BLEEDING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SUPPORT SOUTH CAROLINA HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTERS: CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) are specialized healthcare centers that provide comprehensive care for people with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. HTCs are staffed by multidisciplinary teams of healthcare professionals**.**

BDASC urges state funding and education on the importance of access to comprehensive treatment care and support for pediatric and adult patients living in South Carolina diagnosed with bleeding disorders.

- In 1973, the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation launched a two-year campaign to establish the creation of a nationwide network of hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers. The goal was to provide a range of comprehensive services for patients and families within one treatment facility. Today, there are about 141 federally funded treatment centers and programs across the country. Although they are called hemophilia treatment centers, HTCs provide comprehensive care for people with VWD and other bleeding disorders.
- HTCs are specialized healthcare centers that bring together a team of doctors, nurses, and other health professionals experienced in treating people with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. They offer a unique model of comprehensive care. These include hematologist who specialize in blood disorders, social workers, physical therapists, orthopedists, dentists, genetic counselors, and OBGYN's for women.
- With access to the HTCs, patients improve their long - term health, mobility, mental wellness, and save money by preventing complications before they require costly treatments, a cost savings for both patients and insurers.
- Prisma Health has South Carolina's only federally supported comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center, serving both children and adults, serving Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburg and Florence. There primary location is located at Prisma Health Children's Hospital–Midlands in Columbia, and a satellite office is located at Prisma Health Children's Hospital–Upstate in Greenville. Additional clinics are available in Orangeburg and Florence, South Carolina.