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# Purpose of this document

The Australian Bleeding Disorders Registry (ABDR) is a clinical registry for patients in Australia with bleeding disorders. It is used daily by clinicians in all Australian Haemophilia Treatment Centres (HTCs) to assist in managing the treatment of people with bleeding disorders and to gain a better understanding of the incidence and prevalence of bleeding disorders. Patients also contribute data to ABDR through the MyABDR app, which allows patients to record home treatments and bleeds.

This Annual Report summarises patient and product data from ABDR and other National Blood Authority (NBA) sources to provide a high-level overview of who has bleeding disorders, how they are treated and what products are used. This report may be of interest to clinicians providing care to patients, patient community organisations and government organisations.

For more information see [www.blood.gov.au](http://www.blood.gov.au).

# 2021-22 – Patients and Products Snapshot

There were 7,402 patients active in ABDR as at 30 June 2022. Just over 35% of patients have hereditary haemophilia A (HMA), followed by 34.8% with hereditary von Willebrand Disease (VWD).

## Patients

	HMA (Hereditary)	HMB (Hereditary)	VWD (Hereditary)	Acquired and Other
Number of patients	2,621	622	2,577	1,582
Number of severe patients	742	113	153	
Patients who received any product	1,110	251	262	130
Percentage of all ABDR patients	35.4%	8.4%	34.8%	21.4%



Bleeding disorder type and severity are the main determinants of whether a patient will require treatment with FVIII and FIX clotting factor products. In 2021-22, almost 70% of total FVIII and FIX product was used by patients with HMA. Efficizumab (Hemlibra) use by patients with HMA increased significantly, accounting for the decrease in FVIII use. Further details are provided later in this report.

## Products

	HMA (Hereditary)	HMB (Hereditary)	VWD (Hereditary)	Acquired and Other
Factor FVIII or Factor IX (IU)	90,681,835 (FVIII)	31,068,450 (FIX)	8,472,000 (FVIII)	90,000 (FVIII)
FEIBA (IU)	631,000			14,000
rFVIIa (NovoSeven) (mg)	2,453	1,000		12,668
% of total FVIII & FIX IUs	69.6%	23.8%	6.5%	0.1%





## Overall demand for clotting factors in 2021-22

Increased from 10.7% in 2020-21

11.1% of total cost of blood and blood products



## Demand for factor VIII

Decreased by 37.2% from 2020-21

→ Mostly due to increased use of emicizumab

- Recombinant VIII decreased by 37.3%
- Plasma derived FVIII decreased by 36.6%



## Demand for factor IX

Increased by 11.8%

- Recombinant FIX increased by 11.9%
- Plasma derived FIX increased by 2.7%

Source: NBA Annual Report 2021-22

# Treatment of bleeding disorders in Australia

In Australia, and for the purposes of this report, bleeding disorders are grouped as set out in Table 1. There are also some patients with Fibrinogen and Vascular disorders. Patient numbers by disorder are provided later in this report. More detail on disorders and grouping is included at Appendix A: Bleeding Disorders.

TABLE 1 - MAJOR BLEEDING DISORDERS AND THEIR CAUSE

Disorder group	Cause
Haemophilia A	Deficiency of Factor VIII
Haemophilia B	Deficiency of Factor IX
von Willebrand Disease	Deficiency, or dysfunction, of von Willebrand Factor
Other Factor deficiencies	Deficiency of other coagulation factors
Platelet Disorder	Inherited deficiency of effective platelet function

## Types of haemophilia

- The most common type of haemophilia is Haemophilia A. This means the person does not have enough clotting Factor VIII (factor eight).
- Haemophilia B is less common. A person with Haemophilia B does not have enough Factor IX (factor nine). The symptoms are the same for people with Haemophilia A and B; that is, they bleed for a longer time than normal.

## Severity

Haemophilia A and B are classified according to their severity, as this informs the treatment regimens required. The definitions of severity that are applied within ABDR are listed in Table 2<sup>1,2</sup>. Definitions of severity for VWD and other coagulation factor deficiencies are not standardised.

TABLE 2 - SEVERITY AND CONCENTRATION OF CLOTTING FACTORS

Severity	Clotting factor level	Bleeding episodes
Severe	<0.01 IU/ml (<1% of normal)	Spontaneous bleeding into joints or muscles, predominantly in the absence of identifiable haemostatic challenge
Moderate	0.01 – 0.05 IU/ml (1–5% of normal)	Occasional spontaneous bleeding; prolonged bleeding with minor trauma or surgery
Mild	0.05 – 0.40 IU/ml (5–<40% of normal)	Severe bleeding with major trauma or surgery; spontaneous bleeding is rare

Mild conditions may require no treatment or treatment only under special circumstances, such as surgery. More severe conditions may require regular interventions. Treatment may occur in hospital or other medical facilities, or at home. The treatments may be regular and preventative (prophylaxis), or on

<sup>1</sup> Srivastava A, Santagostino E, Dougall A, et al. WFH Guidelines for the Management of Hemophilia, 3rd edition. Haemophilia. 2020; 26(Suppl 6): 1-158. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hae.14046>

<sup>2</sup> Normal concentration of Factor VIII or IX is defined as 100% or one unit of Factor VIII activity per ml of plasma - 100 U/dL (Kasper, CK 2004, Hereditary plasma clotting factor disorders and their management. Treatment of Hemophilia Monograph Series, No. 4, World Federation of Hemophilia, Montreal, Canada). Levels of FVIII above 40% are usually considered sufficient for normal haemostasis.

demand (when a bleed occurs). In some patients, therapy is complicated when their body develops inhibitors that destroy the replacement clotting factors and other treatment is necessary.

Often the treatments involve providing replacement for the missing or defective clotting factors. Products used include plasma derived and recombinant clotting factors, cryoprecipitate and Desmopressin (1-desamino-8-D-arginine vasopressin; DDAVP) which can stimulate the release of Factor VIII and von Willebrand Factor from stores in the body (this is not used in Haemophilia B or Factor IX deficiency).

Treatment of patients with bleeding disorders is managed through Haemophilia Treatment Centres (HTC). See Appendix B: Haemophilia Treatment Centres for details about the roles and services provided by HTCs.

## The Australian Bleeding Disorders Registry (ABDR)

Patient details are captured in ABDR to enable health care and support staff to monitor and manage treatment over time from a single point of reference.

ABDR is subject to robust governance and privacy arrangements and has been endorsed by both the Haemophilia Foundation Australia (HFA) and the Australian Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation (AHCDO).

### Endorsement from Haemophilia Foundation Australia

*Haemophilia Foundation Australia supports the ABDR. It helps doctors and other treating health professionals to understand more about the care and treatment needs of people affected by bleeding disorders. The ABDR will assist and guide planning to ensure treatment product is available when it is needed. We are confident the steps in place will mean accurate, reliable and confidential data is available and that no patient details can be identified outside haemophilia centres.*

[www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au)

### Endorsement from Australian Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation

*The ABDR is a valuable tool that provides a summary of those affected with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders in Australia. Data from the ABDR is the best information available for clinicians to advise governments making policy decisions regarding treatment needs and product availability.*

*National statistics available through the ABDR will give AHCDO an overview of practice and allow opportunities for improvement. This data can be pooled to compare Australian treatment standards with international benchmarks. The ABDR will continue to provide the ability to assess quality of life and other important clinical questions arising across Australia.*

*AHCDO's partnership on this initiative with the National Blood Authority, Haemophilia Foundation Australia and other specialist health professional groups is vital to the pursuit of excellence in clinical treatment practices.*

[www.ahcdo.org.au](http://www.ahcdo.org.au)

For more details about the history of ABDR and the privacy and governance arrangements which apply to data in ABDR, please see Appendix C: About ABDR.



# Patients

Table 3 shows the numbers of patients in ABDR and the numbers of patients who received products during the years 2017-18 to 2021-22.

TABLE 3 - NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE REGISTRY AND TREATED BY BROAD DIAGNOSIS

Diagnosis	Number in ABDR Registry					Number who received product				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
<b>Hereditary</b>										
HMA	2,302	2,372	2,449	2,529	2,621	1,040	1,104	1,083	1,117	1,110
HMB	541	558	585	601	622	227	247	235	253	251
vWD	2,146	2,221	2,324	2,460	2,577	239	307	273	312	262
<b>Acquired</b>										
HMA	74	78	92	90	114	12	15	12	15	17
HMB	<5	<5	<5							
vWD	27	32	34	33	35	5	10	9	7	16
<b>Other Diagnoses</b>										
Other	162	181	195	233	245	12	18	12	16	9
Other Factor Deficiency	449	469	510	557	596	51	58	49	67	64
Platelet Disorder	302	323	355	380	408	8	22	19	14	<5
Vascular	7	7	8	8	9					
Fibrinogen Disorder	91	113	133	149	175	13	23	14	23	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>7,402</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>1,753</b>

Notes: Included in the table are patients active as at 30 June 2022. ABDR allows for a diagnosis of 'Other' to be recorded for patients with rare and less prevalent disorders or difficult to classify disorders eg mild vWD.

Table 4 shows the incidence statistics for Australia compared with other countries from the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) Annual Global Survey 2021 published in 2022. The full survey can be found at <https://wfh.org/research-and-data-collection/>.

TABLE 4 - INCIDENCE STATISTICS FROM WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA GLOBAL SURVEY 2021

Country	Population	HMA/ HMB	vWD	OBD	HMA/HMB per 100,000	VWD per 100,000	OBD per 100,000	Factor VIII per capita
Australia	25,739,256	2,910	2,460	1,064	11.31	9.56	4.13	6.18
New Zealand	5,122,600	738	625	683	14.41	12.20	13.33	
UK	67,326,569	8,671	11,341	12,884	12.88	16.84	19.14	6.33
USA	331,893,745	18,398	13,535	10,173	5.54	4.08	3.07	5.38
Canada	38,246,108	4,050	4,901	2,638	10.59	12.81	6.90	7.77
France	67,499,343	9,464	3,306	1,388	14.02	4.90	2.06	5.37
Sweden	10,415,811	1,033	962		9.92	9.24		9.82
Germany	83,129,285	4,548	5,364	2,906	5.47	6.45		7.71
South Africa	60,041,996	2,419	671	232	4.03	1.12	0.39	1.04
Japan	125,681,593	6,909	1,490	471	5.50	1.19	0.37	5.17

Note this data will match last year's ABDR Annual Report (2020-21), not this current report.

Prevalence of haemophilia A (HMA) varies considerably among countries, including among the wealthiest of countries<sup>3</sup>. Prevalence data is extremely valuable information for planning by national healthcare agencies in setting priorities and allocating resources for the treatment of bleeding disorders.

<sup>3</sup> Stonebraker JS, Bolton-Maggs PHB, Soucie JM, Walker I, Brooker M. (2010). A study of variations in the reported hemophilia A prevalence around the world. *Haemophilia* 16(1): 20–32.

# Products

The NBA is charged with providing an adequate, safe, secure and affordable supply of blood products, blood-related products and blood-related services in Australia; and promoting safe, high-quality management and use of blood products, blood-related products and blood-related services in Australia.

A key element in ensuring security of supply of products for the treatment of bleeding disorders is the NBA's role in developing, coordinating and monitoring the annual national supply plan and budget, including obtaining annual approval from health ministers. Details on national supply and demand trends over time can be found in Appendix D: National Supply of Products.

Figure 1 shows the total issues and market shares for recombinant FVIII products from 2017-18 to 2021-22 and illustrates the changes that have occurred during that period. These changes were brought about by new national supply arrangements, with extended half-life (EHL) products added to the mainstream product offering (these were previously trial products). New supply contracts commenced on 1 July 2020, providing further efficiencies in supply and cost. A brief history of the availability of products is at Appendix D.

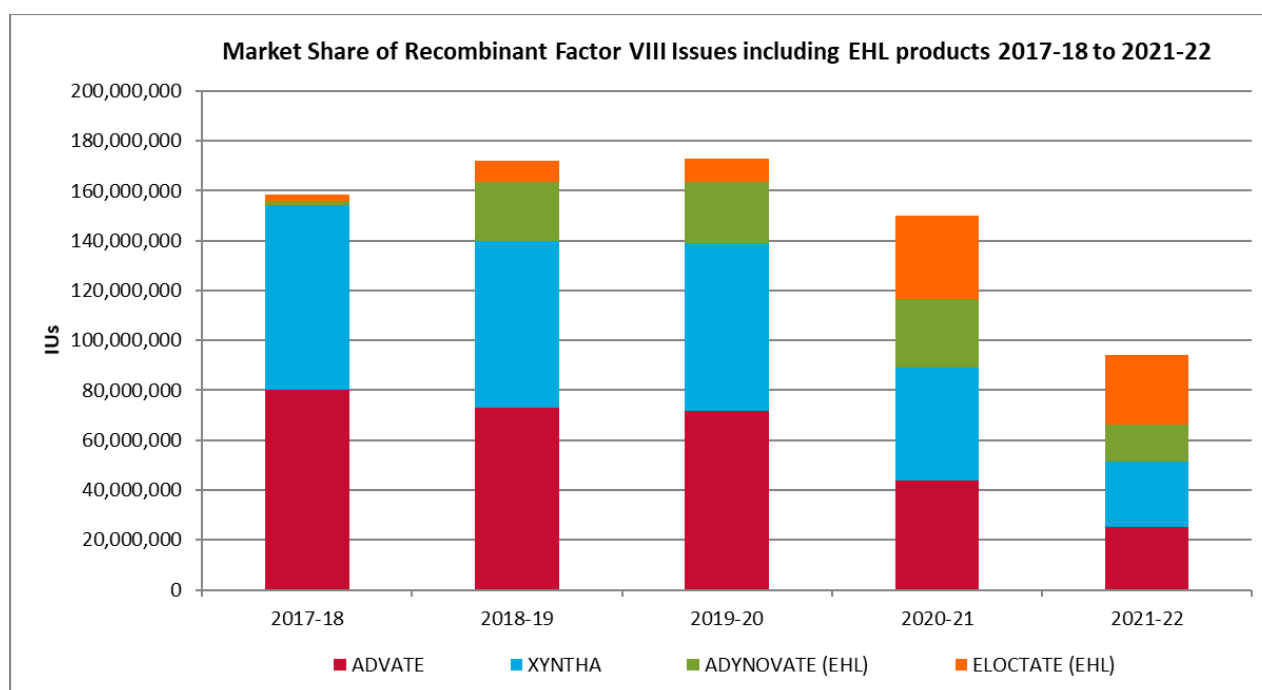


FIGURE 1 - MARKET SHARE OF RECOMBINANT FVIII ISSUES 2017-18 TO 2021-22

The introduction of emicizumab to the National Product Price List in November 2020 continues to have an impact on the use of FVIII products in 2021-22. Figure 6 in Appendix D shows expenditure on clotting factors from 2009-10 to 2021-22.

## Inhibitor status

Inhibitors are immunoglobulins made by the body's immune system to react against replacement clotting factor proteins. This occurs when the immune system perceives the proteins as foreign or harmful to the body. When this happens, the inhibitors prevent the usual replacement factors (Factor VIII or IX) from working properly to stop bleeding. The most challenging aspect of HMA management is the development of FVIII inhibitors. Patients with severe Haemophilia A with high-titre inhibitors are most at risk for recurrent bleeds and chronic haemarthroses.

FEIBA and recombinant Factor VIIa (brand name NovoSeven) are both used to treat patients that have developed inhibitors. Predicting or interpreting changing demand trends is not possible with any accuracy, as the product is only used in a small number of patients each year. Use patterns will vary from year to year and will not only depend on the number of patients treated, but their severity of disease, the potency of inhibitors, whether secondary prophylaxis is practiced, the number and severity of spontaneous bleeds, and the amount of elective surgery undertaken in this patient group.

In 2021-22, there were 112 HMA patients with inhibitors and 13 patients with other bleeding disorders who had inhibitors. The amount of FEIBA and NovoSeven used by patients with HMA, HMB and VWD during the year is shown in the key findings section, and in Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8 below.

# Treatment

The data in this section relates to patients who received treatment (products) during the 2021-22 financial year. Figure 2 shows the proportion of hereditary HMA patients receiving treatment (1,110 patients in 2021-22) by severity. Figure 3 shows the proportion of hereditary HMB patients receiving treatment (251 patients in 2021-22) by severity.

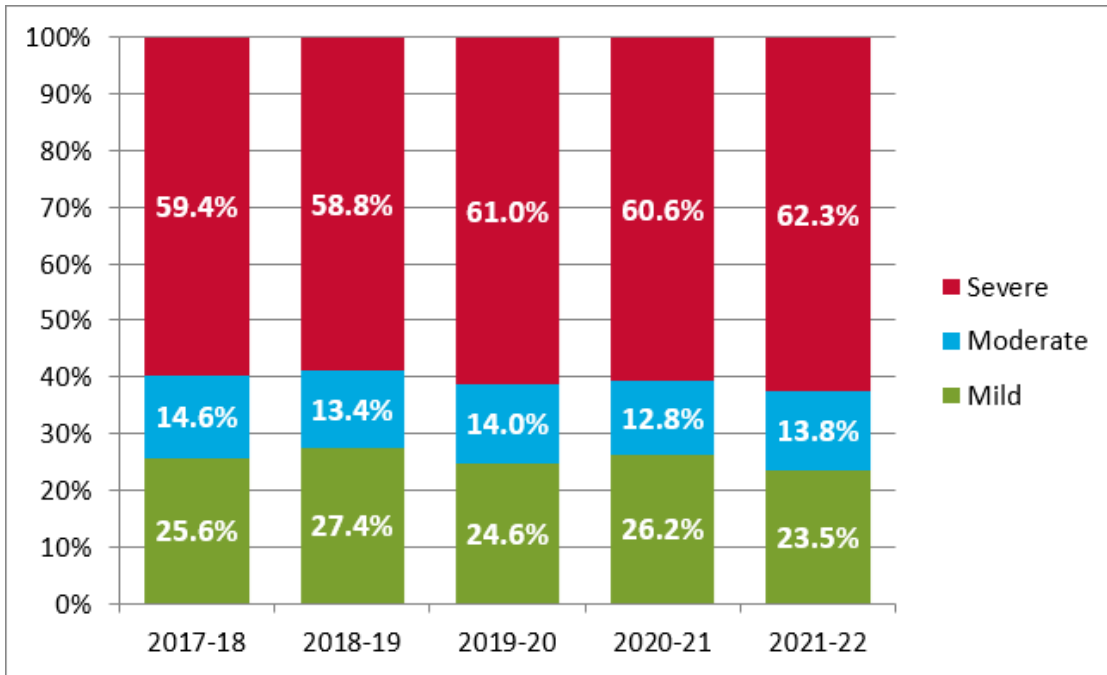


FIGURE 2 - PERCENTAGE OF HEREDITARY PATIENTS RECEIVING PRODUCT BY SEVERITY FOR HMA

Note: A very small number of patients have a severity recorded as Not Applicable or Unknown. These are not shown in the above chart.

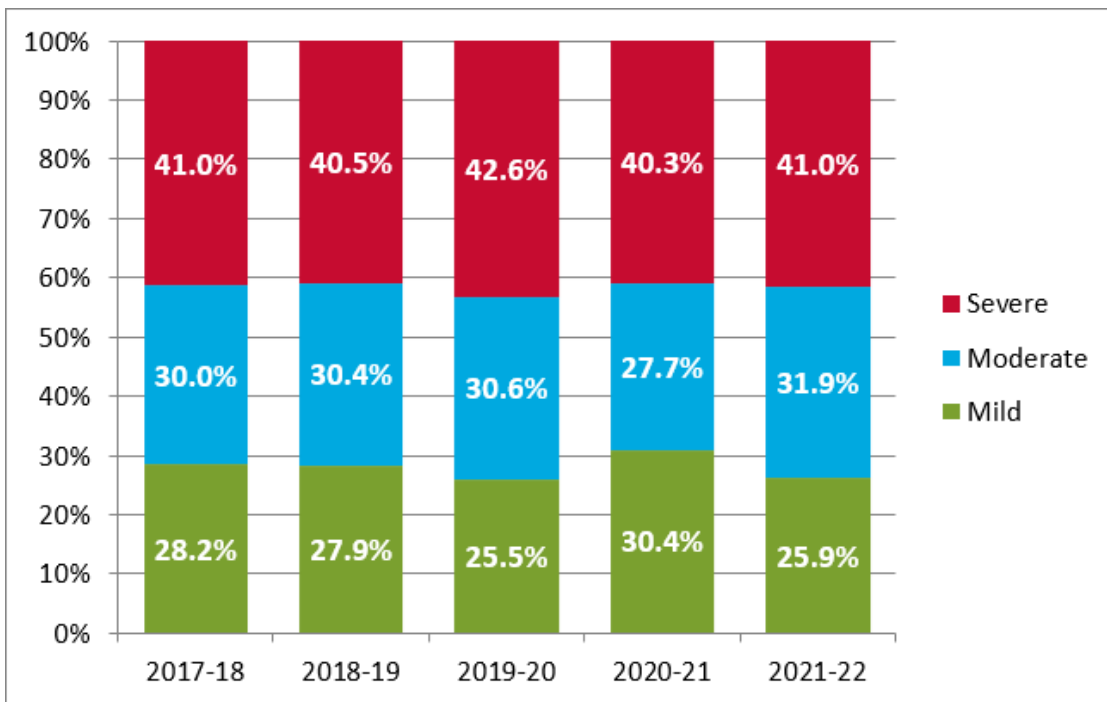


FIGURE 3 - PERCENTAGE OF HEREDITARY PATIENTS RECEIVING PRODUCT BY SEVERITY FOR HMB

Note: A very small number of patients have a severity recorded as Not Applicable or Unknown. These are not shown in the above chart.

In 2021-22, 81% (by volume) of FVIII products issued for patients with HMA were for patients with a severe disorder (compared with 86% in 2020-21) and around 64% (by volume) of FIX products issued for patients with HMB were for those with a severe disorder (no change from 2020-21). Table 5 shows the breakdowns by regimen. Around 36% of patients are diagnosed with HMA (see Table 3), however, in 2021-22 these patients used around 70% of total factor products, a decrease from 80% in 2020-21.

The increased use of emicizumab most likely accounts for much of the decrease in FVIII use by HMA patients with a severe disorder. Emicizumab is available to hereditary severe or moderate HMA patients with or without inhibitors and to mild patients with inhibitors. In 2021-22, 86% (by volume) of emicizumab was used by patients with a severe disorder. A further 12% was used by moderate patients and the remaining 2% was used by mild patients. Emicizumab commenced as a funded product from November 2020.

In relative terms, HMA is the most important consideration for national supply planning, and the key factor is the issue of product to severe HMA patients. The volume issued for prophylactic treatment of severe HMA is the single greatest determining factor for supply planning.

TABLE 5 - VOLUME (IU) OF PRODUCT ISSUED BY SEVERITY AND TREATMENT REGIMEN IN 2021-22

	Prophylaxis	OnDemand	Tolerisation	Unknown	Total
<b>HMA (IU FVIII Products)</b>	<b>76,177,085</b>	<b>13,743,500</b>	<b>667,000</b>	<b>94,250</b>	<b>90,681,835</b>
Mild	1,626,500	3,550,000	0	64,250	5,240,750
Moderate	9,465,585	2,922,000	0	12,000	12,399,585
Severe	65,085,000	7,255,500	667,000	4,500	73,012,000
Unknown	0	16,000	0	13,500	29,500
<b>HMB (IU FIX Products)</b>	<b>24,408,000</b>	<b>6,633,950</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>31,068,450</b>
Mild	580,500	1,799,250	0	3,000	2,382,750
Moderate	5,758,500	2,938,750	0	21,000	8,718,250
Severe	18,061,000	1,893,450	0	0	19,954,450
Unknown	8,000	2,500	0	2,500	13,000
<b>vWD (IU FVIII Product)</b>	<b>5,705,500</b>	<b>2,147,000</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>109,500</b>	<b>8,472,000</b>
Mild	96,000	309,000	0	36,750	441,750
Moderate	369,000	269,500	0	21,000	659,500
Severe	3,139,000	667,500	510,000	10,250	4,326,750
Unknown	2,101,500	901,000	0	41,500	3,044,000

*Unknown treatment regimen: represents a blank/not completed/empty field for the treatment regimen in ABDR.*

*Unknown severity: The severity of a patient's condition is not always known at initial presentation. This table includes product issued to patients with unknown severities.*

Table 6, Table 7 and Table 8 show more detailed breakdowns by state, severity, gender, age range, regimen, IU/kg/year and product for HMA, HMB and VWD, the three largest groups of patients and for which most product is used.

TABLE 6 - DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR HEREDITARY HMA PATIENTS

<b>Haemophilia A (Hereditary)</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>National</b>
Number of hereditary patients	693	645	533	268	330	79	16	57	2,621
<i>Severe</i>	202	178	182	57	85	18	<5	18	742
<i>Moderate</i>	83	52	40	38	22	6	<5	6	248
<i>Mild</i>	383	297	283	165	218	50	13	32	1,441
<i>Not applicable/Unknown</i>	25	118	28	8	5	5		<5	190
Patients who received product	287	242	262	131	128	31	<5	25	1,110
<i>Severe</i>	185	169	172	54	74	18	<5	18	<694
Male	585	504	434	235	268	54	10	45	2,135
Female	107	141	99	33	62	25	6	12	485
Unknown	<5								<5
Age range									
0 - 19	218	152	169	76	95	20	<5	18	751
20 - 39	203	197	172	74	96	28	7	15	792
40 - 59	146	179	113	62	79	11	5	15	610
60 - 79	99	102	74	49	52	18	<5	8	403
80 and over	27	15	5	7	8	<5		<5	65
Average Weight (kg)	68	72	71	72	73	69	62	68	71
Total FVIII IUs for HMA patients	37,467,785	18,046,250	15,221,750	7,902,750	8,840,250	1,770,000	608,300	824,750	90,681,835
% Prophylaxis	83%	90%	80%	83%	86%	95%	74%	42%	84%
% On Demand	16%	9%	19%	16%	14%	4%	26%	58%	15%
% of total product used by severe patients	79%	84%	87%	72%	80%	96%	29%	71%	81%
Av IU/kg/yr all hereditary HMA patients	2,455	1,251	1,461	999	1,287	1,003	2,062	866	1,590
Av IU/kg/yr severe hereditary HMA patients	3,325	1,591	2,090	1,523	1,886	2,083	1,301	1,221	2,224
By product (IU unless otherwise noted)									
<i>rFVIII</i>	36,061,285	18,024,250	14,931,750	7,902,750	8,718,750	1,770,000	608,300	824,750	88,841,835
<i>Biostate</i>	775,500	22,000	290,000		121,500				1,209,000
<i>FEIBA (units)</i>	631,000								631,000
<i>NovoSeven (mg)</i>	737	408	704	346	237		21		2,453

TABLE 7 - DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR HEREDITARY HMB PATIENTS

<b>Haemophilia A (Hereditary)</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>National</b>
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Patients who received product	287	242	262	131	128	31	<5	25	1,110
<i>Severe</i>	185	169	172	54	74	18	<5	18	<694
Male	585	504	434	235	268	54	10	45	2,135
Female	107	141	99	33	62	25	6	12	485
Unknown	<5								<5
Age range									
0 - 19	218	152	169	76	95	20	<5	18	751
20 - 39	203	197	172	74	96	28	7	15	792
40 - 59	146	179	113	62	79	11	5	15	610
60 - 79	99	102	74	49	52	18	<5	8	403
80 and over	27	15	5	7	8	<5		<5	65
Average Weight (kg)	68	72	71	72	73	69	62	68	71
Total FVIII IUs for HMA patients	37,467,785	18,046,250	15,221,750	7,902,750	8,840,250	1,770,000	608,300	824,750	90,681,835
% Prophylaxis	83%	90%	80%	83%	86%	95%	74%	42%	84%
% On Demand	16%	9%	19%	16%	14%	4%	26%	58%	15%
% of total product used by severe patients	79%	84%	87%	72%	80%	96%	29%	71%	81%
Av IU/kg/yr all hereditary HMA patients	2,455	1,251	1,461	999	1,287	1,003	2,062	866	1,590
Av IU/kg/yr severe hereditary HMA patients	3,325	1,591	2,090	1,523	1,886	2,083	1,301	1,221	2,224
By product (IU unless otherwise noted)									
<i>rFVIII</i>	36,061,285	18,024,250	14,931,750	7,902,750	8,718,750	1,770,000	608,300	824,750	88,841,835
<i>Biostate</i>	775,500	22,000	290,000		121,500				1,209,000
<i>FEIBA (units)</i>	631,000								631,000
<i>NovoSeven (mg)</i>	737	408	704	346	237		21		2,453

Note: small patient number breakdowns have been removed to help protect patient privacy

TABLE 8 - DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR HEREDITARY VWD PATIENTS

<b>von Willebrand Disease (Hereditary)</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>National</b>
Number of hereditary patients	546	477	686	248	444	83	36	57	2,577
<i>Severe</i>	45	20	32	11	32	<5	8	<5	153
<i>Moderate</i>	67	44	52	27	73	9		7	279
<i>Mild</i>	214	176	373	141	339	57	19	44	1,363
<i>Not applicable/Unknown</i>	220	237	229	69		16	9	<5	782
Patients who received product	55	35	67	34	56	5	<5	6	262
<i>Severe</i>	16	7	11	5	11			<5	52
Male	202	185	242	75	134	31	12	21	902
Female	344	292	444	173	310	52	24	36	1,675
Age range									
0 - 19	129	95	101	27	74	12	6	9	453
20 - 39	183	142	287	69	156	34	15	20	906
40 - 59	125	144	170	89	148	22	11	15	724
60 - 79	82	83	113	50	56	14	<5	11	413
80 and over	27	13	15	13	10	<5		<5	81
Average Weight (kg)	68	69	70	72	71	69	69	70	70
Total FVIII IUs for vWD patients	3,997,450	225,750	1,867,000	1,229,500	1,017,250	7,550	2,000	125,500	8,472,000
% Prophylaxis	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	50%			67%
% On Demand	13%	63%	46%	18%	27%	50%		100%	25%
% of total product used by severe patients	64%	45%	11%	48%	73%			94%	51%
Av IU/kg/yr all hereditary vWD patients	1,523	131	622	1,826	492	29	25	441	862
Av IU/kg/yr severe hereditary vWD patients	2,295	239	584	1,858	1,163			1,067	1,364
By product (IU unless otherwise noted)									
<i>Biostate</i>	3,997,450	225,750	1,867,000	1,229,500	1,017,250	7,550	2,000	125,500	8,472,000



Table 9 shows, by treatment regimen:

- volume of product issued by IU or mg
- number of hereditary HMA, HMB and VWD patients
- average IU/kg.

Note that average IU/kg in this table is calculated differently to that in Tables 6-8 above. The above tables show the average IU per kilo per year, whereas this table averages the IU/kg value at each order or treatment interaction.

TABLE 9 - VOLUME (IU), PATIENT COUNTS AND AVERAGE IU/KG BY PRODUCT AND TREATMENT REGIMEN

	OnDemand			Prophylaxis			Tolerisation			Not specified		
	No of patients	Total Units	Avg IU/kg	No of patients	Total Units	Avg IU/kg	No of patients	Total Units	Avg IU/kg	No of patients	Total Units	Avg IU/kg
<b>HMA (IUs)</b>												
<i>rFVIII</i>	325	12,989,500	96	523	75,770,085	237				14	82,250	28
<i>Biostate</i>	11	250,000	105	11	407,000	259	<5	540,000	2,246	5	12,000	23
<i>FEIBA</i>	<5	504,000	631				<5	127,000	807			
<b>HMB (IUs)</b>												
<i>rFIX</i>	126	6,026,950	134	124	24,408,000	227	5	26,500	36	242	30,461,450	202
<i>MonoFIX - VF</i>	<5	607,000	475									
<b>VWD (IUs)</b>												
<i>Biostate</i>	145	2,147,000	56	23	5,705,500	375	<5	510,000	1,014	19	109,500	27

There are much smaller numbers of patients with acquired HMA, HMB and VWD. These are set out below, along with state breakdowns for patients with other bleeding disorders.

TABLE 10 - PATIENTS WITH ACQUIRED AND OTHER BLEEDING DISORDERS

Acquired and Other Bleeding Disorders	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	National	
Acquired HMA, HMB, vWD										
Acquired haemophilia A	9	53	24	14	13	small breakdowns removed			114	
Acquired haemophilia B	small breakdowns removed									
Acquired von Willebrand Disease	<5	9	15	7	<5	small breakdowns removed			35	
Other Factor Deficiency										
Factor V Deficiency	8	6	<5	6	small breakdowns removed			24		
Factor VII Deficiency	23	28	34	13	18	small breakdowns removed			119	
Factor X Deficiency	<5	7	<5	<5	8	small breakdowns removed			25	
Factor XI Deficiency	46	109	38	59	115	small breakdowns removed			374	
Factor XII Deficiency	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	small breakdowns removed			17	
Factor XIII Deficiency	7	17	<5	<5	5	small breakdowns removed			33	
Acquired Other Factor Deficiency	<5		<5		<5	small breakdowns removed			<5	
Platelet Disorder	69	88	112	72	56	5	5	<5	408	
Fibrinogen	19	59	35	20	38	<5	small breakdowns removed		175	
Vascular	<5		8	small breakdowns removed						9
Other	41	46	18	42	55	5	<5	small breakdowns removed		209
No Bleeding Disorder recorded	<5	<5	<5	<5	27	<5	<5	<5	36	

Note: The ABDR allows for a diagnosis of 'Other' to be recorded for patients with rare, less prevalent or difficult to classify disorders eg mild VWD.

TABLE 11 - PRODUCTS USED BY PATIENTS WITH ACQUIRED AND OTHER BLEEDING DISORDERS

Acquired and Other Bleeding Disorders	Product	Units	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	National	
Acquired HMA, HMB, vWD												
Acquired haemophilia A	FEIBA	units						14,000			14,000	
	NovoSeven	mg	6,610		1,642	308	337				8,897	
Acquired von Willebrand Disease	Biostate	IU	2,000	46,000	10,000						58,000	
Other Factor Deficiency												
Factor VII Deficiency	NovoSeven	mg	1,005	1,151		242	66				2,464	
Factor X Deficiency	Factor X P Behring	IU	4,030								4,030	
Factor XI Deficiency	Factor XI bpl	IU	3,540	2,182	10,620	4,000	15				20,357	
Factor XI Deficiency	NovoSeven	mg	9								9	
Factor XIII Deficiency	Fibrogammin	IU	10,500		25,000	19,500					55,000	
Factor XIII Deficiency	NovoThirteen	IU	157,500		17,500	52,500					227,500	
Platelet Disorder												
	NovoSeven	mg	417		503	16		3				939
Fibrinogen												
	RiaSTAP	g	14	72	236	151					473	
Other Factor Deficiency												
	rFVIII	IU						26,000				26,000
	Biostate	IU	6,000								6,000	
	Factor XI bpl	IU						2				2
	NovoSeven	mg						359				359

# Appendix A: Bleeding Disorders

The information in this section has been drawn from the materials and websites of two peak bodies for haemophilia; the World Federation of Hemophilia ([www.wfh.org](http://www.wfh.org)) and Haemophilia Foundation Australia (HFA) ([www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au)).

In people with bleeding disorders, the clotting process doesn't work properly. As a result, people with bleeding disorders can bleed for longer than normal, and some may experience spontaneous bleeding into joints, muscles, or other parts of their bodies.

## Bleeding disorders are inherited (hereditary) or acquired

Bleeding disorders are almost always inherited or passed through families; they have a genetic basis and the genes responsible for the disorders are passed from parents to children. A person can also spontaneously develop a bleeding disorder, although this is rare. Acquired bleeding disorders are not inherited or passed through families. Most acquired bleeding disorders have an identifiable root cause.

## Haemophilia

Haemophilia causes excessive bleeding following trauma or surgery and can be related to spontaneous haemorrhages into muscles and joints. People with haemophilia do not bleed any faster than normal, but they can bleed for a longer time.

Haemophilia is an X-linked disorder that typically affects males, whereas females are normally classified as carriers. However, affected males will pass on the haemophilia gene to their daughters, and women carrying a F8 or F9 gene mutation may have reduced factor levels and should therefore be classified as having haemophilia. Most carriers are asymptomatic. Carriers with clotting factor levels in the haemophilia range may be symptomatic, with bleeding manifestations commensurate with their degree of clotting factor deficiency, particularly during trauma and surgery. Symptomatic carriers are classified as haemophilia in line with the World Federation of Hemophilia ([www.wfh.org](http://www.wfh.org)) guidelines.

## Haemophilia fast facts

- The most common type of haemophilia is Haemophilia A. This means the person does not have enough clotting Factor VIII (factor eight).
- Haemophilia B is less common. A person with Haemophilia B does not have enough Factor IX (factor nine). The symptoms are the same for people with Haemophilia A and B; that is, they bleed for a longer time than normal.
- Haemophilia occurs in 1 in 6,000-10,000 males internationally.
- Bleeding is most commonly internal into the joints and/or muscles. Less commonly, bleeding into internal organs can also occur. It can happen without an obvious cause (sometimes called 'spontaneous'), or as a result of injury.
- Over time this internal bleeding into joints ('bleeds') can cause severe arthritis, chronic pain and disability.
- Specialised treatment is needed to help blood clot normally. With appropriate treatment haemophilia can be managed effectively.
- Haemophilia is an inherited condition and occurs in families, however in 1/3 of cases it appears in families with no previous history of the disorder. The haemophilia gene is passed down from parent to child through generations. Men with haemophilia will pass the gene on to their daughters but not their sons. Women who carry the haemophilia gene can pass the haemophilia gene on to their sons and daughters. Sons with the gene will have haemophilia. Some women and girls who carry the gene may also experience bleeding problems.

## Von Willebrand disorder/disease (VWD)

Von Willebrand disease is the most common type of bleeding disorder. People with VWD have a problem with von Willebrand Factor (VWF), a protein in their blood that would normally help control bleeding. When a blood vessel is injured and bleeding occurs, VWF helps cells in the blood, called platelets, adhere to damaged blood vessels and mesh together and form a clot to stop the bleeding. People with VWD do not have enough VWF, or it does not work the way it should. It takes longer for blood to clot and for bleeding to stop.

VWD is generally less severe than other bleeding disorders. Many people with VWD may not know that they have the disorder because their bleeding symptoms are very mild. For most people with VWD, the disorder causes little or no disruption to their lives except when there is a serious injury or need for surgery. However, with all forms of VWD, there can be bleeding problems. VWD is difficult to accurately diagnose as laboratory values can fluctuate and values in those with mild bleeding symptoms can overlap with normal laboratory values.

From some studies, it is estimated that up to 1% of the world's population has VWD, but because many people have only very mild symptoms, only a small number of them are diagnosed. Research has shown that as many as 9 out of 10 people with VWD have not been diagnosed. It is estimated that VWD affects approximately 200,000 people in Australia, but symptomatic individuals possibly less.

### Types of VWD

There are three main types of VWD. Bleeding symptoms can be quite variable within each type depending in part on the VWF activity. It is important to know which type of VWD a person has, because treatment is different for each type.

- Type 1 VWD is the most common form. People with Type 1 VWD have lower than normal levels of VWF. Symptoms are usually mild. Still, it is possible for someone with Type 1 VWD to have serious bleeding.
- Type 2 VWD involves a defect in the VWF structure. The VWF protein does not work properly, causing lower than normal VWF activity. There are different Type 2 VWD defects. Severity of symptoms can vary.
- Type 3 VWD is usually the most serious form. People with Type 3 VWD have very little or no VWF. Symptoms are more severe. People with Type 3 VWD can have bleeding into muscles and joints, sometimes without injury.

## Rare clotting factor deficiencies

Rare clotting factor deficiencies are a group of inherited bleeding disorders caused by a problem with one of several clotting factors other than factor VIII or factor IX. Clotting factors are proteins in the blood that control bleeding. Many different clotting factors work together in a series of chemical reactions to stop bleeding. This is called the clotting process.

Rare clotting factor deficiencies are bleeding disorders in which one of the other clotting factors (i.e., factors I, II, V, V+VIII, VII, X, XI, or XIII) is missing or not working properly. The World Federation of Hemophilia produced a summary (Table 12) of the characteristics of rare clotting factor deficiencies, the severity of bleeds associated with them, and the treatment typically required.

TABLE 12 - CHARACTERISTICS OF RARE CLOTTING FACTOR DEFICIENCIES

Missing Factor	Incidence*	Inheritance	Severity of Bleeding	Treatment
Factor I Afibrinogenemia Hypofibrinogenemia Dysfibrinogenemia	5 in 10 million not available 1 in 1 million	Autosomal recessive Recessive or dominant Recessive or dominant	Usually mild, except in afibrinogenemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fibrinogen (not funded in Australia)</li> <li>•Cryoprecipitate</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Factor II	1 in 2 million	Autosomal recessive	Moderate to severe when factor levels are low; usually mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Prothrombin complex</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Factor V	1 in 1 million	Autosomal recessive	Moderate to severe when factor levels are low; usually mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Combined Factor V and Factor VIII	1 in 1 million†	Autosomal recessive‡	Usually mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> <li>•Factor VIII</li> <li>•Desmopressin</li> </ul>
Factor VII	1 in 500,000	Autosomal recessive	Severe when factor levels are low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recombinant Factor VIIa</li> <li>•Factor VII</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Factor X	1 in 1 million	Autosomal recessive	Moderate to severe when factor levels are low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Prothrombin complex</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Combined deficiency of vitamin K dependent clotting factors	not available	Autosomal recessive	Usually mild, but a few families have reported very low levels and more severe symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Vitamin K</li> <li>•Prothrombin complex</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Factor XI	1 in 100,000	Recessive or dominant	Mild to moderate when factor levels are low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Factor XI</li> <li>•Antifibrinolytic drugs</li> <li>•Fibrin glue</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>
Factor XIII	1 in 3 million	Autosomal recessive	Moderate to severe when factor levels are low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Factor XIII</li> <li>•Cryoprecipitate</li> <li>•Fresh frozen plasma</li> </ul>

Note: Australian Prothrombin Complex Concentrate is not used for FVII deficiency

\* Estimates only

† 1 in 100,000 in some populations, including Israel, Iran, and Italy

‡ Very rarely, Factor VIII deficiency can be inherited separately from only one parent

## **Platelet function disorders**

Platelets are small parts of cells that circulate in the blood. They are involved in the formation of blood clots and the repair of damaged blood vessels.

When a blood vessel is injured, platelets stick to the damaged area and spread along the surface to stop the bleeding (this process is called adhesion). At the same time, chemical signals are released from small sacks inside the platelets called granules (this process is called secretion). These chemicals attract other platelets to the site of injury and make them clump together to form what is called a platelet plug (this process is called aggregation).

Sometimes the platelet plug is enough to stop the bleeding. However, if the wound is large, other proteins called clotting factors are recruited to the site of injury. These clotting factors work together on the surface of the platelets to form and strengthen the blood clot.

Platelet function disorders are conditions in which platelets don't work the way they should, resulting in a tendency to bleed or bruise. Since the platelet plug does not form properly, bleeding can continue for longer than normal. Since platelets have many roles in blood clotting, platelet function disorders can lead to bleeding disorders of various intensities.

## **Special issues for girls and women**

Women with clotting factor deficiencies may have additional symptoms because of menstruation and childbirth. Girls may have especially heavy bleeding when they begin to menstruate. Women with clotting factor deficiencies may have heavier and/or longer menstrual flow, which can cause anaemia (with low levels of iron, which results in weakness and fatigue). Women with clotting factor deficiencies should receive genetic counselling about the risks of having an affected child well in advance of any planned pregnancies and should see an obstetrician as soon as they suspect they are pregnant. The obstetrician should work closely with the staff of the haemophilia/bleeding disorder treatment centre in order to provide the best care during pregnancy and childbirth and to minimize the potential complications for both the mother and the newborn child.

Women with certain rare factor deficiencies (such as Factor XIII deficiency and afibrinogenemia) may be at greater risk of miscarriage and placental abruption (a premature separation of the placenta from the uterus that disrupts the flow of blood and oxygen to the foetus). Therefore, these women require treatment throughout the pregnancy to prevent these complications.

The main risk related to pregnancy is postpartum haemorrhage. All bleeding disorders are associated with a greater risk of increased bleeding after delivery. The risk and the severity of the bleeding can be reduced with appropriate treatment. This treatment is different for each woman and depends on her personal and family history of bleeding symptoms, the severity of the factor deficiency, and the mode of delivery (vaginal birth vs. caesarean section). Factor replacement may be necessary in some cases.

The bleeding disorders captured in ABDR have been summarised to higher level groups to enable this report to be more concise. The bleeding disorders included in each group are:

<b>Haemophilia A</b>
Factor VIII Deficiency (Haemophilia A)
Asymptomatic Carrier Factor VIII Deficiency (Haemophilia A)
Symptomatic Carrier Factor VIII Deficiency (Haemophilia A)
(Acquired) Factor VIII Deficiency (Haemophilia A)
<b>Haemophilia B</b>
Factor IX Deficiency (Haemophilia B)
Asymptomatic Carrier Factor IX Deficiency (Haemophilia B)
Symptomatic Carrier Factor IX Deficiency (Haemophilia B)
(Acquired) Factor IX Deficiency (Haemophilia B)
<b>Von Willebrand Disease</b>
Von Willebrand Disease Type 1
Von Willebrand Disease Type 2 - Uncharacterised
Von Willebrand Disease Type 2A
Von Willebrand Disease Type 2B
Von Willebrand Disease Type 2M
Von Willebrand Disease Type 2N
Von Willebrand Disease Type 3
Von Willebrand Disease - Uncharacterised
(Acquired) Von Willebrand Disease - Uncharacterised
(Acquired) Von Willebrand Disease Type 1
(Acquired) Von Willebrand Disease Type 2 - Uncharacterised
(Acquired) Von Willebrand Disease Type 2A
(Acquired) Von Willebrand Disease Type 3
<b>Other Factor Deficiency</b>
Factor V Deficiency
Factor VII Deficiency
Factor X Deficiency
Factor XI Deficiency
Factor XII Deficiency
Factor XIII Deficiency
(Acquired) Factor V Deficiency
(Acquired) Factor X Deficiency
(Acquired) Factor XI Deficiency
(Acquired) Factor XIII Deficiency
<b>Platelet Disorder</b>
Platelet Dysfunction - Bernard-Soulier
Platelet Dysfunction - Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia
Platelet Dysfunction - Macrothrombocytopenias
Platelet Dysfunction - May Hegglin
Platelet Dysfunction - Primary Secretion Defect
Platelet Dysfunction - Storage Pool (Dense Granule) Deficiency
Platelet Dysfunction - Uncharacterised
<b>Fibrinogen</b>
Fibrinogen - Afibrinogenemia
Fibrinogen - Dysfibrinogenemia
Fibrinogen - Hypofibrinogenemia
Fibrinogen Dysfunction - Uncharacterised
<b>Vascular</b>
Vascular Disorders - Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
<b>Other</b>
A diagnosis of 'Other' may be recorded for patients with rare and less prevalent disorders or difficult to classify disorders.

*Note: Acquired disorders may be included in the group or shown separately depending on the table.*

## Appendix B: Haemophilia Treatment Centres

The majority of people with these conditions are treated at Haemophilia Treatment Centres (HTCs) which are specialist centres that provide comprehensive care to people with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders. The comprehensive care model ensures that preventative and general treatment on the complex aspects of haemophilia is given in a co-ordinated way by a multi-disciplinary team with specialised expertise within the one centre.

HTCs were established following a decision by Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) in 1998. The locations of the HTCs in Australia are shown in Figure 4.



FIGURE 4 - LOCATION OF HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTRES

Haemophilia Treatment Centres coordinate and, where possible, integrate patient care, research and education to provide the optimal use of expertise and resources within hospitals and the community. The model for HTCs varies between jurisdictions in relation to centralisation of services, size and age of patient population. HTCs maintain on-going dialogue with the client group in each state and territory. The role of State and Territory Governments is to designate 'Haemophilia Treatment Centres' and negotiate the funding of the HTC including the purchase of therapeutic blood and recombinant products for distribution within states (or regions) and territories.



Haemophilia Centres provide:

- a single point of care for patients with bleeding disorders with responsibility for the coordination, allocation and distribution of therapeutic resources for the treatment of patients
- a clinical service by experienced staff for patients with bleeding disorders and their families at short notice at any time of the day or night
- organisation of home therapy programs by the centre or in collaboration with other haemophilia treatment facilities
- a counselling and advisory service for people with haemophilia and their families including genetic counselling and family planning
- specialist medical expertise, principally haematology, surgery (the surgeons would have to be accredited to the Haemophilia Centre) rheumatology, infectious diseases and dental services
- specialist allied health services to include physiotherapy, social work and podiatry
- a laboratory service able to carry out all investigations required for the accurate diagnosis of haemophilia and other inherited disorders of haemostasis and to have access, in association with other centres, to specialised testing facilities, for example gene typing
- records for all investigations, treatments, allocation of therapeutic products and adverse reactions, including data entry into ABDR
- a capability to participate in research including clinical trials
- educational programs and guidelines for medical staff, other personnel, patients and their families which promote care of patients with disorders of haemostasis
- an outreach service to isolated patients and treating medical services. The outreach service may include: a haemophilia treatment facility located in a hospital that does not provide all the specialist services and a designated supervising medical practitioner
- data management for ABDR, to aid in capturing data critical to HTC staff for the day-to-day management of people with bleeding disorders and for supply management and policy purposes.

## Appendix C: About ABDR

ABDR is a database that is designed to collect all clinical information related to the treatment of people with inherited bleeding disorders. This includes information about patient diagnosis, viral status, treatment details, hospital admissions and administrative information as well as details on ordering, supply and use of clotting factor products. Information is entered into ABDR web enabled software by staff at HTC's.

ABDR provides health care teams and support staff with a record enabling them to monitor and manage treatment over time to improve patients' quality of life. De-identified information from ABDR may be used for research purposes by authorised organisations to understand and improve treatment for bleeding disorders. ABDR also provides governments with information on total clotting factor product requirements to inform supply planning to meet the needs of all Australians with bleeding disorders.

The current version of ABDR has been in existence since December 2008, building on the original registry which was first developed in 1988. In August 2012 the 4<sup>th</sup> generation ABDR was implemented. ABDR has evolved with improvements in technology and feedback from stakeholders. In 2014 ABDR entered a new phase with MyABDR, a secure app for smartphones (Android and iOS) and a web site for people with bleeding disorders or parents/caregivers to record home treatments and bleeds. MyABDR is an internet-based online system that gives patients a quick, easy and reliable way to:

- record treatments and bleeds
- manage treatment product stock
- share the information with a Haemophilia Treatment Centre through ABDR
- update contact and personal details.

A more in-depth history of the development of ABDR is available at Appendix D of the 2019-20 ABDR Annual Report, available from: <https://www.blood.gov.au/data-analysis-reporting>.

For more information about ABDR, including patient privacy, governance arrangements and support materials, see <https://www.blood.gov.au/abdr>.

### **ABDR management and governance**

ABDR is managed under a robust governance framework by the NBA in accordance with the guidance and policy oversight provided by the ABDR Steering Committee. The Committee consists of representatives involved in the clinical management, advocacy and funding of treatment for people with bleeding disorders.

In 2021-22 the Steering Committee representatives were:

- Dr Simon McRae (ABDR Steering Committee Chair to November 2021) – AHCDO
- A/Prof Chris Barnes (ABDR Steering Committee Chair from November 2021) – AHCDO
- Prof Huyen Tran – Chair, AHCDO
- Ms Sharon Caris – Executive Director, Haemophilia Foundation Australia
- Mr Michael Furey – Jurisdictional Blood Committee nominee, VIC Health
- Ms Jo Cameron – National Blood Authority.

## Patient privacy and consent in ABDR and MyABDR

ABDR and MyABDR are provided by the NBA. The NBA is required to ensure that patient information in ABDR and MyABDR is collected and managed in a way which complies with the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988*. There are also parallel requirements which may apply under state and territory laws. Privacy requirements under the *Privacy Act 1988* were tightened in 2014, and a new Privacy Policy for these systems was implemented from 26 January 2015.

A patient's personal information may be entered into ABDR either at an HTC or when a patient enters data directly via MyABDR. This information becomes part of an electronic record about the patient's bleeding disorder condition. Security protocols are embedded into the technical architecture of ABDR. These control access to personal data, so information is only accessible to treating health professionals and authorised support staff.

In accordance with the [ABDR/MyABDR Privacy Policy](#), a patient's consent is required to recording their data in ABDR (consent may be given by a parent, guardian or authorised representative where relevant). Where a patient does not consent then details will not be aggregated in this report, and therefore patient numbers and product use may be understated.

More information about the management of patient privacy in ABDR and MyABDR can be found at <http://www.blood.gov.au/privacy-info-abdr-myabdr>, including a copy of the ABDR/MyABDR Privacy Policy together with further information, forms and other implementation resources.

## Data quality issues

There are several historic data quality issues in ABDR. These include incomplete records with empty fields or entries. The data captured in some fields has also been inconsistent in some cases. Data quality has improved greatly over the years. Patient and product details have now been calculated consistently for at least the last five years, however comparison with reports from before 2014-15 will be difficult. Improvements in data quality in other specific areas of the system continue to be made through data analysis and cleansing.

There are also some patients whose treatment is managed by clinicians who are not associated with an HTC. The proportion of product that is used in these circumstances varies across jurisdictions and there is some variability in the data capture for this activity between jurisdictions. Accordingly, data on total volume of products reported from ABDR may not be consistent with data from other sources.

## Appendix D: National Supply of Products

The NBA is responsible for managing the national blood supply to ensure that healthcare providers have sustainable, reliable and efficient access to blood and blood products needed for patient care. To fulfil this role the NBA negotiates and manages blood supply contracts and arrangements with local and overseas suppliers. A key element of the NBA's role in ensuring security of supply is to develop, coordinate and monitor the annual national supply plan and budget, including obtaining annual approval from health ministers.

This is achieved by:

- developing a national estimate of product demand
- liaising with jurisdictions and stakeholders to refine the estimated demand for products
- collecting and distributing data on product issued and reporting variations to jurisdictions on the approved supply plan
- intensively managing products if they are in short supply.

Figure 5 illustrates the national supply by product category for 2021-22. Issues of clotting factors and emicizumab (Hemlibra) totalled 11.1% of expenditure (\$163.2 million).

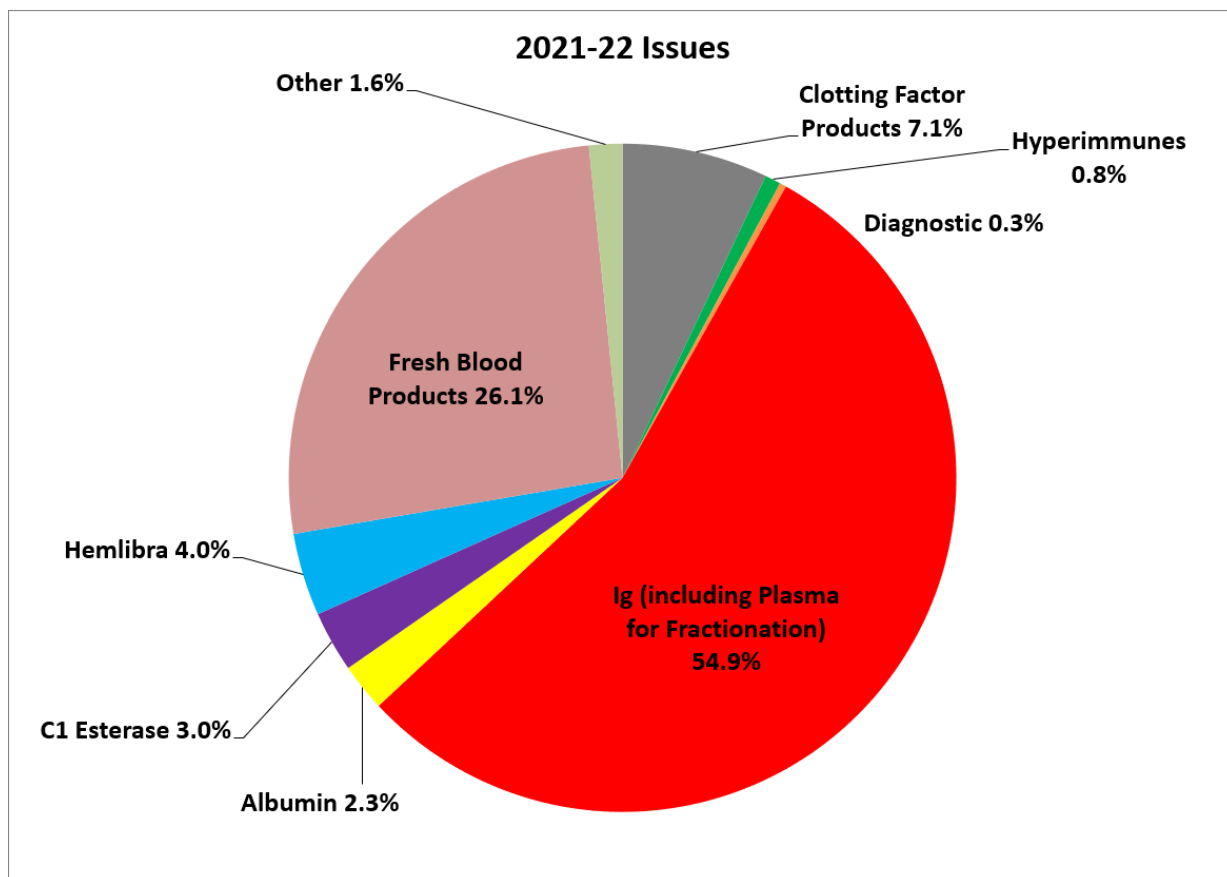


FIGURE 5 - NATIONAL ISSUES BY PRODUCT CATEGORY 2021-22

Note: Plasma for Fractionation costs paid to the Blood Service for collection have been attributed to IVIg and Hyperimmunes.

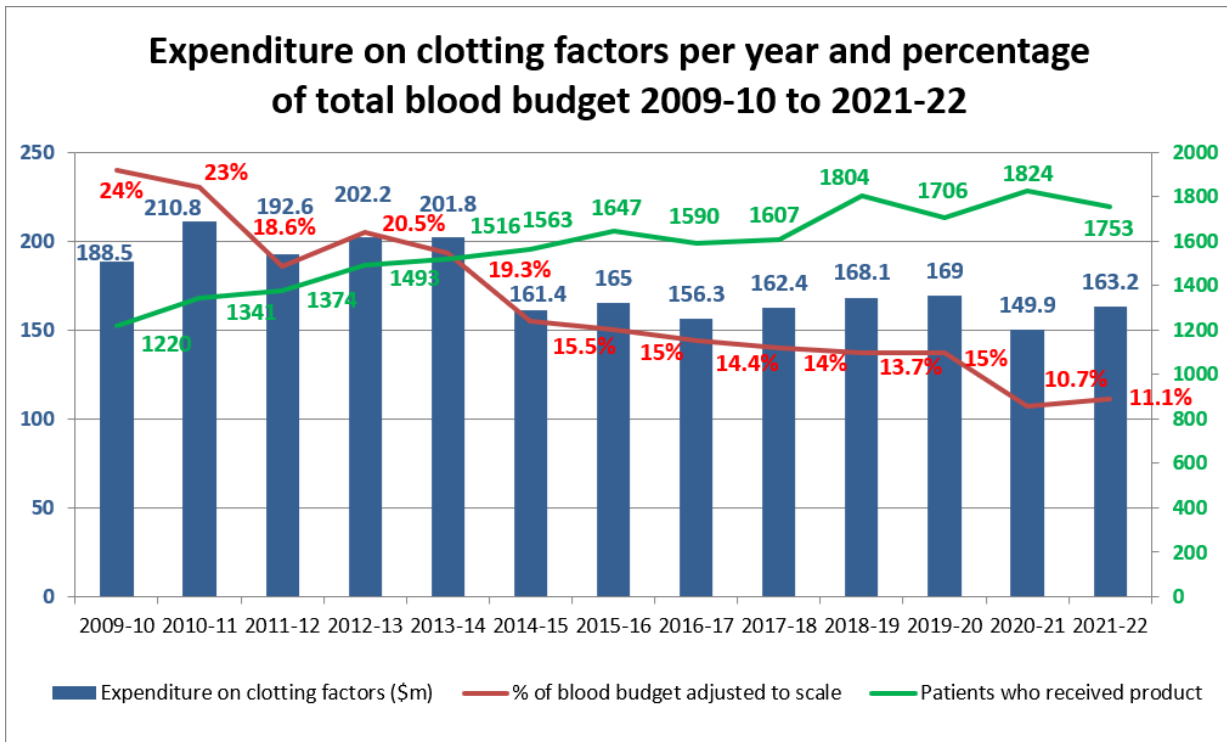


FIGURE 6 - EXPENDITURE ON CLOTTING FACTORS AND PERCENTAGE OF BLOOD BUDGET 2009-10 TO 2021-22

Note: 2020-21 (part year) and 2021-22 include emicizumab (Hemlibra).

Figure 6 illustrates the variations in total expenditure on clotting factors and the percentage of the blood and blood products budget clotting factor products comprised each year for 2009-10 to 2021-22. It also shows that the number of patients who received products has grown significantly over the 13 years to 2021-22. Overall expenditure has changed since the introduction of emicizumab, with a slight increase in 2021-22, while remaining significantly lower than the earlier years shown in the chart. Contract negotiation processes have led to falls in average costs per IU from 2012-13 to 2021-22. The introduction of emicizumab has already had an impact on the need for FVIII products, as described in the Treatment section in the main part of this report, and costs are expected to reduce further over time.

Throughout 2021-22, products were supplied to meet clinical demand and supply risks were effectively managed. The approved budget for 2021-22, covering the supply and management of blood and blood products and services under contract, was \$1,487.95 million, comprising \$732.05 million for fresh blood products and plasma collection and \$734.33 million for plasma derived and recombinant products. An additional \$21.58 million included for activities supporting the appropriate use and management of blood, blood products and blood-related services, such as printing and distributing Patient Blood Management (PBM) Guidelines, administering ABDR, maintaining the Australian Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation (AHCDO), funding BloodSafe eLearning, maintaining and enhancing blood sector ICT systems and maintaining the operations of the NBA.

### Issues of clotting factors

Issues of clotting factor products are the products delivered from suppliers to all Australian Health Providers (AHPs) (including hospitals and HTCs) and home delivery of products to patients.

Figure 7 indicates that the demand for Factor VIII products in 2021-22 decreased by 37.2 per cent when compared to 2020-21. The demand for recombinant Factor VIII decreased by 37.3 per cent and plasma derived Factor VIII decreased by 36.6 per cent, due to the continued effect of the introduction of emicizumab (Hemlibra) in November 2020.

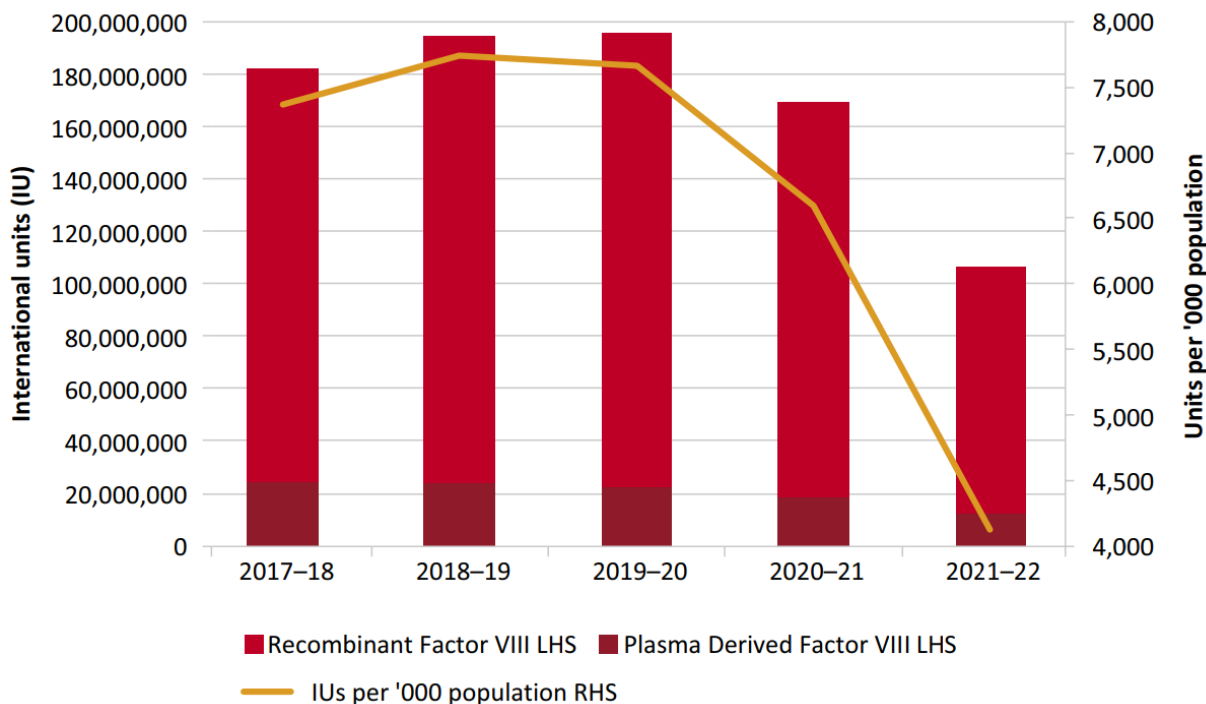


FIGURE 7 - ISSUES OF FACTOR VIII PRODUCTS, 2017-18 TO 2021-22 PER '000 POPULATION

Figure 8 indicates that demand for factor IX products increased by 11.8 per cent in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21. Plasma derived factor IX demand increased by 2.7 per cent in 2021-22 due to specific patient requirements. Demand for recombinant factor IX increased by 11.9 per cent. The establishment of ongoing access to extended half-life recombinant factor IX products under the national supply arrangements and the resumption of surgeries after COVID-19 both contributed to the variability of year to year demand for these products.

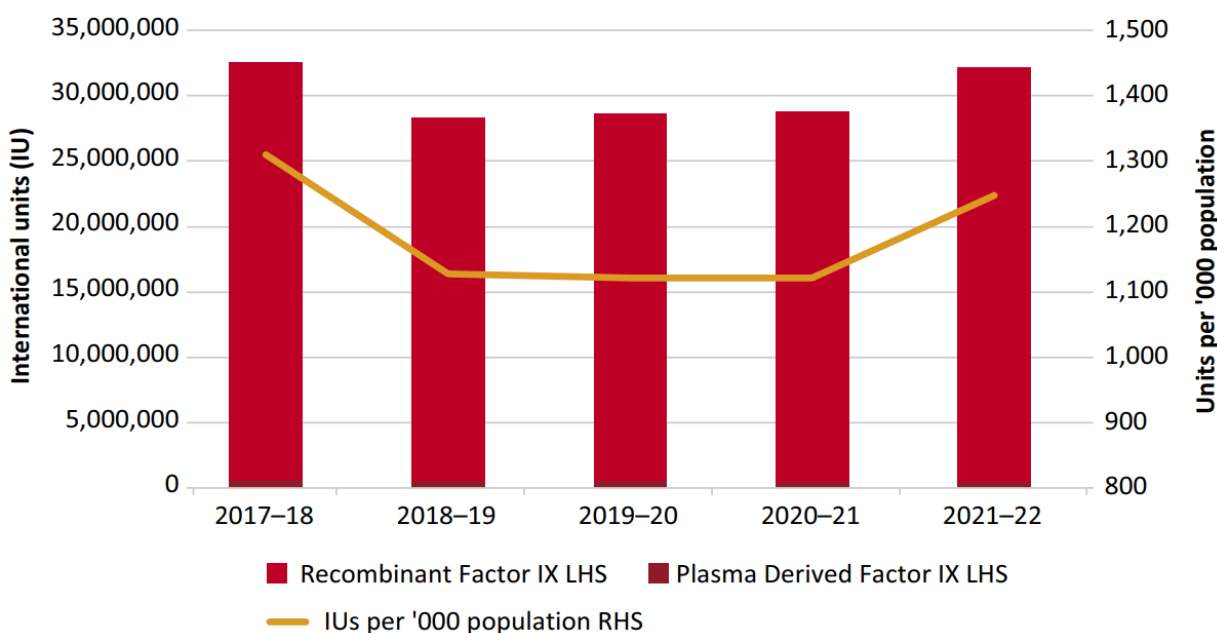


FIGURE 8 - ISSUES OF FACTOR IX PRODUCTS, 2017-18 TO 2021-22 PER '000 POPULATION

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show demand for recombinant factor VIIa decreased by 13.8 per cent and demand for FEIBA decreased by 51.8 per cent compared to 2020-21. These decreases were due to the continued effect of the introduction of emicizumab. Factor VIIa and FEIBA are used to treat inhibitor development in patients with severe and moderate haemophilia A. Emicizumab treats factor VIII deficiency and reduces the development of inhibitors.

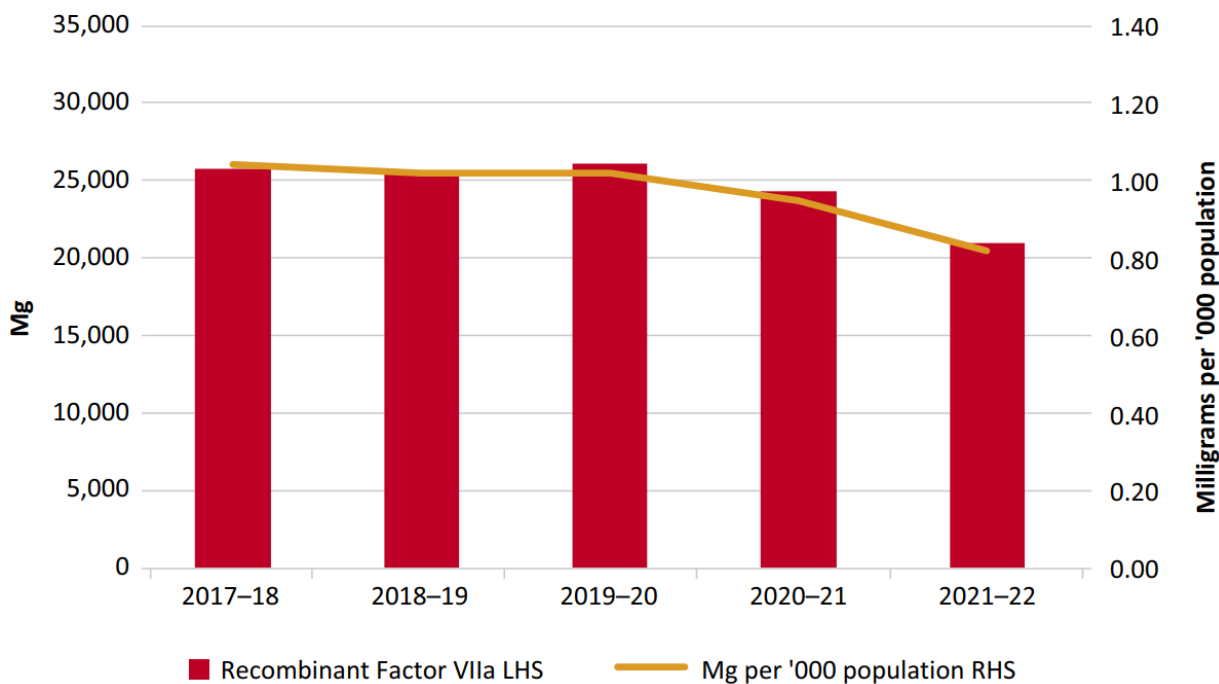


FIGURE 9 - ISSUES OF RECOMBINANT FACTOR VIIa PRODUCTS, 2017-18 TO 2021-22 PER '000 POPULATION

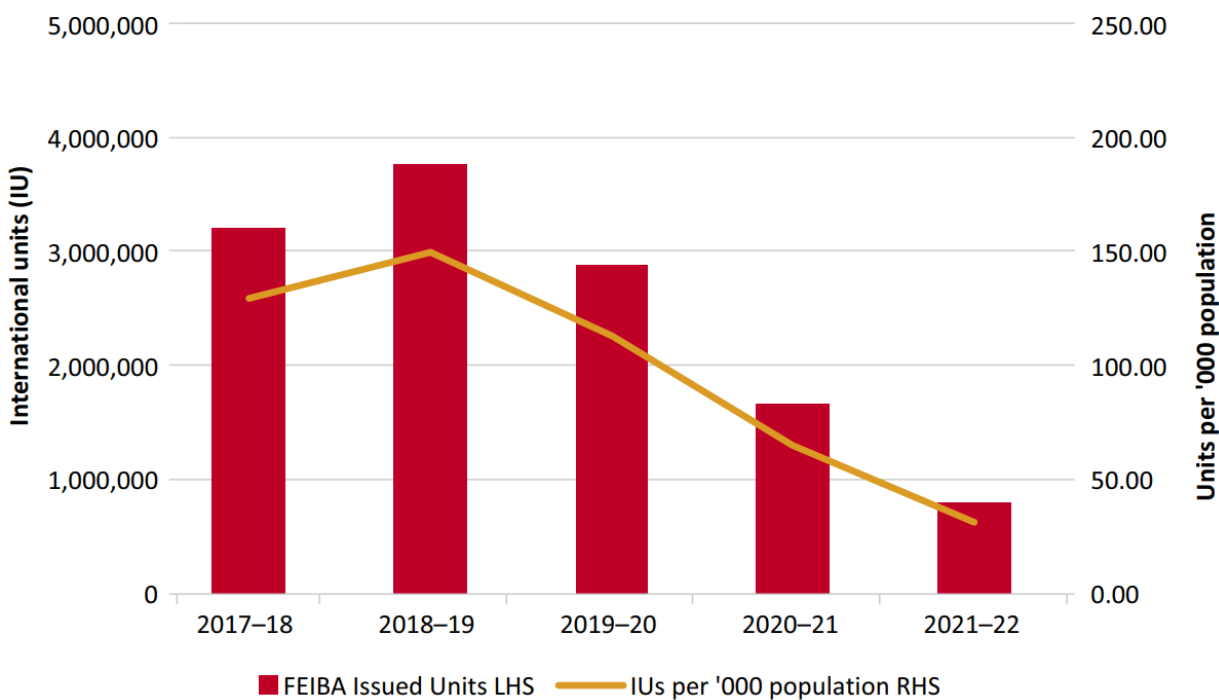


FIGURE 10 - ISSUES OF FEIBA, 2017-18 TO 2021-22 PER '000 POPULATION

## Chronology of products supplied

Since 2003, various products have been supplied through the national blood arrangements. Table 13 sets out changes to products supplied between 2017-18 to 2021-22.

TABLE 13 - CHANGES TO PRODUCTS SUPPLIED - 2017-18 TO 2021-22

2017-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commenced supply of extended half-life products Eloctate, Alprolix, Adynovate (as a limited trial)</li> <li>Commenced supply of Novo Thirteen</li> </ul>
2020-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eloctate, Alprolix and Adynovate made fully available under national supply arrangements</li> <li>Commenced supply of emicizumab (brand name Hemlibra) (November 2020)</li> </ul>
2021-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First full year of emicizumab (Hemlibra) supply</li> <li>Ceased supply of Rixubis</li> </ul>

## Terminology used in this report: Products

Table 14 shows the brand names of specific products and their product type. This report may refer to the types at a combined level (eg FVIII or FIX), may split them into recombinant and plasma derived ('r', 'pd'), or may refer to them specifically by brand name in some instances.

TABLE 14 - PRODUCT TYPES AND BRAND NAMES USED IN THIS REPORT

Product Type	Brand names used in this report
rFVIII	Advate (SHL), Xyntha (SHL), Adynovate (EHL), Eloctate (EHL)
pdFVIII	Biostate
pdFVIII (APCC)	FEIBA
rFIX	BeneFIX (SHL), Alprolix (EHL), Rixubis
pdFIX	MonoFIX
rFVIIa	NovoSeven
Emicizumab	Hemlibra
Factor X	Factor X P Behring
pdFXI	Factor XI bpl
rFXIII	NovoThirteen
pdFXIII	Fibrogammin
Fibrinogen concentrate	RiaSTAP



## Appendix E: Glossary of terms

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
ABDR	Australian Bleeding Disorders Registry
AHCDO	Australian Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation
BU (BU/ml)	Bethesda unit (expressed as Bethesda units per millilitre)
DDAVP	Desmopressin (1-desamino-8-D-arginine vasopressin)
EHL	Extended half-life
Emicizumab	a bi-functional monoclonal antibody product, used to treat Factor VIII deficiency (HMA)
FEIBA	Factor VIII Inhibitor Bypass Activity (Activated Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (APCC))
FIX	Factor IX (nine)
FVIIa	Factor VIIa (seven 'a')
FVIII	Factor VIII (eight)
HFA	Haemophilia Foundation Australia
HMA	Haemophilia A (Factor VIII deficiency)
HMB	Haemophilia B (Factor IX deficiency)
HTC	Haemophilia Treatment Centre (see Appendix B for more information)
IDMS	The NBA's Integrated Data Management System
IU	International Units
mg	milligrams
MyABDR	an app and web site for people with bleeding disorders to record home treatments and bleeds
NBA	National Blood Authority
OBD	Other bleeding disorders
pdFIX	Plasma derived Factor IX, products used to treat Factor IX deficiency
pdFVIII	Plasma derived Factor VIII, products used to treat Factor VIII and VWF deficiencies
rFIX	Recombinant Factor IX, products used to treat Factor IX deficiency
rFVIIa	Recombinant Factor VIIa
rFVIII	Recombinant Factor VIII, products used to treat Factor VIII deficiency
SHL	Standard half-life
VWD	von Willebrand disease
VWF	von Willebrand factor
WFH	World Federation of Hemophilia