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INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

# Hemofílie

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# Hemophilia

## Incidence:

Hemophilia A (deficiency of factor VIII):

1 - 2 of 10 000 male newborns in all ethnic groups

Hemophilia B (deficiency of factor IX):

1 - 2 of 50 000 male newborns in all ethnic groups

**Hereditary:** X - chromosomal, recessive

# Symptoms of Hemophilia

Joint bleedings (Knee 45%, Elbow 30%)	70 - 80 %
Muscle bleedings and haemorrhages of the skin	10 - 20 %
Other severe bleedings	5 - 10 %
Central nervous system (brain)	~ 5 %

# Bleeding events



*Figure 13. Suspected child abuse that turned out to be severe hemophilia.*



*Figure 14. Patient with compression of the left part of the thoracic cage due to a massive blood cyst.*

# Ankle bleed



## Late haemarthrosis of knee



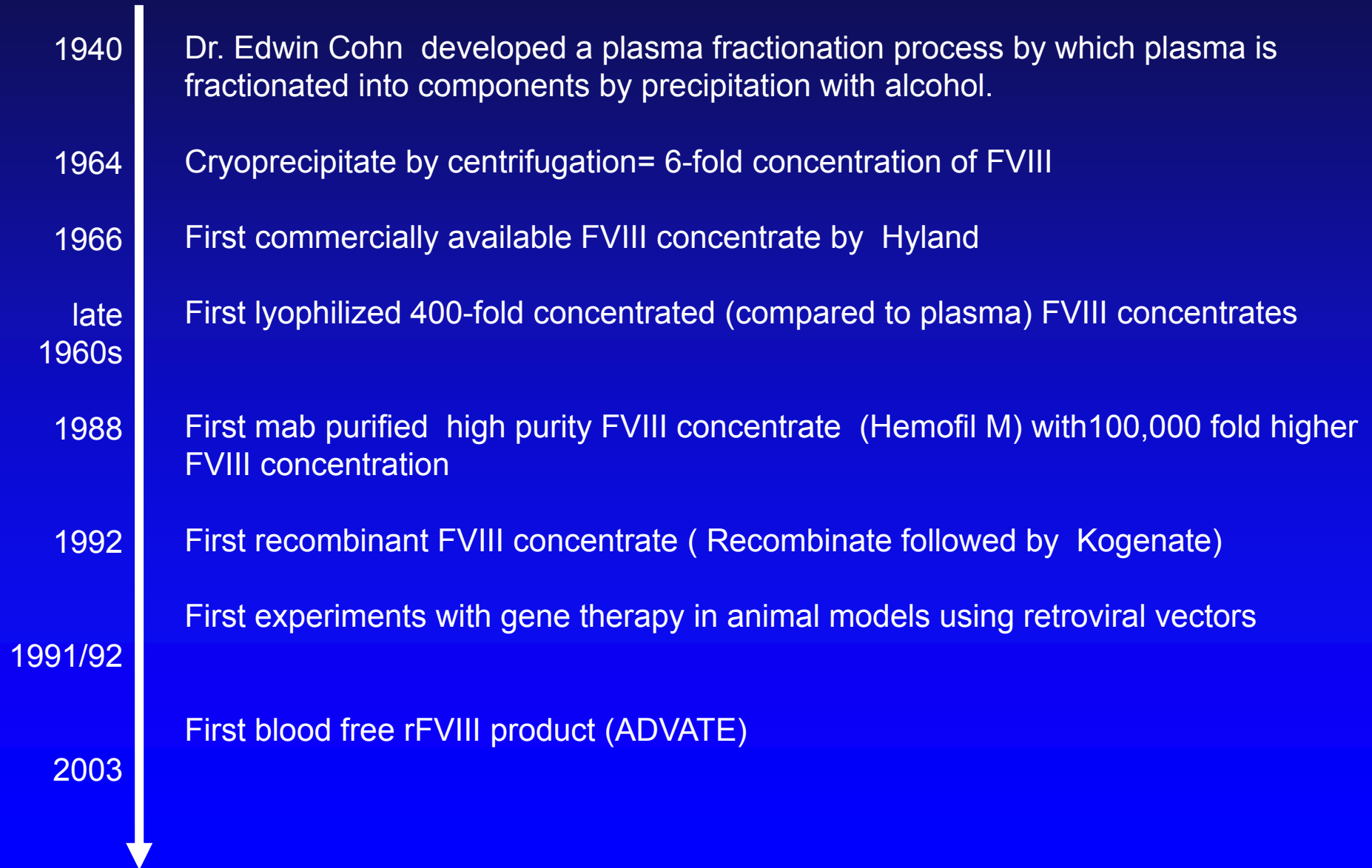


# Soft tissue bleeds

- Often related to trauma
- Usually less painful than haemarthroses
- Can be very large
- Complications
  - Compartment syndrome
  - Nerve compression
  - Hypovolaemic shock



# The history of blood products is >60 years long





# How to calculate the right dose?

1 IU FVIII / kg b.w. raises the plasma FVIII activity by 2%

Formula:

$$\text{Dose (IU/kg)} = \text{body weight (kg)} \times \text{desired increase (\%)} \times 0.5$$

# Dosage Recommendations for FVIII Concentrates

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	Type of bleed/ surgery	Required max. activity of FVIII	Frequency of infusions
<b>Bleeds</b>	Milder	20-40%	Every 12-24 hrs 1-3 days
	Moderate	30-60%	Every 12-24 hrs More than 3 days
	Severe or life threatening	60-100%	Every 8-24 hrs until resolved
<b>Surgery</b>	Minor surgery incl. dental extraction	60-80%	1 Infusion plus antifibrinolytic agent
	Major surgery	80-100%	Every 8-24 hrs

## Treatment translates into Quality of life

Treatment options	Life expectation and Quality of life
No treatment or FFP only	Death under 6 years of age
FVIII concentrates 10-20 000 Units/pat./year	Become crippled, reduced activity; Complications at the age of 20
FVIII concentrates on demand) 30-50 000 Units/pat./year	Reduced activity; Complications at the age of 30
On demand, little prophylaxis; 70-80 000 Units/pat./year	Some activities possible; Complication at the age of 40
Prophylaxe from 0-15. years of age 100-120 000 Units/pat./year	Normal active life; no orthopedic damages; normal life expectation

# Complications in Hemophilia

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- Musculoskeletal problems
- FVIII inhibitor development
- Special issues in pediatric patients
- Management of surgery

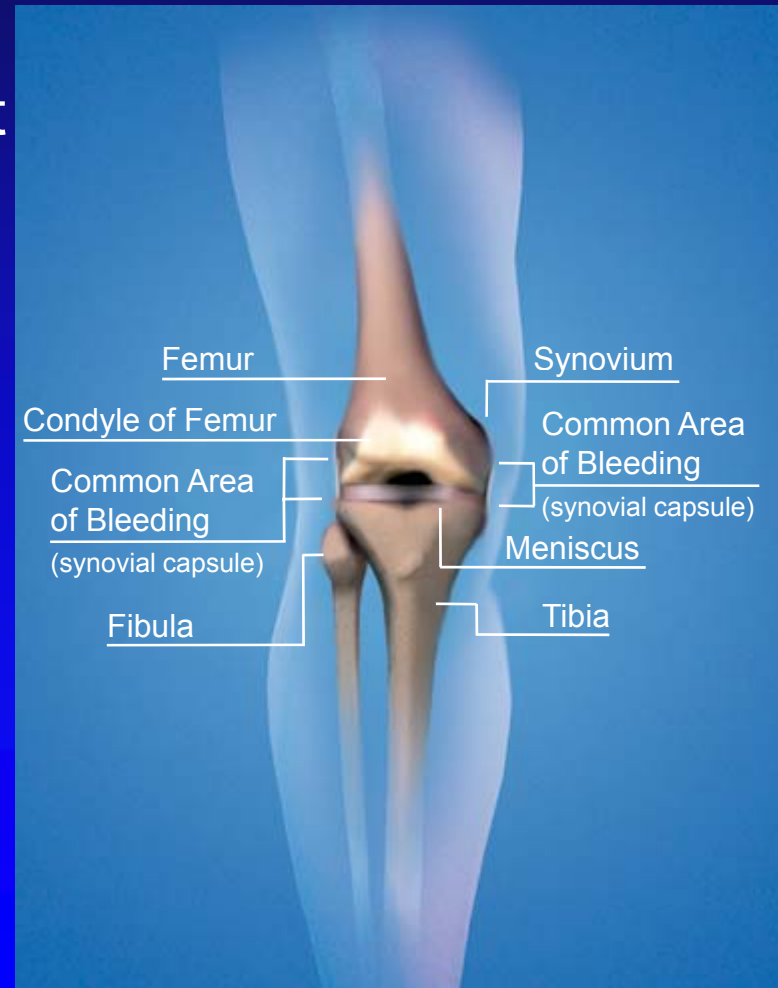
# Joint damage due to frequent bleedings into a target joint



*Figure 17. Boy with severe hemophilia.*

# Sites of Joint Bleeding in Hemophilia: Knee

- The knee is a common target joint in hemophilia





# Early Joint Bleeding in Hemophilia: Knee

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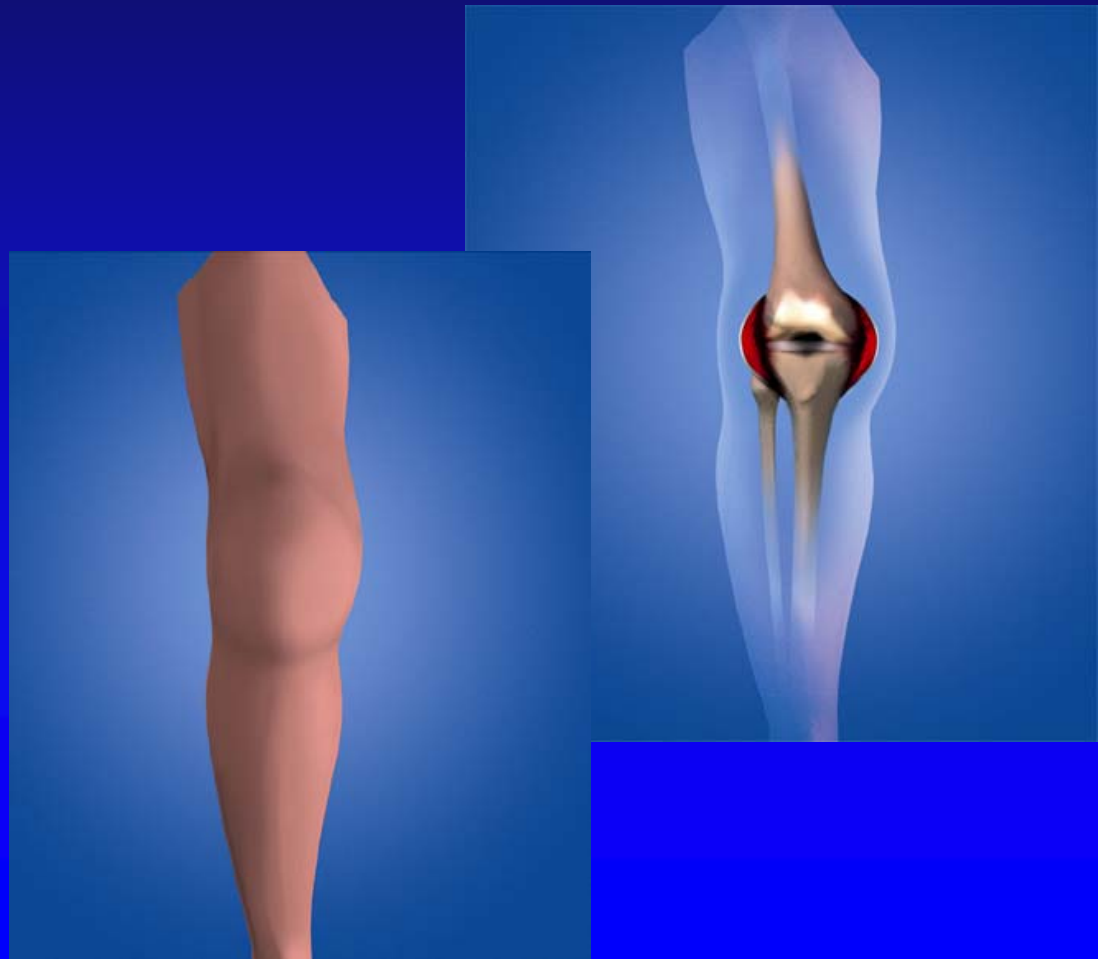
- Warmth, tingling
- Optimal time to initiate treatment



# Late Joint Bleeding in Hemophilia: Knee

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- Increased pain
- Increased swelling
- Decreased range of motion
- Therapy initiated at this time results in prolonged treatment and greater risk for joint damage



# Joint Bleeding in Hemophilia: Chronic Changes

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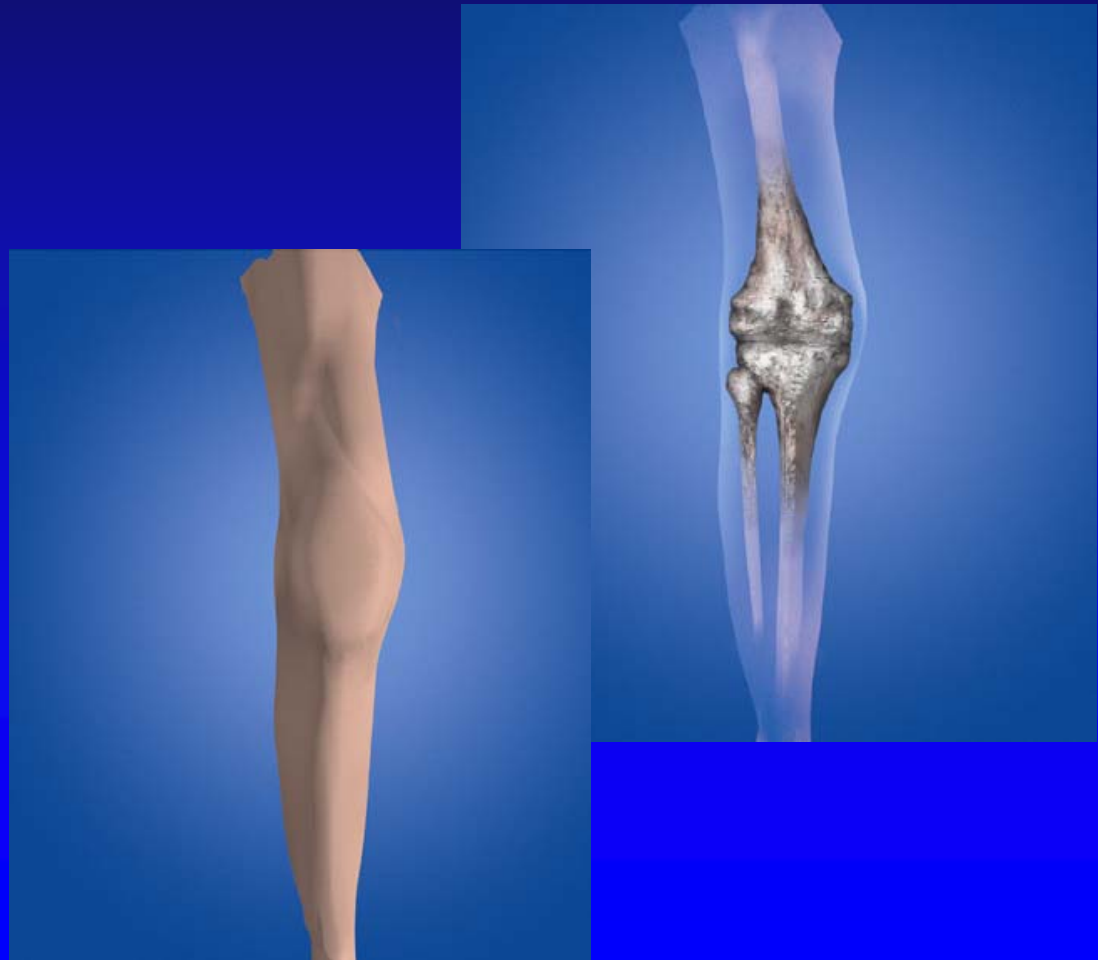
- Synovial hypertrophy and synovitis
- Swelling/effusion
- Pain
- Cartilage erosion
- Subchondral cysts
- Loss of bone density and articular surfaces
- Muscle atrophy



# Late Hemophilic Arthropathy

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- Chronic pain
- Poorly functioning joint
  - Advanced osteoporosis
  - Cartilage destruction
  - Joint space narrowing
- Disability
- Joint replacement or other orthopedic procedure may be required



# Surgical Interventions

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- Open surgical synovectomy
  - Considered for elbows
- Arthroscopic synovectomy
  - Recommended for knees and ankles
- Total joint replacement (Titanium, Steel)
  - Commonly performed for knees, hips, and shoulders
- Arthrodesis
  - Utilized for joints in which arthroplasty has failed, joint has become infected

# Prophylaxis: Long-Term Goals

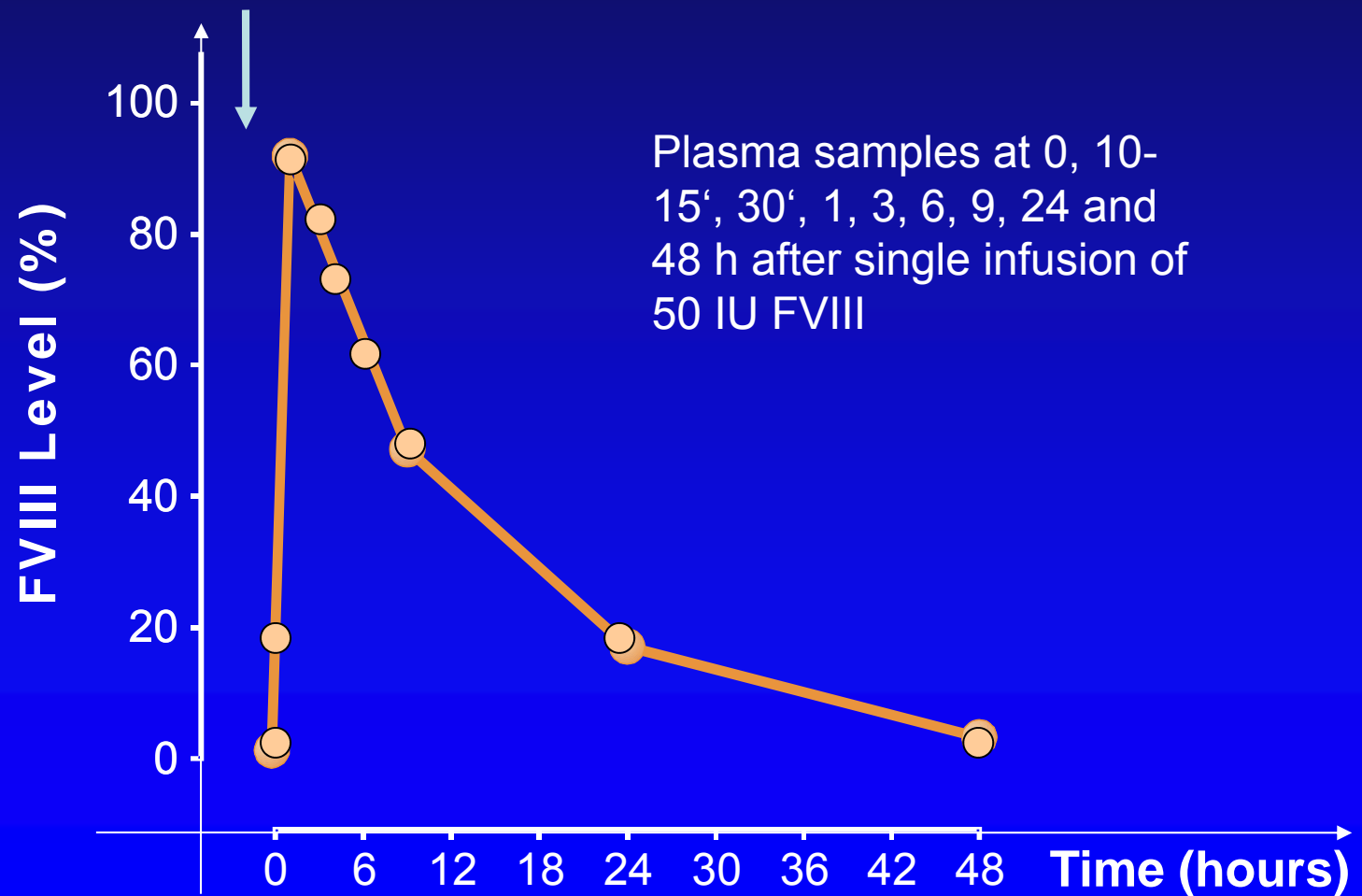
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- Prevention of chronic disease (target joint)
- Improvement in individual/family quality of life
- Reduction in long-term societal costs through prevention of disability, improved outcome, maximization of human potential



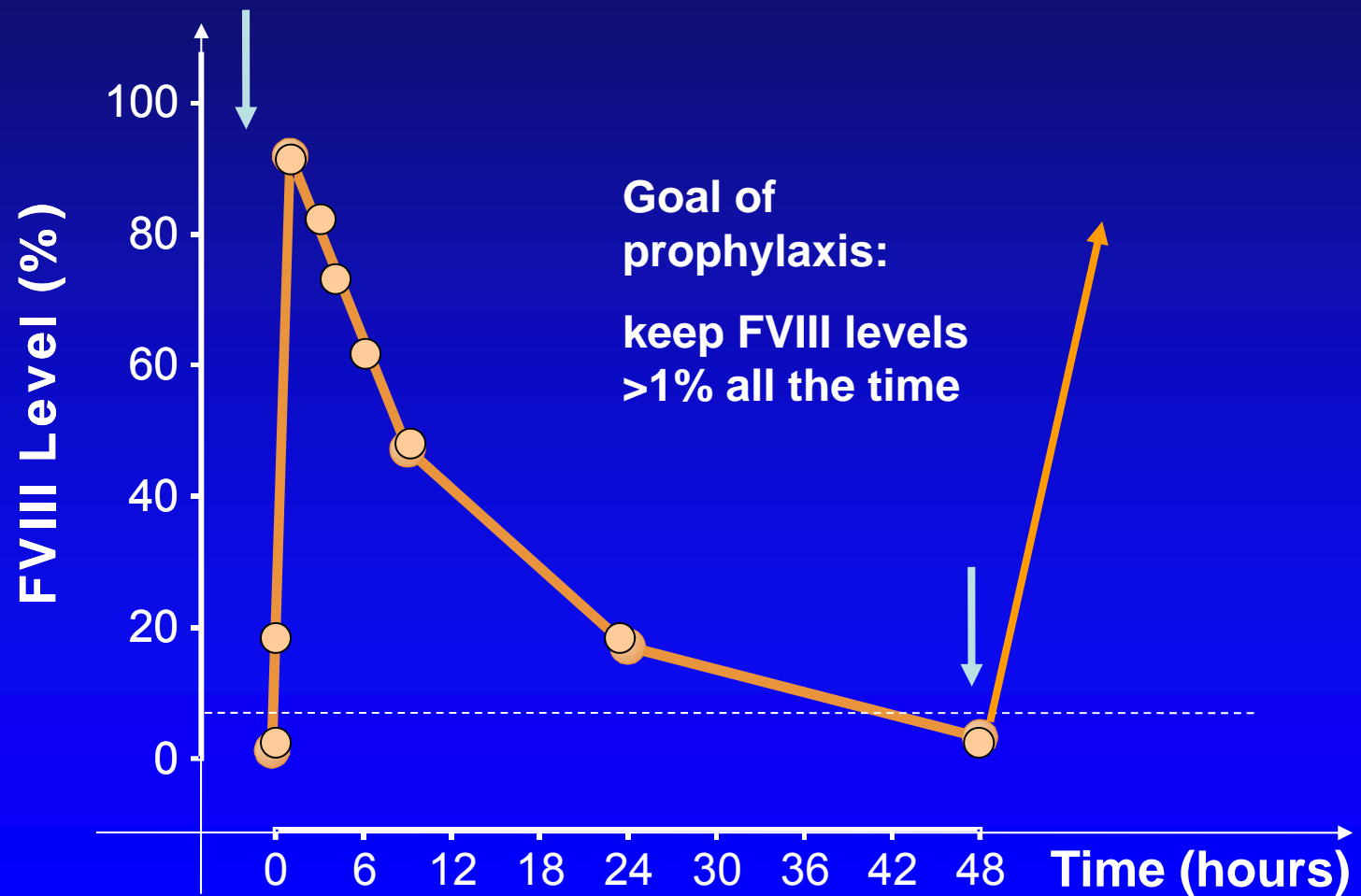
# Individual PK curve - FVIII Levels over Time

single infusion of  $50 \pm 5$  IU/kg bodyweight FVIII at time zero



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# Barriers to Prophylaxis

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- Cost

Product costs only:  $(50\text{kg} \times 50\text{IU} \times 3 \times 52 \text{ weeks} = 390,000 \text{ IU/Year} \times 0.83\text{€}) =$   
**323,700 €**

- Individual
- Social

- Complications with venous access

- Long-term compliance

- Individual ability
- Caregiver commitment

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# FVIII inhibitors – incidences and general info

## Incidences

Inhibitors to FVIII develop in about 30% of patients with severe hemophilia  
in 1-3% in PTPs  
In up to 50% in PUPs

- Inhibitors are measured in Bethesda units (BU)
- Inhibitors can be transient = disappear spontaneously; most low titer without clinical consequences
- Patients with inhibitors categorized as high or low responders
  - Low responding:  $\leq 5$  BU persistently despite FVIII exposure (no anamnestic response)
  - High responding:  $> 5$  BU at any time regardless of present titer (anamnestic response)

**Scandella D.** Human anti-factor VIII antibodies: epitope localization and inhibitory function. *Vox Sang.* 1996;70(suppl 1):9-14.

**Scandella DH.** Properties of anti-factor VIII inhibitor antibodies in hemophilia A patients. *Semin Thromb Hemost.* 2000;26:137-142.

# FVIII Inhibitors – Treatment options

## **Treatment of bleeding events in patients with inhibitors:**

- Increased FVIII dose
- Bypassing agents: FEIBA or NovoSeven (rFVIIa)

**ITI (immune tolerance induction)** with the goal to get rid of the inhibitor for ever

High dose und low dose FVIII protocols as well as the Malmö protocol (plasmapheresis to eliminate all Ig)



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# Pediatric Patients: Special Issues

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- Bleed recognition
- Transitioning CVAD (Central Venous Access Device – Port-A-Cat) to peripheral venous access
- Pharmacokinetics in young children different (shorter half-life and lower in vivo recovery)
- Monitoring for FVIII inhibitors

# Venous access devices

Implanted PortACath  
(Huber):  
Injection of FVIII through a  
plastic membrane into a  
chamber that is connected  
to a vein

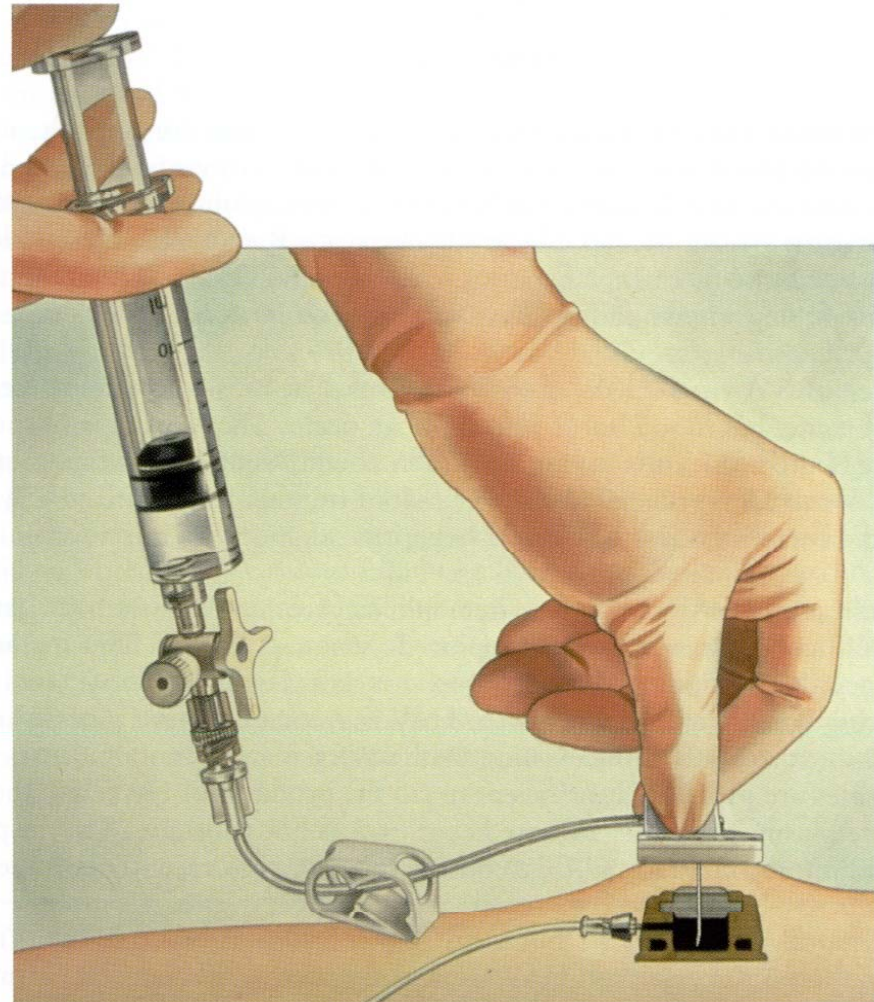
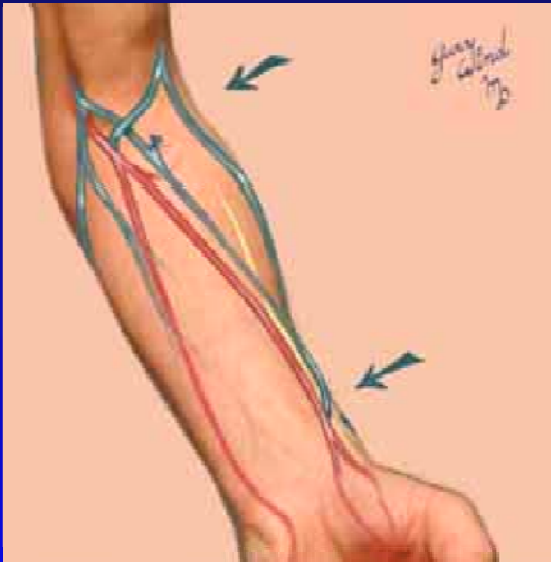


Figure 24b. Insertion of the needle through the skin.

# Venous access devices



## Arteriovenous fistulae

Connect a vein with an artery (end-to-side or side-to-side) in the forearm.

Goal: arterialization of the vein  
(stronger elastic vessel walls)

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# Recommended Targets for Postoperative Plasma FVIII Levels

Procedure	Week 1 FVIII Plasma Level	Weeks 2 and 3 FVIII Plasma Level
Major surgery (joint/knee replacements, neurosurgery)	80%-110%	50%-80%
Minor surgery (arthroscopy, intra-abdominal)	50%-80%	30%-50%
Dental	As needed	As needed



# CI: Dosing

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- Interpatient FVIII pharmacokinetics vary considerably
- Tailor maintenance dosing to reflect individual FVIII pharmacokinetics

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Rate of infusion (IU/kg/h)} \\ &= \\ &\text{Clearance (mL/kg/h)} \\ &\times \\ &\text{Desired plasma level (IU/mL)} \end{aligned}$$



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