## CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 08/2015

### FROM: Medical Director


### SUBJECT: Patients with haemophilia

- Patients with haemophilia, irrespective of their presenting complaint (ie not just haemorrhage) that are within a 60 minute transport time of a designated Haemophilia Treatment Centre should be brought directly to the Emergency Department of that Centre, bypassing other hospitals.
- All such patients should be pre-alerted to the receiving Centre
- Haemophilia Treatment Centres are:
  - St James’s Hospital, Dublin
  - Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children, Dublin
  - Cork University Hospital
  - University Hospital Galway

### RATIONALE:

Patients with haemophilia benefit from treatment in a centre with specific expertise in the treatment of bleeding disorders. Sometimes in haemophiliacs, bleeding complications may present without obvious signs or symptoms of haemorrhage.

### EFFECTIVE FROM:

October 29th 2015

### EFFECTIVE TO:

Indefinite

### QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:

Education and Competency Assurance Officer.

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