would like to thank each of you personally in advance for your response to this request. Having more specific demographic information about the community we serve not only allows us to better utilize the resources we have, but it also gives us the ability to use this data in its aggregate form for grant writing purposes. As always, we will follow our internal policy that confidentiality of your personal information will be strictly maintained.

I would like to also provide you with an update as it relates to our camping programs and some changes we are going through. As you know we have one of the best camps in the nation and we are very proud to be able to promote this. As we continue to look for ways to improve and expand our services with children and families it has been decided that HFM will start a new corporation that will specialize in this work. We applied for a new non-profit corporation in February and it was approved by the State. The new organizations name is HFM Camping Adventures. Basically, this new organization will be solely owned by HFM and other than its name you will not see any significant changes in terms of policies, procedures or other operations of camp. The HFM team and our Board of Directors are working diligently to establish this new corporation and we are very excited about what the future will hold. If you are interested in more information about this new initiative please do not hesitate to contact me directly (Carrie Reaume, Executive Director-734.544.0015 ext 26 or [carrie@hfmich.org](mailto:carrie@hfmich.org)).

I wanted to highlight some great news that has come to us out of our partnership with Cascade and the Delta Dental Program. We have had several people send us touching life stories about how this dental program has saved them thousands of dollars and a lot of unnecessary dental pain because they now have access to services that were not available to them before. The program provides any Michigan resident who has a bleeding disorder or who is a symptomatic carrier and is either not currently covered or is underinsured for dental services with either FREE or very reduced premiums. We have been able to assist over fifty families in the last year and still have room to help more so please share with your family and friends if you know someone that may need this assistance. You can find out more information about this wonderful resource by going to our website at [www.hfmich.org](http://www.hfmich.org) or call our office and ask for Tanya Roberson, Administrative Assistant.

On the national front there is very exciting news...National Hemophilia Foundation has partnered with several other organizations in the "MyLife Our Future-Genotyping for Progress in Hemophilia". The initiative brings together leaders from all sectors of hemophilia care to help people with hemophilia and their families gain greater control over their care by understanding their personal genetic profile and to increase knowledge about hemophilia for future generations. The program hopes to catalyze research by adding genetic data to an existing dataset under the stewardship of ATHN (American Thrombosis & Hemostasis Network). With this enhanced database, scientific research may be accelerated to identify new treatment options and, perhaps one day, a potential cure for hemophilia. To learn more about this exciting project visit [www.MyLifeOurFuture.org](http://www.MyLifeOurFuture.org) or contact Keith Hudson at NHF 917.992.4403.

Make it great!  
Yours Truly,

Carrie Reaume, Executive and Regional Director

---

# ADVOCACY NEWS

*Let your voice  
be heard!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **Lansing Day**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Our day begins at 8:00 a.m. at the HFM Office

We will take a bus to Lansing

Meet and have lunch with legislators

Return to HFM office at 4:00 p.m.

Plan to join HFM for an advocacy opportunity like no other!

For more information, please contact Ann LeWalk  
734-544-0015 or [lewalk@hfmich.org](mailto:lewalk@hfmich.org)

# A BIG THANKS

## 2012 HFM Donors

Aetna Foundation Charitable  
Giving Campaign  
Paul & Kristina Arnone  
Joseph & Cynthia Arnone  
AT & T United Way Employee Giving  
Carl & Richelle Babcock  
Jeffery Baker  
Baldwin Eye Care, PLLC  
Bank of Ann Arbor  
Julie Bartoy  
Baxter Healthcare  
BCN Services  
Beer Jarts Athletic Association  
Whitney Begeman  
Stephen and N. Michelle Bell  
William Berk & Judith Andersen  
Lynda Bianco  
Robert & Priscilla Binkowski  
Biogen Idec  
BioRx  
Gerald Biscup  
Mary Bohnhoff  
Bev Bonita & James Haakinson  
Steven & Mandi Bowen  
Janie Bray  
JoAnne Brecht  
Joan Brisbois & Katy McNerney  
Don & Karen Britt  
Daryl and Jennifer Brown  
Mary Brown  
Katherine Brown  
Patricia Brown  
Bryce and Patricia Brown  
Paul Bukowski  
Kristine Bullock  
Robert and Sharon Burcar  
David and Beverly Bydlowski  
Kimberly Cameron  
Capital Area United Way  
Caremark  
Lisa Chambers  
Greg Chiesa  
Thaddeus and Laura Chmielewski  
Mark Christian  
Danny Clark  
Susan Clark  
Con-Way Freight, Inc  
Betty Cross  
CSL Behring LLC  
Keith and Lynn Cundiff  
Gary and Claudette Cunitz  
Elaine Dadabbo  
Marie Daniels  
Rhonda David  
Kellie Davis-Patton  
Jennifer Dawson  
Barbara Dawson  
Deinco Properties, LLC

Peter and Christina Deininger  
Rolf and Ingrid Deininger  
Richard and Mildred Demers  
Amy & Jay Denton  
Marsha Derose  
Ryan Dougherty  
Dowding Real Estate, LLC  
Dennis Downie  
Downriver Wanderers  
Classic Car Club  
Anne Duffourc  
Kristina Dybowski  
Easton Sports Development  
Foundation  
John and Jane Eckman  
Estral Beach Fire Department  
Brad Evans  
Karen Failing  
Family Doc's Clinic  
Jennifer Faunce  
Suzanne Faunce  
Sherman & Dorothy Faunce  
Jenina Felici  
Jean Femmineo  
Robert Fenton  
Gilbert Ferguson  
Virginia Fette  
Five Below, Inc  
Casey & Mary Forrest  
Freedman, Wagner, Tabakman  
& Weiss  
James & Mary Alyce Gaffke  
Louis Galasso  
Gannett Company  
Mary Jane Geiser  
Gerber Foundation  
Gary and Shelley Gerson  
Francis & Pamela Glinski  
Michael Gluck  
J. Erich Goetz  
Dana Goldberg  
Lonnie Grantham  
John Gray  
William and Vicky Gretzler  
Brian Griffin  
Grifols  
Judith Griswold  
Groesbeck Group, LLC  
David Gulau  
Carl Guyatt  
Robert Hale  
Elizabeth Hall  
Sarah Hamilton  
Gerard Hammerschmidt  
Ivan and Margaret Harner  
Donna Harris  
Wyatt Hazlett  
Robyn Herron

Cheryl & Richard Holland  
Joan Hopkins  
Robert Hopper  
Ron & Glenda Horvath  
Beverly Hothem  
Patrick and Valerie Houle  
Twayne Howard  
Jean Huebner  
Christy Huff  
Michael Huggler  
Penny Isenbergh  
Jeffrey & Tracy Jackson  
Holly James  
Regina Jarandilla  
Narendran Jayaraman  
Jeffrey Lance Abood PC  
Barbara Jennings  
Dennis Johnston  
JP Morgan Chase  
Just Give  
Ellen Kachalsky  
Suzanne & Jason Kapica  
Kedrion, USA  
Allen & Janet Kennedy  
John Kennedy  
Paula and Tim Kilts  
Dana & Irene Kilts  
James King  
Brad & Wendy Kirt  
Kiwanis Club of Sterling Heights  
Kiwanis Club of Warren  
Gail Klebig  
Margaret Koczynski  
William and Linda Koenig  
Allan Kucab & Amy Hepper  
Beverly Kutchey  
Sheldon & Joanne Labret  
John Lardin & David Curtiss  
Law Office of Gady S. Alaoui PC  
Law Office of John C. Elkhoury PC  
Law Office of Ryan D. Zemke  
Law Offices of Paul Misukewicz  
Law Offices of Sandy Jarbou, PLLC  
Law Offices of Sherrie Detzler, PLLC  
Andrew & Elizabeth Lawrence  
Dan & Sue Lerch  
Ann LeWalk  
Bernard Lewis, DDS  
Chris Liddell  
Francis & Patricia Lieder  
Helmut Linsgeseder  
Gloria Longo  
Virginia Lowe  
Shari and David Luckey  
Cindy Lyons  
Cedric Macon  
Patricia Maldonado  
Helen Malek

# Thank You For Your Support

Laura Marji  
Edward McGrath  
Michael McGrath  
Joan Mulcahy  
Diane McIntyre  
Jon and Kasey McKanna  
John McKelvey  
Judy McQuillen  
Medco Health Solutions, Inc  
Mary Lou Metzger  
Laky & Carol Michaelides  
Paul Miller  
Richard & Renee Moeller  
Derrick Mohammed  
Vincent & Sharlene Morgante  
Matthew Morris  
Munk & Associates Orthodontics, PLLC  
Nicole Nag  
James Neal  
Cynthia Norko  
Novo Nordisk  
Jeffrey & Theresa Nurmi  
Paavo & Nancy Nurmi  
Mary Nyhuis  
Nick and Jessica Odette  
Cathy & Don Odette  
Beverly Onyskow  
Order of Alhambra  
Carol Pates  
Alice Peterson  
Pfizer Foundation  
Pfizer Inc.  
Mary Pilon  
Pirrone Family Foundation  
Janet Ploeger  
Frederick & Alison Quitmeyer  
Madvhi Rajpurkar  
Raymond James Charitable  
Razoo Foundation  
Harry Reaume  
Dale and Dolores Reaume  
Carrie Reaume  
Richard and Margaret Reed  
Terry Reuer  
Sherri Revard  
Tim and Lynn Richardson  
William and Beverly Richardson  
Right at Home of SE Michigan  
Rodgers Chevrolet, Inc  
Rogers Equipment Co.  
Agnes Roskam  
Terry Rowland  
Patricia Sales  
Sally Salter  
Jason & Diane Sassak  
Theo & Laurie Savage  
Jeff Schell  
Gregg Schickling  
Jill Schloff  
Melissa Schook  
Amanda Schulz

M.A. Semaan  
Emil Semaan  
Kevin Seyfried  
Yatrik & Veronica Shah  
Lauren Shellenberger  
Kenneth Sherman  
Kymberly Shinneman  
Kristine Sinauskas  
Cynthia Slatten  
Catharine Smith  
Snook's Butcher Shoppe  
Barbara Spaid  
SPOOF Impersonators Show  
Spook Tech II  
State Bar of MI Young Lawyers Council  
William and Sarah Steele  
Doug & Keri Stewart  
Kenneth Strine  
David & Linda Sysko  
John Szczepaniuk  
James and Tammy Taylor  
The Youth Foundation of America  
Judith Thul  
Patrick Tomlinson  
Cynthia Tomlinson  
Spyro Tourkakis  
Towner & Towner  
True Worship Church  
Jeffrey Tumidanski  
Edith Tuttle-Gutowski  
Patricia Twitchell  
UAW Local 3000  
United Way for Southeastern MI  
United Way of Jackson County  
United Way of SE Pennsylvania  
University of Michigan  
Utica Van Dyke Towing  
Lorna Van Washenova  
Laurie Vandevelde  
Charles Vanheest  
Christopher Vornheder  
Jennifer Wakefield  
Kelly Walsh  
Warren Rotary Club  
John and Joanne Werner  
Tim Wicks  
Diane Wilks  
James and Linda Wilson  
Barry Wolf  
Mollie Wood  
Pauline Wylie  
Casimer & Dolores Zakrzewski  
Carol & Paul Zalenski  
Eleanor & Joseph Zardis  
Arthur & Cheryl Zipay Zelenak  
Timothy Zimkiewicz  
Arthur & Cheryl Zipay Zelenak  
Timothy Zimkiewicz  
Leon and Sandra Zimkiewicz  
Elizabeth Zimkiewicz

## World AIDS Day Detroit 2012 Donors

Affirmations  
AIDS Partnership Michigan  
Mary Albertson  
Ward Battjes  
Max Fisher  
Fund for Medical Research and Education  
Katharine Gordon  
Health Emergency Lifeline Programs  
Henry Ford Health System  
Nancz Jansen  
Jamie Kersey  
Ghazala Khan  
Ted Kucab  
Lindsay Maas  
Michael Mirto  
Lynda Misra  
Andy Monks  
Motivus Healthcare, Inc  
Network for Good  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
Northern Ohio Hemophilia Foundation  
Adewunmi Nuga  
Marian Pandzich  
Victoria Patton  
Kathryn Poupore  
Proctor Financial, Inc  
Results Educational Fund, Inc  
Ruth Ellis Center  
Steppin' Out  
Wayne State University  
Rory Williams  
World Federation of Hemophilia





## Camp Bold Eagle Receives National Recognition

Camp Bold Eagle was awarded the 'permit to build a brighter future' award at this year's NACCHO (North American Camping Conference of Hemophilia) conference. It was awarded to our camp and staff for helping lay the foundation for transitional leadership programs that will nurture future leaders.

Congratulations to Tim Wicks and all of the staff who have devoted their careers and volunteer hours to our wonderful camps!!

### HFM STAFF

#### Executive Director

Carrie Reaume, LMSW, CAADC

#### Regional Coordinator

Suzanne Kapica, MA, LPC

#### Client Services Coordinator

Colleen Joiner, LMSW

#### Youth and Education Coordinator

Tim Wicks

#### Special Events Coordinator

Dawn Evans

#### Administrative Coordinator/Editor

Ann LeWalk, MA, LLPC

#### Administrative Assistant

Tanya Roberson

Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan  
1921 W. Michigan Ave  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
734-544-0015 or 800-482-3041(MI)  
www.hfmich.org

- A D V E R T I S E M E N T -

*Sign up today for a*  
**FREE TRIAL PROGRAM**  
FROM BAYER HEALTHCARE



For more information, visit [BayerFreeTrial.com](http://BayerFreeTrial.com) or call **1-866-329-3449**

(Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, ET).

*Enroll today for up to*  
**SIX FREE DOSES OF FACTOR\***

**\* SUBJECT TO APPROVAL. TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY.**

©2012 Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. All rights reserved. BAYER and the Bayer Cross are registered trademarks of Bayer. 04/12 KNI00000612



# HFM Joins NHF for Washington Days

At the end of February, a Michigan contingent of 5 attended NHF Washington Days. HFM sponsored a couple: Kim and Lynn Allen of Ypsilanti to attend. Along with the Allens were HFM Staff members Carrie Reaume and Ann LeWalk; Travis Albright, a University of Michigan student who is currently interning in Washington, also joined them.



Participants attended advocacy training sessions prior to the meetings where they were provided with materials to leave with legislators. The group attended 6 appointments with legislators or their staffers. While they were not able to get a commitment from anyone to co-sponsor the bill, many legislators expressed a genuine interest in supporting the advocacy efforts.

This year's Washington Days participants advocated for:

- Continued funding for the federal hemophilia programs through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau. These programs provide funding for outreach and prevention, as well as HTC surveillance and other services. As budget issues dominate Congressional activity (see here for a primer on current debate), we will emphasize the importance of these programs and the threat that further cuts to the programs could pose to patient care.
- Additional co-sponsors for the Patients' Access to Treatments Act, legislation that would reduce out-of-pocket expenses on drugs covered under specialty tiers (tier 4). The bill will prevent private insurers from requiring greater cost sharing, through higher co-payment and/or co-insurance, for drugs in specialty tiers than for other nonpreferred drugs. This bipartisan legislation would benefit people with bleeding disorders and many others with high drug costs.

Additional material on Washington Days advocacy, including fact sheets and talking points, can be found on the NHF website in the Washington Days section ([www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org)).

**Quality**

**Safety**

**Innovation**

**Therapies**

**Patients**

**Life**

At CSL Behring  
**Innovation leads the way**  
Committed to making a difference in patients' lives

As the industry leader in coagulation therapies, CSL Behring offers the most extensive portfolio of coagulation products for patients with factor deficiencies, including F1, FVIII, FIX, FXIII, and von Willebrand factor. And we continue to broaden our efforts with a number of recombinant factor therapies in development, including rFVIII, rFVIIa, rFIX, and rVWF.

For more information about our factor products for hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and other rare bleeding disorders, or to learn about our innovative patient programs, please visit [www.cslbehring.com](http://www.cslbehring.com) or call consumer affairs at 1-888-508-6978.

©2012 CSL Behring LLC 1030 First Avenue, PO Box 61501, King of Prussia, PA 19406-0901 USA  
[www.CSLBehring-us.com](http://www.CSLBehring-us.com) MTL07-12-0001 7/2012

**CSL Behring**  
Biotherapies for Life™

**xyntha<sup>®</sup> solofuse<sup>®</sup>**

**Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant),  
Plasma/Albumin-Free**

***Prefilled for  
fast and easy  
ALL-IN-ONE  
reconstitution.***

Available in:



250 IU



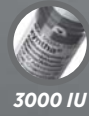
500 IU



1000 IU



2000 IU



3000 IU



***Get a 1-month supply up  
to 20,000 IU of XYNTHA  
at no cost to you—***

talk to your health care provider to see if  
XYNTHA<sup>®</sup> SOLOFUSE<sup>®</sup> is right for you.  
One-time offer.\*

**Terms and Conditions can be found at  
[FreeTrialXyntha.com](http://FreeTrialXyntha.com)**

\* You must be currently covered by a private (commercial) insurance plan. If you are not eligible for the XYNTHA Trial Prescription Program, you may find help accessing Pfizer medicines by contacting Pfizer's RSVP program at 1-888-327-RSVP (7787).

**What is XYNTHA?**

Xyntha<sup>®</sup> Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant), Plasma/Albumin-Free is indicated for the control and prevention of bleeding episodes in patients with hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency or classic hemophilia) and for surgical prophylaxis in patients with hemophilia A.

XYNTHA does not contain von Willebrand factor and, therefore, is not indicated in von Willebrand's disease.

**Important Safety Information for XYNTHA**

• Call your healthcare provider or go to the emergency department right away if you have any of the following symptoms because these may be signs of a serious allergic reaction: wheezing, trouble breathing, chest tightness, turning blue (look at lips and gums), fast heartbeat, swelling of the face, faintness, rash, or hives. XYNTHA contains trace amounts of hamster protein. You may develop an allergic reaction to these proteins. Tell your healthcare provider if you have had an allergic reaction to hamster protein.

- Call your healthcare provider right away if bleeding is not controlled after using XYNTHA; this may be a sign of an inhibitor, an antibody that may stop XYNTHA from working properly. Your healthcare provider may need to take blood tests to monitor for inhibitors.
- The most common adverse reaction in the safety and efficacy study is headache (24% of subjects) and in the surgery study is fever (43% of subjects). Other common side effects of XYNTHA include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or weakness.
- XYNTHA is an injectable medicine administered by intravenous (IV) infusion. You may experience local irritation when infusing XYNTHA after reconstitution in XYNTHA<sup>®</sup> SOLOFUSE<sup>®</sup>.

**Please see brief summary of full Prescribing Information.**

*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.*

**Wyeth<sup>®</sup>** Manufactured by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
RUS499814-01 © 2012 Pfizer Inc. All rights reserved.

Marketed by Pfizer Inc.  
Printed in USA/September 2012





**Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant),  
Plasma/Albumin-Free**



**Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant),  
Plasma/Albumin-Free**

R<sub>x</sub> only

**Brief Summary**

See package insert for full Prescribing Information, including patient labeling. For further product information and current patient labeling, please visit XYNTHA.com or call Wyeth Pharmaceuticals toll-free at 1-800-934-5556.

Please read this Patient Information carefully before using XYNTHA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical problems or your treatment.

**What is XYNTHA?**

XYNTHA is an injectable medicine that is used to help control and prevent bleeding in people with hemophilia A. Hemophilia A is also called classic hemophilia.

XYNTHA is not used to treat von Willebrand's disease.

**What should I tell my healthcare provider before using XYNTHA?**

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if XYNTHA may harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding. It is not known if XYNTHA passes into your milk and if it can harm your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider and pharmacist about all of the medicines you take, including all prescription and non-prescription medicines, such as over-the-counter medicines, supplements, or herbal remedies.

XYNTHA contains trace amounts of hamster proteins. You should not use XYNTHA if you are allergic to hamster protein.

**How should I infuse XYNTHA?**

**Step-by-step instructions for infusing with XYNTHA are provided at the end of the complete Patient Information leaflet.** The steps listed below are general guidelines for using XYNTHA. Always follow any specific instructions from your healthcare provider. If you are unsure of the procedures, please call your healthcare provider before using.

**Call your healthcare provider right away if bleeding is not controlled after using XYNTHA.** Your body can also make antibodies against XYNTHA (called "inhibitors") that may stop XYNTHA from working properly. Your healthcare provider may need to take blood tests from time to time to monitor for inhibitors.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you take more than the dose you should take.

Talk to your healthcare provider before traveling. Plan to bring enough XYNTHA for your treatment during this time.

**What are the possible or reasonably likely side effects of XYNTHA?**

Common side effects of XYNTHA are

- headache
- fever
- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- weakness

**Call your healthcare provider or go to the emergency department right away if you have any of the following symptoms because these may be signs of a serious allergic reaction:**

- wheezing
- difficulty breathing
- chest tightness
- turning blue (look at lips and gums)
- fast heartbeat
- swelling of the face
- faintness
- rash
- hives

Talk to your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**How should I store XYNTHA?**

Do not freeze.

Protect from light.

**XYNTHA Vials**

Store XYNTHA in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Store the diluent syringe at 36° to 77°F (2° to 25°C).

XYNTHA can last at room temperature (below 77°F) for up to 3 months. If you store XYNTHA at room temperature, carefully write down the date you put XYNTHA at room temperature, so you will know when to either put it back in the refrigerator, use it immediately, or throw it away. There is a space on the carton for you to write the date.

If stored at room temperature, XYNTHA can be returned one time to the refrigerator until the expiration date. Do not store at room temperature and return it to the refrigerator more than once. Throw away any unused XYNTHA after the expiration date.

Infuse XYNTHA within 3 hours of reconstitution. You can keep the reconstituted solution at room temperature before infusion, but if you have not used it in 3 hours, throw it away.

Do not use reconstituted XYNTHA if it is not clear to slightly opalescent and colorless.

Dispose of all materials, whether reconstituted or not, in an appropriate medical waste container.

**XYNTHA SOLOFUSE**

Store in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C).

XYNTHA SOLOFUSE can last at room temperature (below 77°F) for up to 3 months. If you store XYNTHA SOLOFUSE at room temperature, carefully write down the date you put XYNTHA SOLOFUSE at room temperature, so you will know when to throw it away. There is a space on the carton for you to write the date.

Throw away any unused XYNTHA SOLOFUSE after the expiration date.

Infuse within 3 hours after reconstitution or after removal of the grey rubber tip cap from the prefilled dual-chamber syringe. You can keep the reconstituted solution at room temperature before infusion, but if it is not used in 3 hours, throw it away.

Do not use reconstituted XYNTHA if it is not clear to slightly opalescent and colorless.

Dispose of all materials, whether reconstituted or not, in an appropriate medical waste container.

**What else should I know about XYNTHA?**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed here. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have any concerns. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about XYNTHA that was written for healthcare professionals.

Do not share XYNTHA with other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have.

This brief summary is based on the Xyntha® [Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant), Plasma/Albumin-Free] Prescribing Information LAB-0516-3.0, revised 06/12, and LAB-0500-7.0, revised 06/12.



Manufactured by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.

RUS477227-01 © 2012 Pfizer Inc. All rights reserved.

Marketed by Pfizer Inc.



Printed in USA/June 2012



Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan  
1921 W. Michigan Avenue  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197  
734-544-0015 / 800-482-3041  
www.hfmich.org

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Ypsilanti, MI  
Permit No. 970

#### HFM Mission Statement

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan strives to improve the quality of life for all people affected by hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, other coagulation disorders and related complications, including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

---

## THE ARTERY

### Upcoming Events

World Hemophilia Day - April 17, 2013  
(see [www.wfh.org/whd](http://www.wfh.org/whd). for more information )

~

SpringFest - April 20-21, 2013 - Bavarian Inn - Frankenmuth

~

Derby for Dreams - May 4, 2013 - Polo Fields Washtenaw

~

Lansing Day - May 15, 2013

~

Golf Outing - June 3, 2013 - Polo Fields Washtenaw

~

Eagle Outpost - June 23-29, 2013

~

Camp Bold Eagle - Session I - July 14-18, 2013  
- Session II - July 20-27, 2013

~

Eagle Expedition - July 31 - August 8, 2013

For more information about HFM events, visit our website: [www.hfmich.org](http://www.hfmich.org) or call 1-800-482-3041