

Revolutionary Advances in Hemophilia Treatment: Scientific Innovations, Economic Challenges, and the Global Impact on Patient Care

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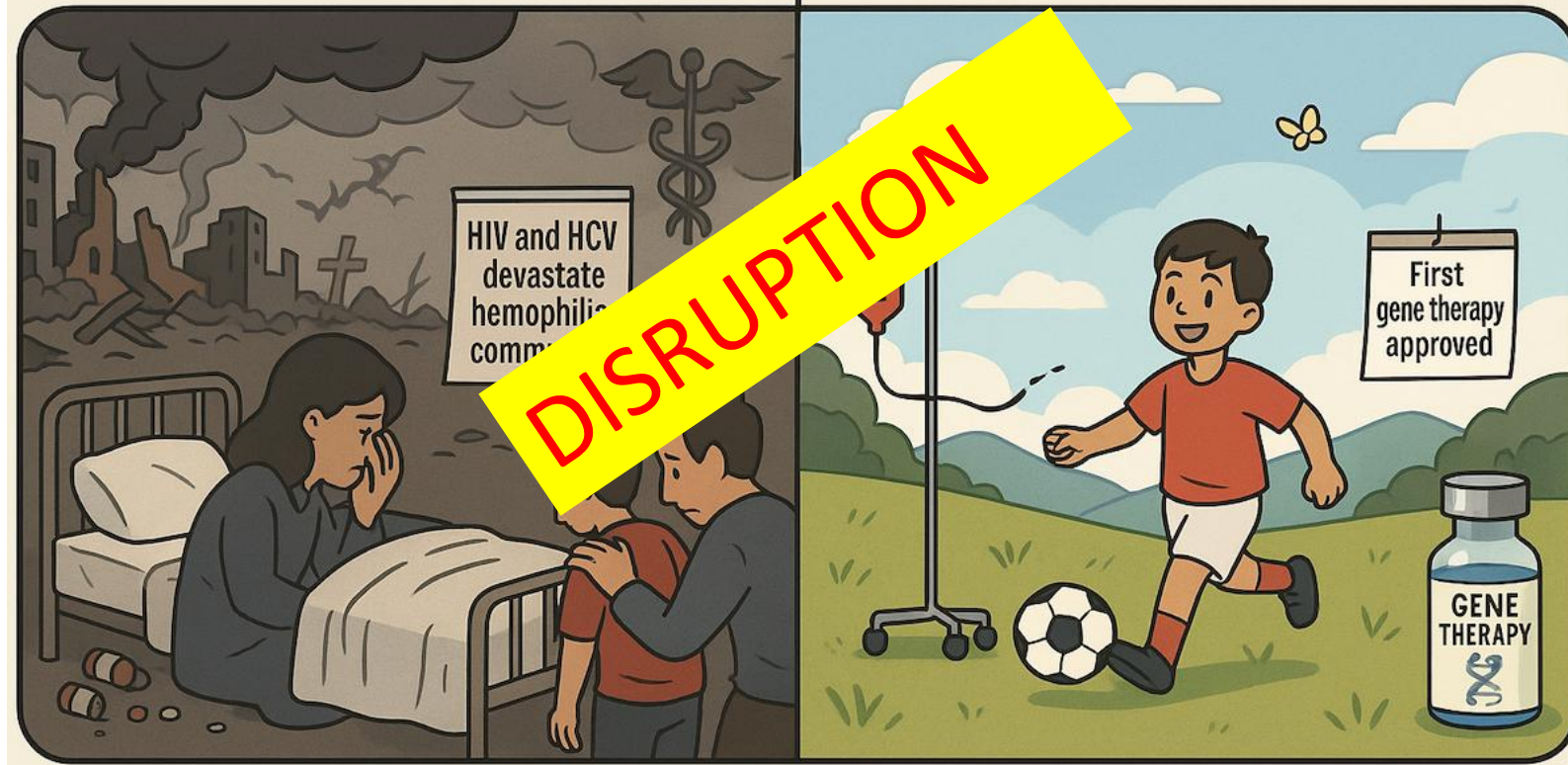
Fear. Stigma. Loss.
Injustice. Betrayal.

Hope. Healing. Normalcy
Hemophilia-free Mind

Two Worlds

World of Loss:
1980s–1990s

World of Progress:
2010s–2020s



Bleak
To
Dynamic

Dichotomy 1982 vs 2025:
Unprecedented therapeutic
advances... enabled by
continued technical
advances in molecular and
cellular engineering

1970s: HCV | 1982: HIV | 1996: HAART | 2014: EHLs | 2017: FVIII mimetic | 2022: Gene therapy

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Dramatic Changes in Therapeutic Landscape: 2014-2025

Tools to prevent bleeding

- Plasma-derived clotting factors
- Recombinant clotting factors
- Bypassing activated clotting factors
- Genetically engineered clotting factors
- Chemically conjugated clotting factors
- FVIII mimetic bispecific monoclonal antibodies
 - SQ delivery
 - Oral delivery
- Rebalancing agents
 - Small inhibitory RNA to antithrombin
 - Mabs to Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor
 - Mab to Protein S
 - ~~Protein C inhibitor~~
 - siRNA to Z-dependent protease inhibitor
- Gene therapy
 - AAV delivered episomes
 - Lentivirus delivered gene insertion
 - AAV/CRISPR Cas LNP genome integration

Treatment goals

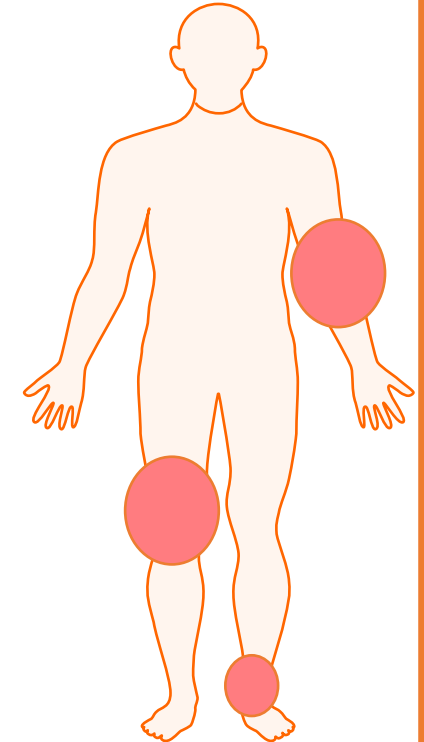
- Zero bleeds
- Desired physical activity level



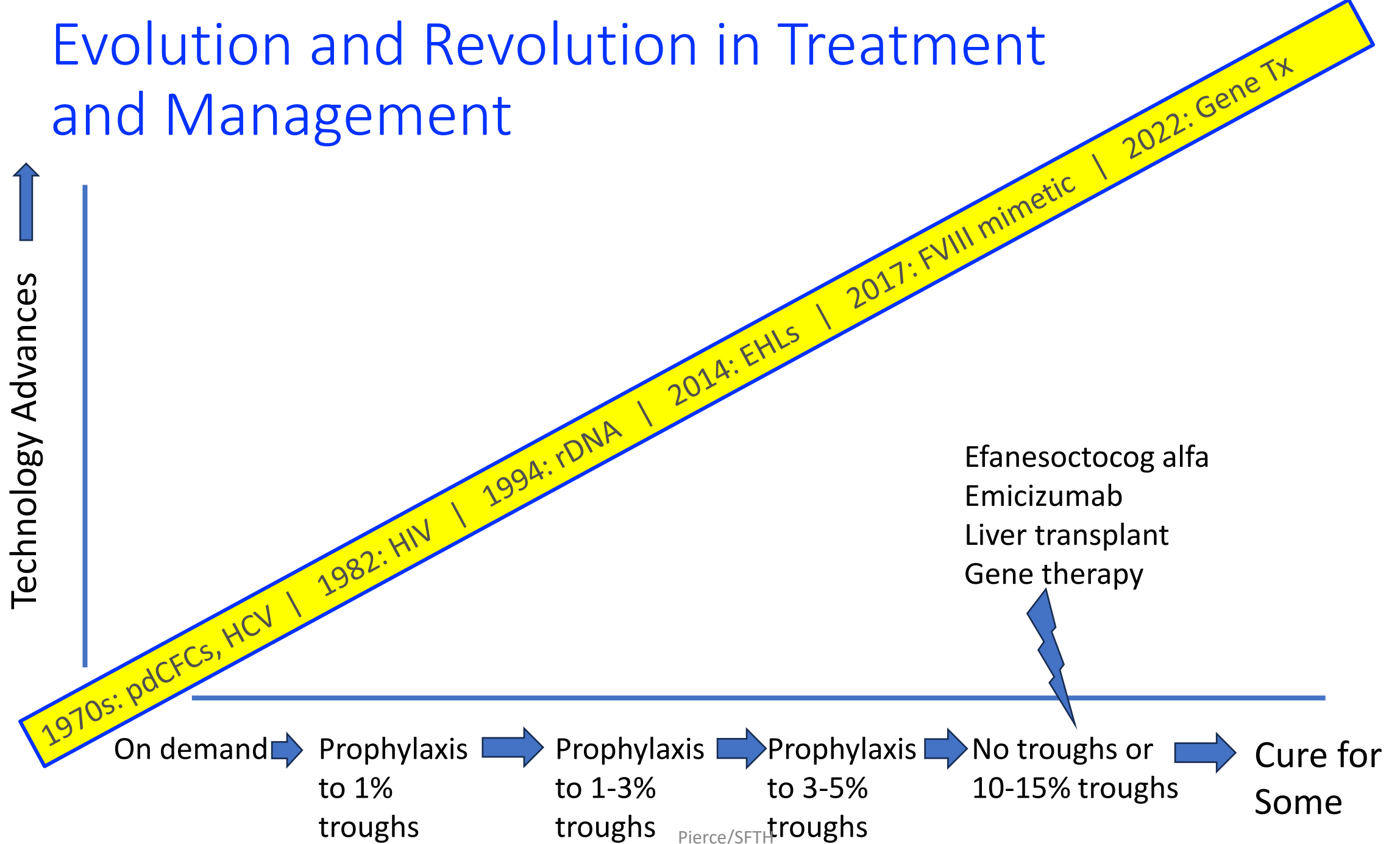
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Functional cure

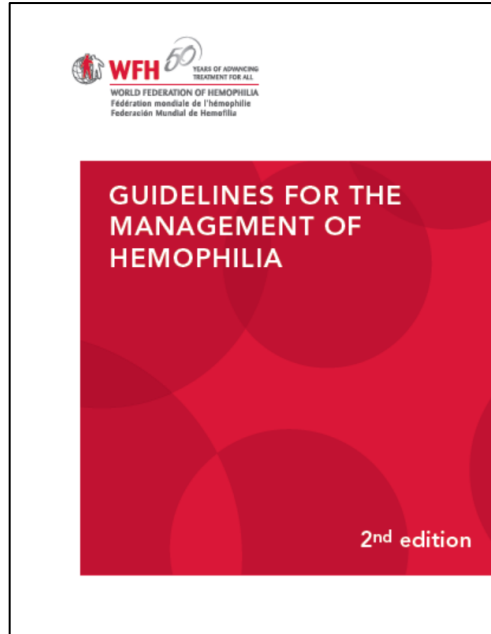


Evolution and Revolution in Treatment and Management



Treatment Goals Enabled by Evolving Technologies

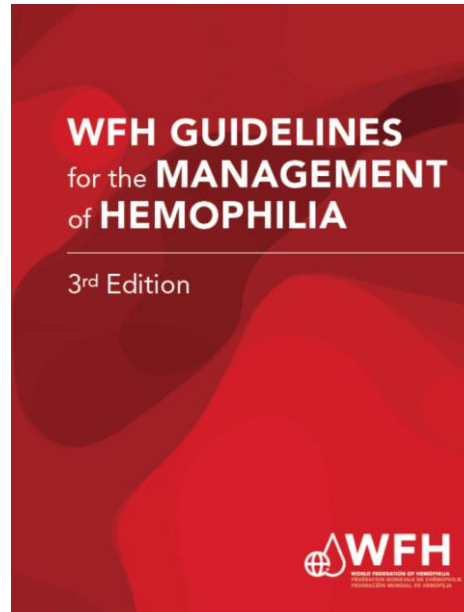
2nd Edition 2012



1-3% troughs
considered adequate



3rd Edition 2020



3-5% or higher troughs
now preferred



Trough or steady state
level needed to meet
newer treatment goals?

Evolving goals based on technology advances

FVIII Activity Levels Associated with Zero Joint Bleeds

Factor levels of 15% or more are needed to achieve zero joint bleeds as demonstrated across models¹⁻⁶

15%

2011

den Uijl I, et al.
Haemophilia 2011¹

Based on a multivariate model to estimate joint bleeds in people with non-severe hemophilia A

NOT ACHIEVABLE USING
STANDARD HALF LIFE
PRODUCTS

den Uijl I, et al.
Blood Adv 2018²

Based on a regression model to predict joint bleeds in people with non-severe hemophilia A

35-40%



2016/2020

Chowdary P, et al. *Thromb Haemost* 2020³;
Fischer K, et al. *Blood* 2016⁴

Based on PK models used to predict FVIII levels associated with zero joint bleeds in people with severe hemophilia A

Minimum Factor Levels to Prevent Joint Bleeding

	At least 1 joint bleed (n=100)	No joint bleeds (n=170) ²	Mean difference (95% CI)	p
FVIII:C ¹ mean (SD)	17.8 (10.8)	26.8 (11.6)	-9.0 (-11.7;-6.2)	<0.0001

- Lower mean FVIII levels were observed in patients with a history of at least one lifelong joint bleed compared with those with no previous joint bleeds
- Consequences of standard deviations
 - Patients will have individual minimal thresholds for bleeding
 - Most data are in mild patients. Patients with prior joint damage and target joints will require higher FVIII levels or a greater change in their ratio of pro- and anti-coagulants
 - Severe patients are phenotypically different from those with higher FVIII

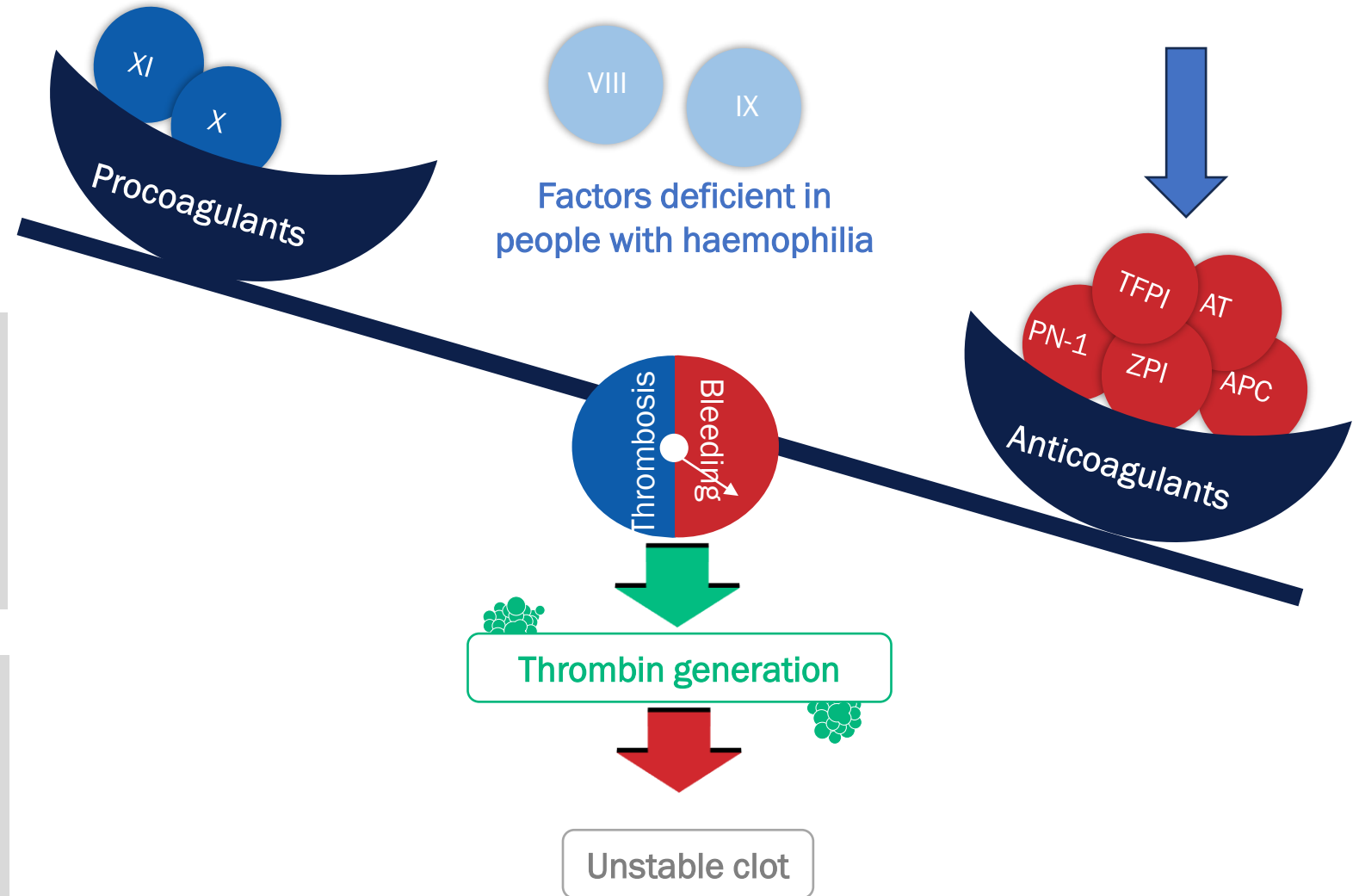


Thrombin Generation: Goal of Hemophilia Therapy

Haemostasis depends on **balanced coagulation** to generate **thrombin sufficient** to enable stable clot formation^{1,2}

In haemophilia, lack of factor VIII or IX results in **insufficient thrombin generation** and **inability to form stable blood clots**^{1,2}

Rebalancing agents aim to **correct thrombin deficiency** by **lowering anticoagulant levels**^{2,3}



APC, activated protein C; AT, antithrombin; PN-1, protease nexin-1; TFPI, tissue-factor protein inhibitor; ZPI, Z-dependent protease inhibitor.

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Figure adapted from Aymonnier K, et al. Thromb Haemost 2021;121(03):261–269

Comparison of Rebalancing Agents

Rebalancing Agent	Dosing Regimen	Annualized Bleeding Rate	Comments
Concizumab Anti-TFPI	SQ daily Weight based Concizumab level testing required	2.1-6 , Explorer 7 and 8 trials	Thrombotic events led to new dosing regimen
Marstacimab Anti-TFPI	SQ weekly Flat dosing >12 years No lab monitoring	2.3-5.1 Basis trial	No reported thrombotic events to date
Fitusiran siRNA to AT	SQ monthly Flat dosing based on AT level AT level testing required	3.7 (median)	Adverse events led to new Phase 3 trial to test new dosing regimen to maintain AT levels 15-35%

Emicizumab, Efanesoctocog alfa, Mim8, valoctocogene roxaparvovec, etranocogene dezaparvovec ABR all <1

A Critical Juncture in Development of Hemophilia Therapeutics*

- **Goal: zero bleeds, hemophilia-free mind**

- **Status**

- Many CFCs approved, no pending novel clinical trials for HemA/B
- 3 rebalancing agents approved, one more in clinical trials (for VWD)
 - Long term safety and comparative real world efficacy needed
- 1 FVIII mimetic on market, 3 more in clinical trials (including oral)
- 2 gene therapies approved, 1 in clinical trials (lenti)
- 2 gene editing clinical trials, more coming



- **Next focus areas**

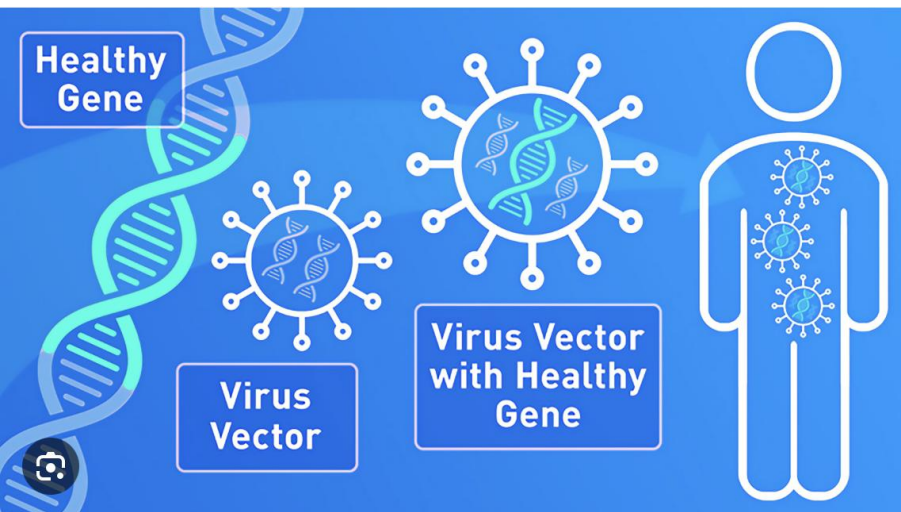
- RBDs, VWD (+some above agents may be effective)
- Next generation gene therapies including editing
- Expanded access globally



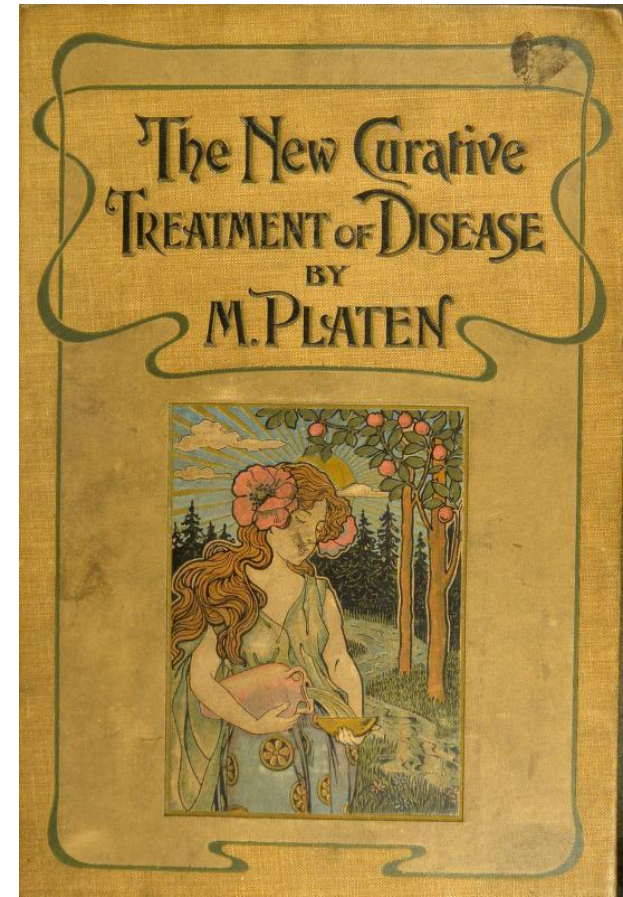
* Not exhaustive list; not including China

The Roads Toward Curative Therapy

What Has Enabled Factor IX
Curative Therapy in Many
Treated Individuals?



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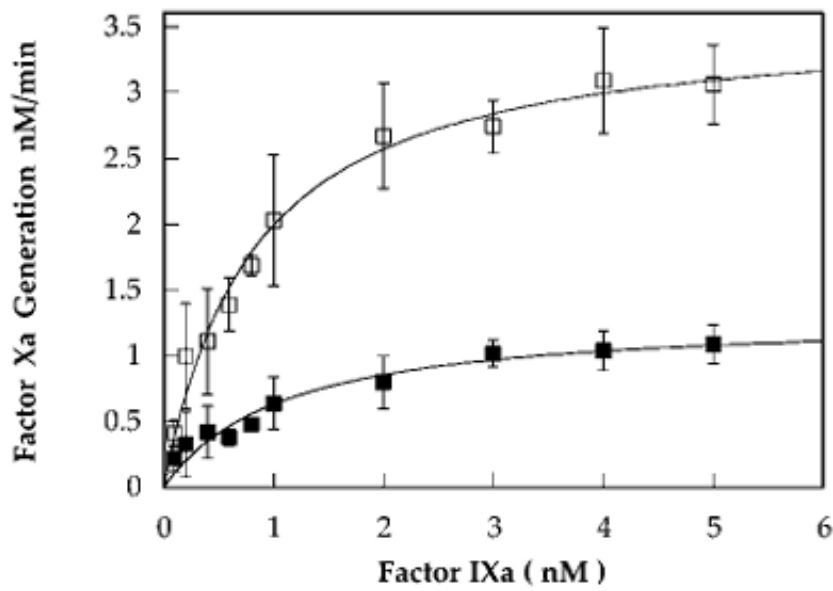


Changing Residue 338 in Human Factor IX from Arginine to Alanine Causes an Increase in Catalytic Activity*

(Received for publication, December 22, 1997, and in revised form, March 5, 1998)

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activity

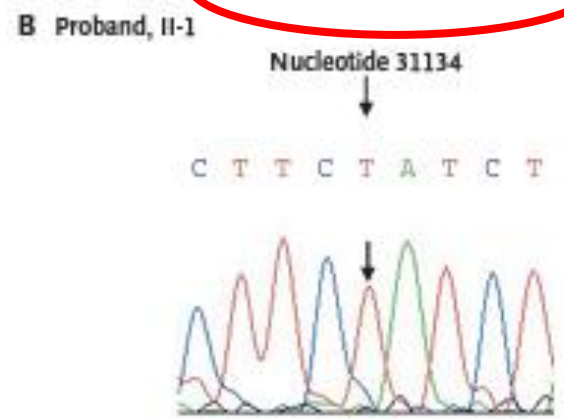
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FIX
activity

Increased specific activity is enabling

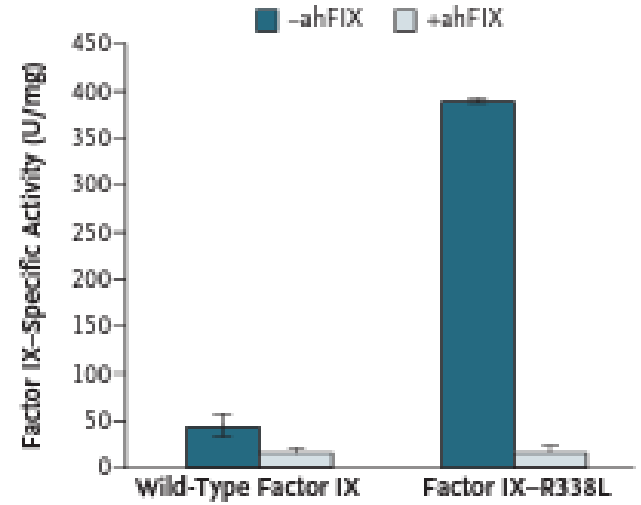
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X-Linked Thrombophilia with a Mutant Factor IX (Factor IX Padua)

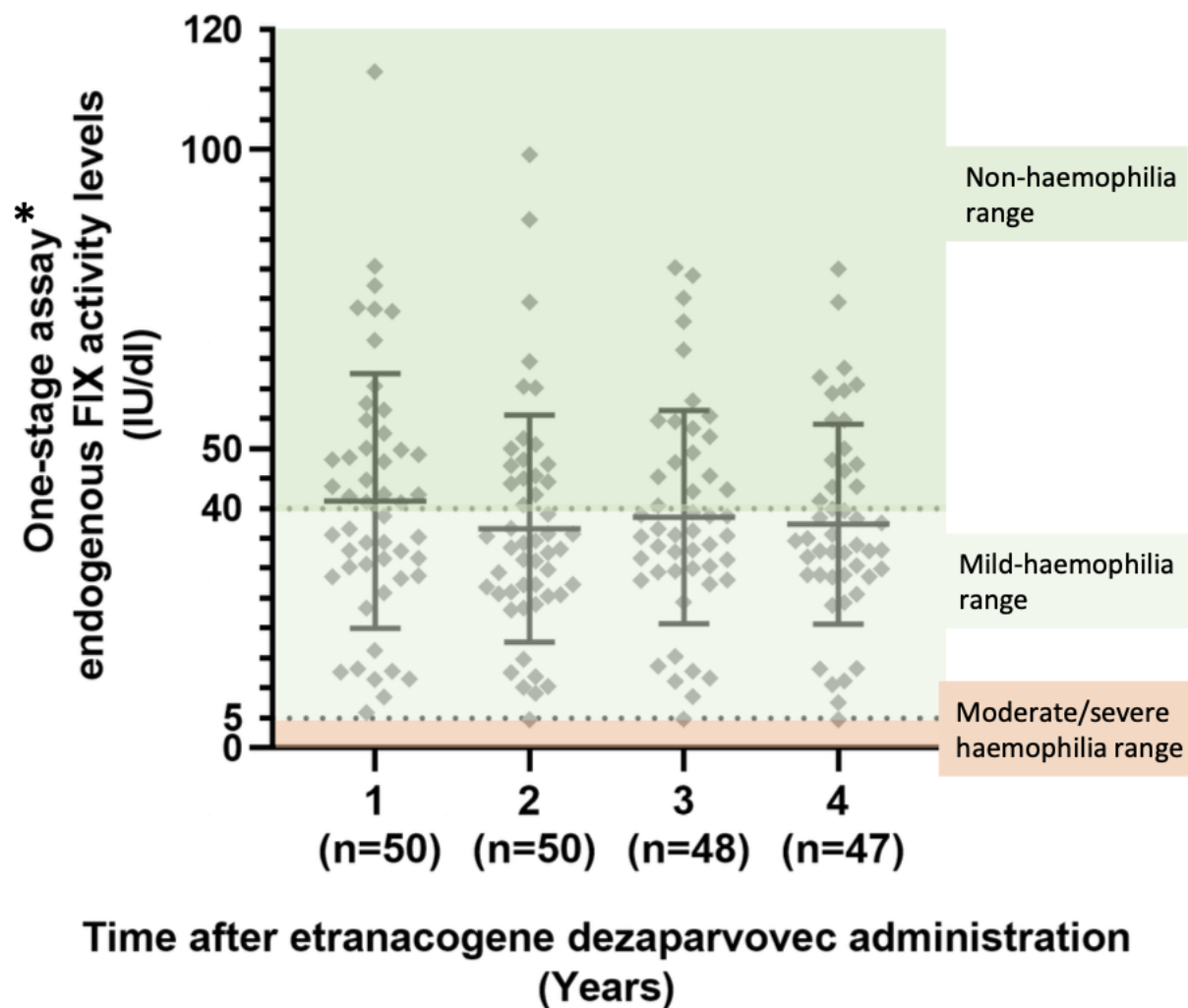
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D Factor IX-Specific Activity



AAV5-FIX Phase 3 Results



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Gene Therapy with Etranacogene Dezaparvovec for Hemophilia B

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- Variability, some participants <10%
- High pre-existing anti-AAV5 inhibits
- Path to children slow
- One and done
- Some liver toxicity
- Can be considered curative for most
 - ABR 0.99; 67% zero bleeds after 2 years
- 1st generation HemB gene therapy

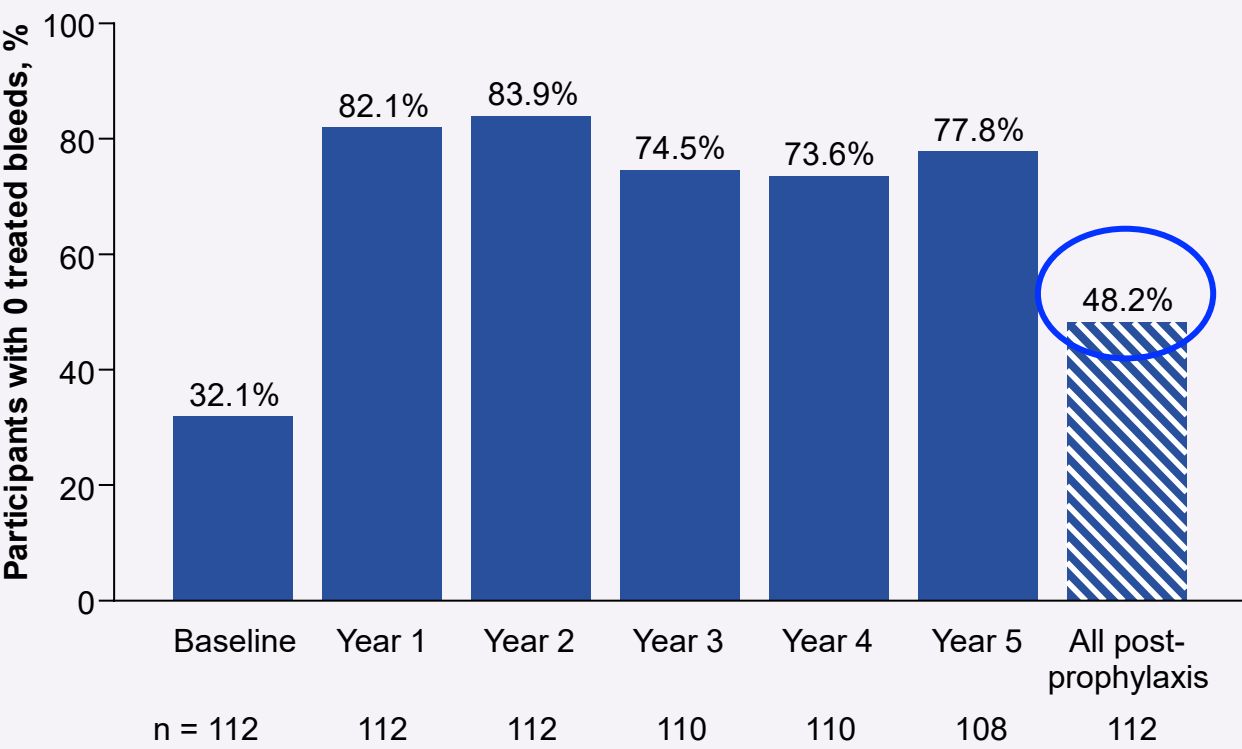
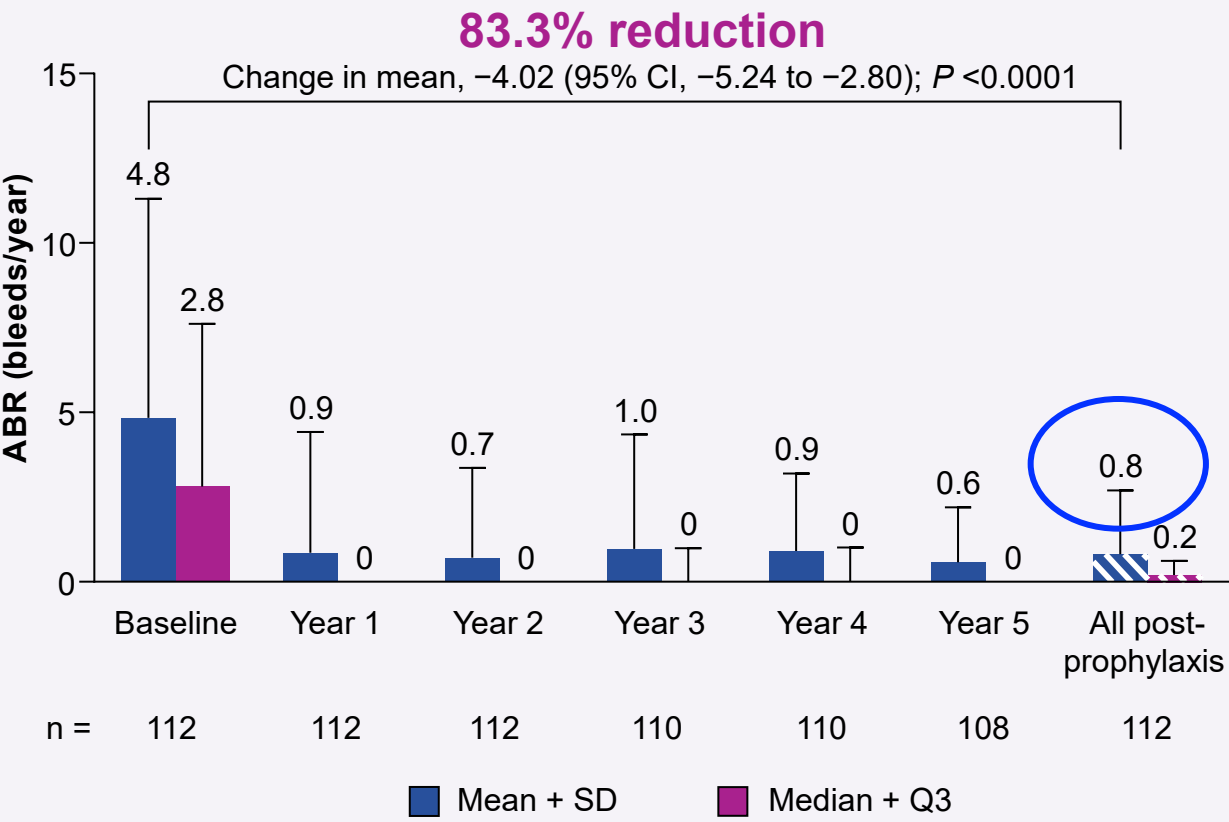
Valoctocogene Roxaparvovec: Hemostatic Efficacy Over 5 Years

Rollover population



ABR for treated bleeds decreased >80% from baseline during the post-prophylaxis period

In year 5, >75% of participants had no treated bleeds; overall 48% no treated bleeds



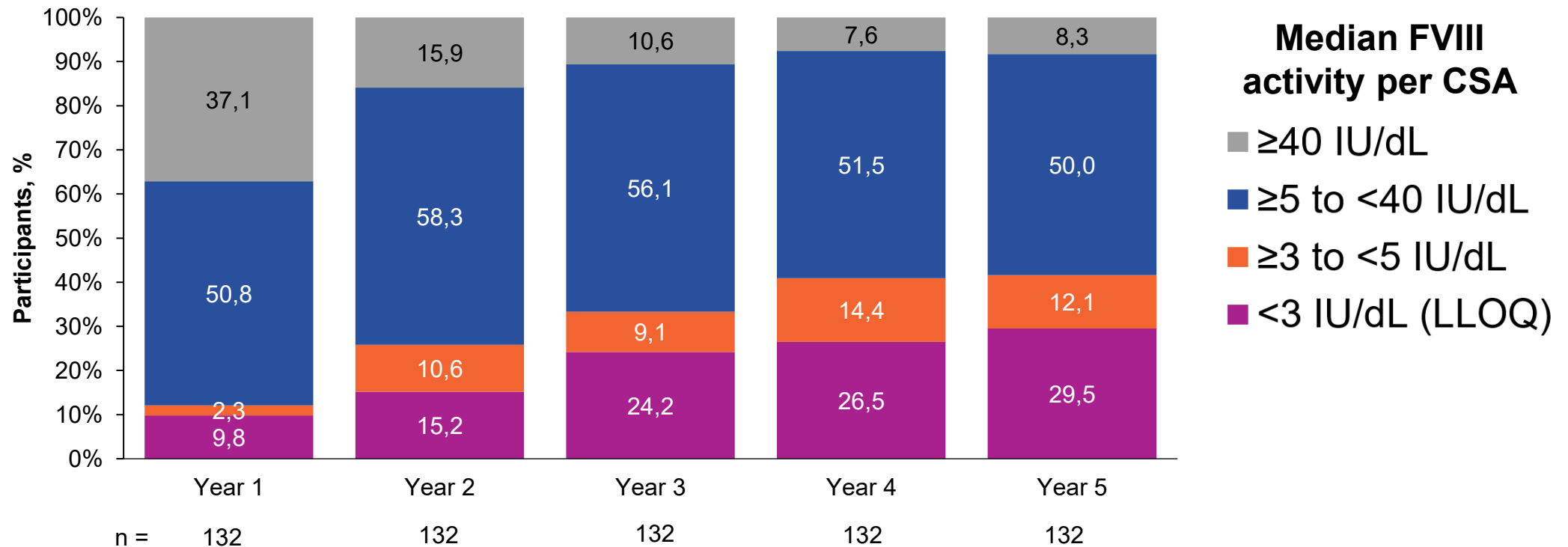
Missing data were not imputed.
ABR, annualized bleeding rate; CI, confidence interval; Q, quartile; SD, standard deviation.
Slide modified from BioMarin
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(109/134) of participants remain off prophylaxis; 25 returned

Valoctocogene Roxaparvovec FVIII Activity (Chromogenic) Through Year 5 mlTT population



58.3% remain in mild to normal range from 88% end of year 1
<3% patients: growing each year
>40% patients: decreasing each year



Because 2 participants did not reach year 4 follow-up, week 208 data are based on 130 participants. For participants who discontinued the study, missing FVIII values post-discontinuation were imputed as 0 IU/dL through the data cutoff date.

CSA, chromogenic substrate assay; FVIII, factor VIII; LLOQ, lower limit of quantification; mlTT, modified intention-to-treat.

BioMarin data

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Development Risks: Most New Drugs Fail

- Hemophilia used to be an exception. No longer
- All but **2** gene therapies have failed to commercialize since 1998
 - At least **15** others have failed during clinical testing.*
 - e.g., BAX335, BAX888, BAY2599023, FLT180a, fidanacogene elaparovvec, giroctocogene fiteloparovvec, dirloctogene samoparovvec, Spk-8016, AMT-060, AskBio009, Coagulin-B intra-muscular and intra-hepatic, Transkaryotic Therapies, Viagene, GenStar/Baxter*
 - Unrestrained Panglossian thinking
- Multiple protein therapeutics failed over 20 years
 - e.g., KG-Lip, 4 FVIIa variants, SerpinPC, 1 anti-TFPI, fitusiran first set clinical trials
- Cannot assume drugs going into Ph1 will emerge from Ph3

*Not including China, where BBN-H901 is approved for HemB and others for HemA/B have failed

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Eliminating Panglossian thinking in development of AAV therapeutics

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ymthe.2021.10.025>

Recognize manufacturing a semi-lifeform to interact with very complex lifeform

Recognize variables to creating in vivo biofactories are not understood

Recognize QC assays for cGMP production are reflection of insufficient knowledge base

Recognize success predicated on uncovering the biology of transduction, transcription and translation

Status: Functional Cure of Hemophilia

- Improved gene therapy to increase therapeutic window, treat children
 - Gene editing, biobetter FVIII, non-AAV vector, and non-viral delivery may be enabling technologies
 - Once and done and durability (or repeat dosing) is required
- Ultra-long, Sustained Activity FVIII
 - Troughs above 10-15% consistently in all patients; IV=higher burden
- FVIII mimetics
 - Distinguish outcomes between 15%-45%-90% FVIII "equivalency"
 - Monthly SQ dosing carries some, but diminished burden
- Oral FVIII mimetic
 - The Holy Grail, once daily pill, no clinical data yet
- Different GNI geographies offer different opportunities and risks
 - The 15% HIC pie can be divided only so much before there is not much left



On the Horizon

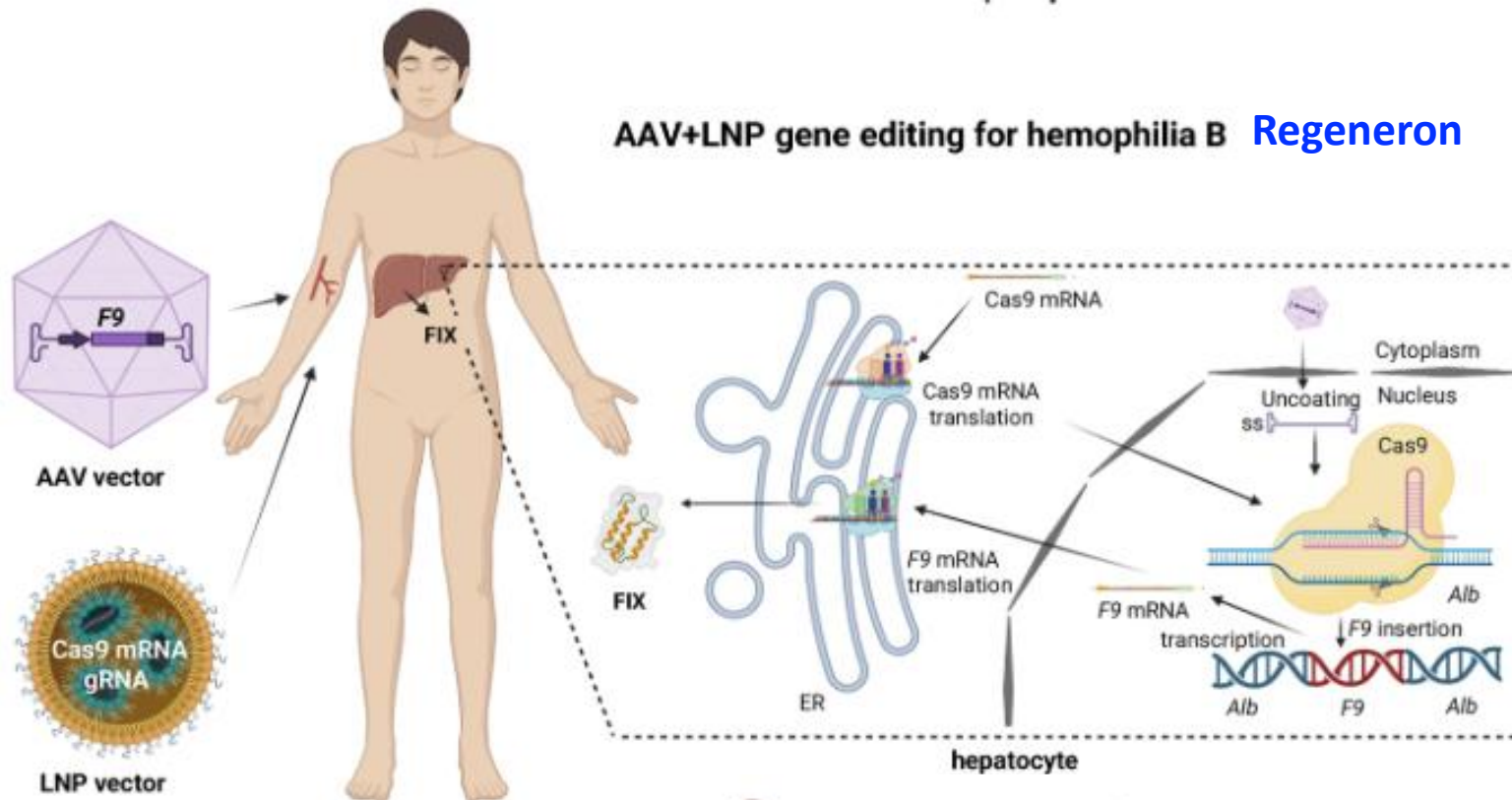
Phase 1/2 trials initiated in 2025

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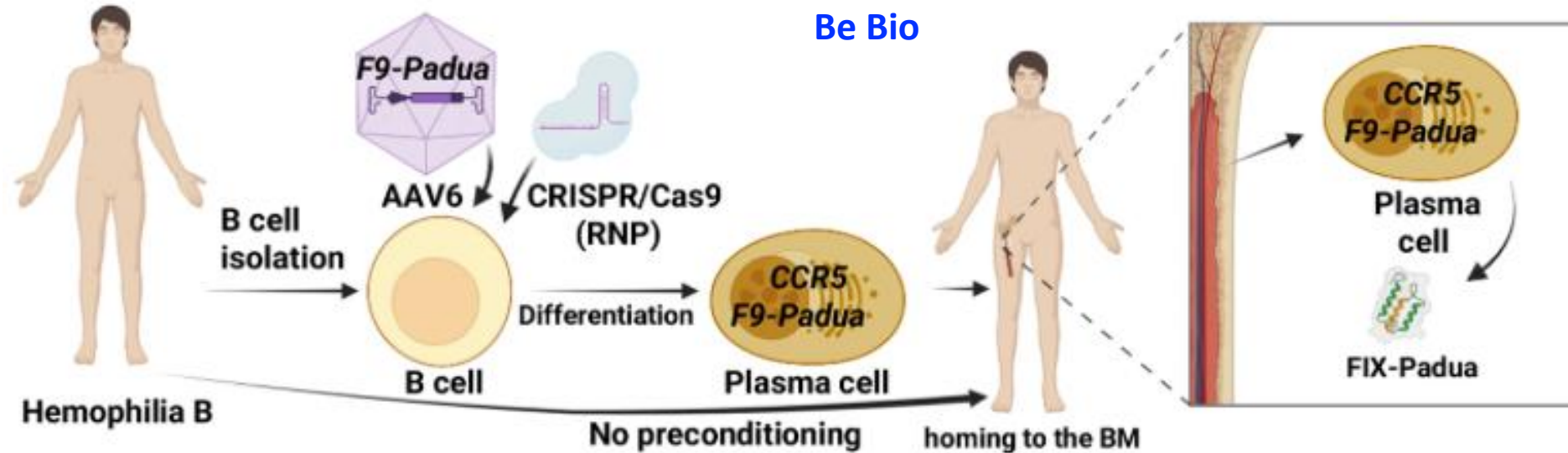
Metagenomi- same system for FVIII.

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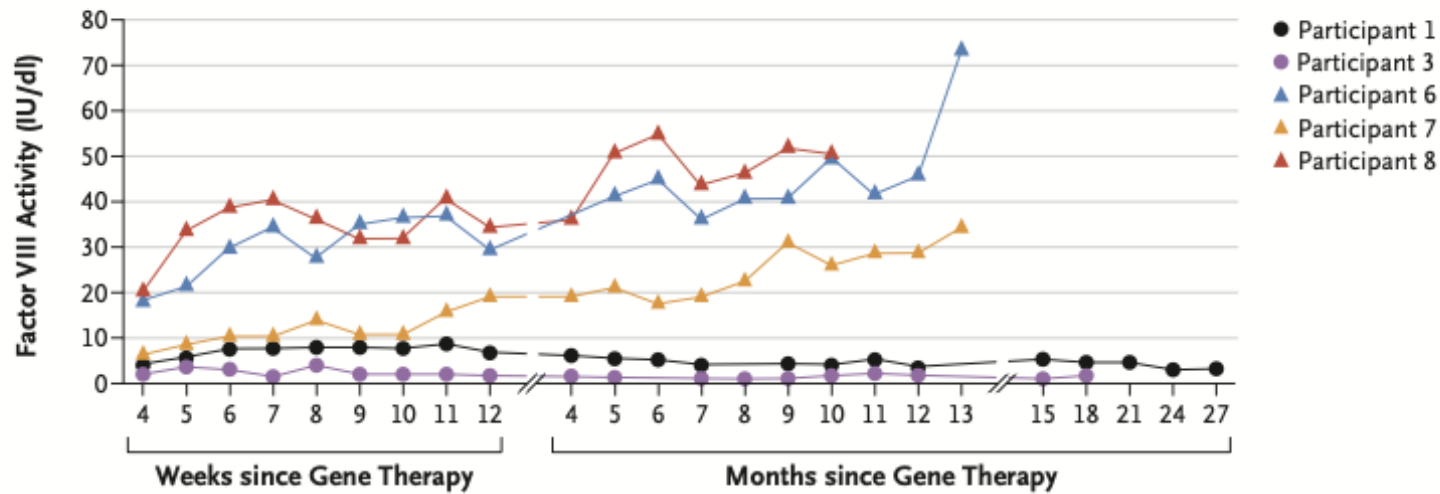
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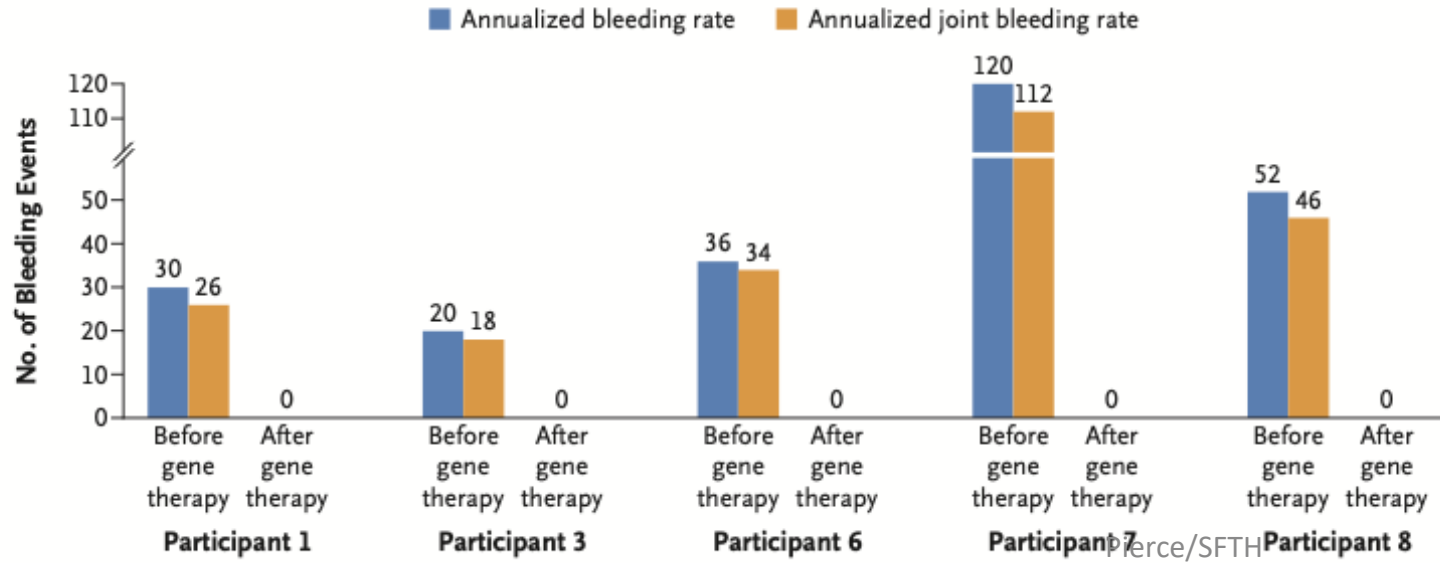
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On the Horizon

A Serial Factor VIII Activity (One-Stage Assay) after Gene Therapy



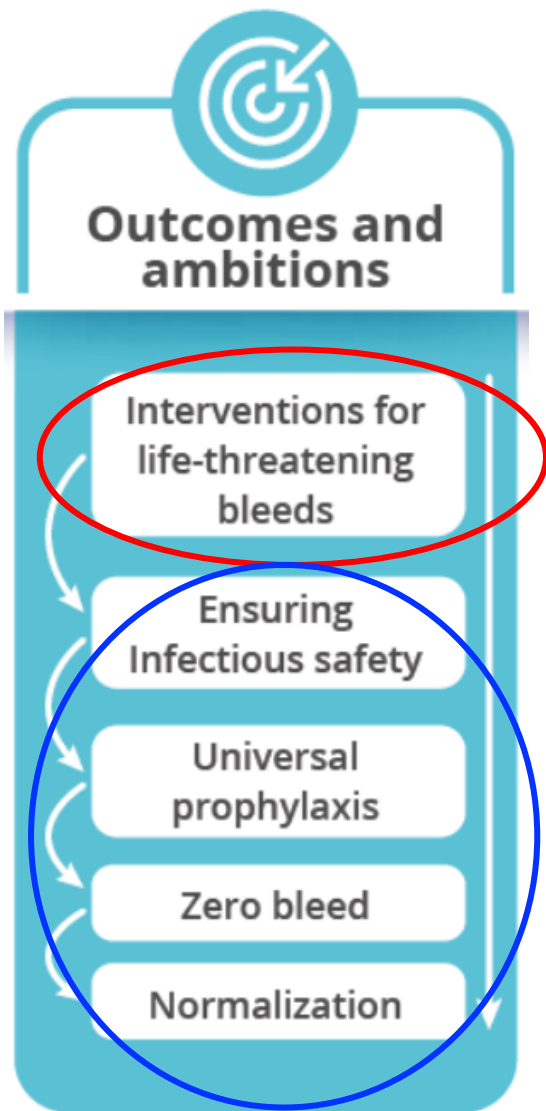
B Bleeding Profile before and after Gene Therapy



Ex vivo
F8-ET3: 9% porcine

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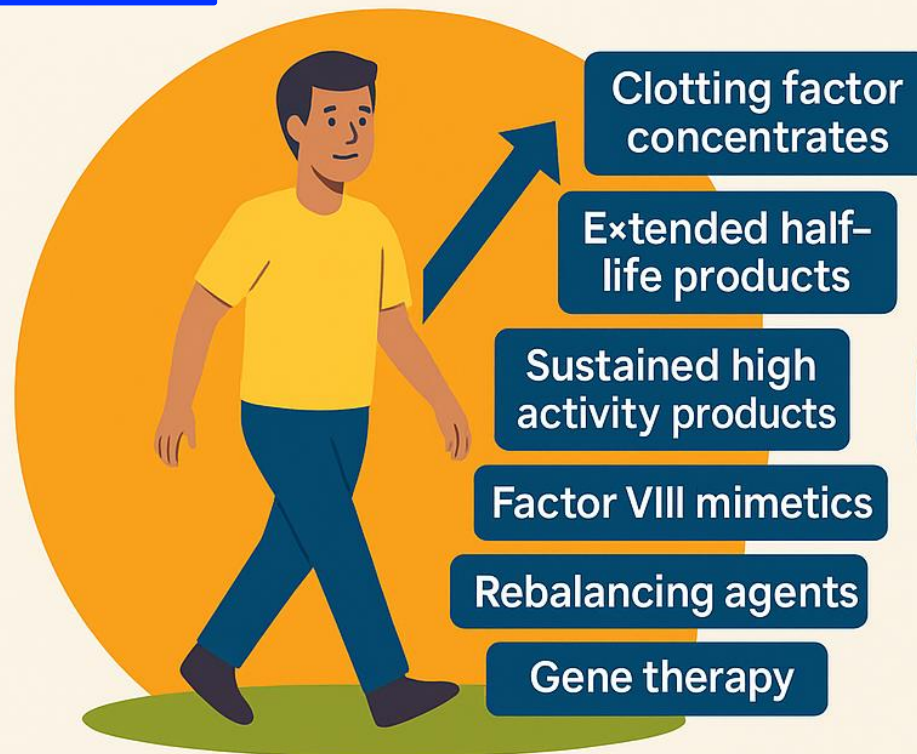
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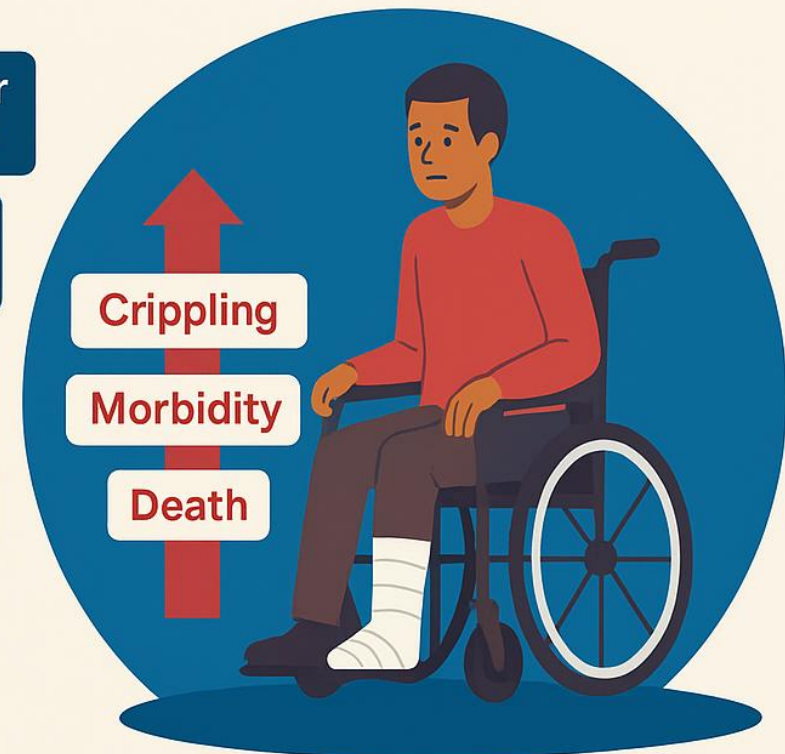
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Two Worlds

85%



High-income countries
Hemophilia-free mind

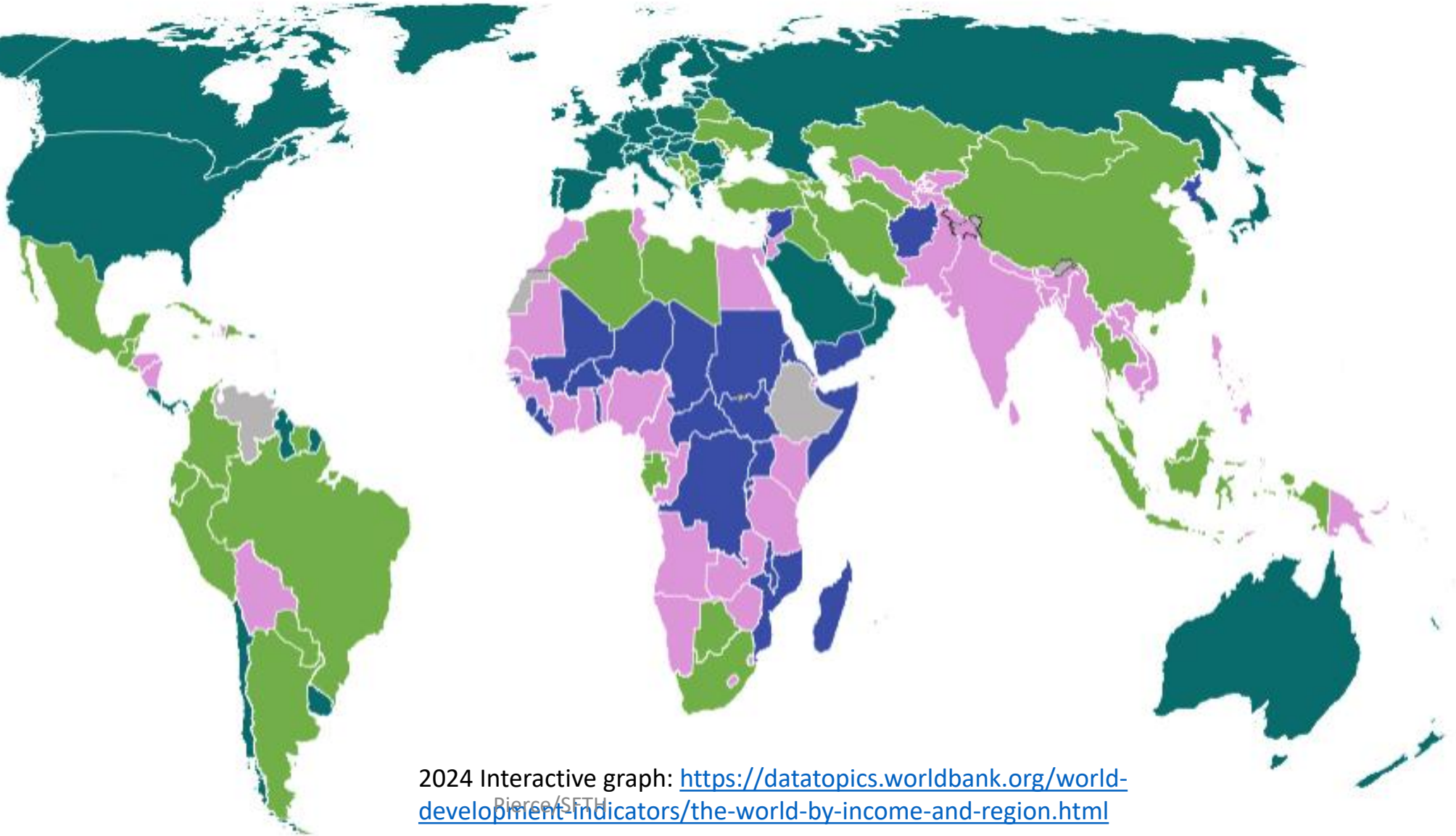


Lower-income countries
Lower quality of life

The World By Income

● Low income ● Lower middle income ● Upper middle income ● High income

Low-income countries (LIC) are defined as those with a GNI per capita of < \$1,135 in 2024;
Lower middle-income countries (LMIC) \$1,136 - \$4,495;
Upper middle-income countries (UMIC) \$4,496 - \$13,935;
High-income countries (HIC) >\$13,935



2024 Interactive graph: <https://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/the-world-by-income-and-region.html>

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The Human Face and the Reality of Uncertainty



85%



On-demand
therapy...
sometimes

EHL
prophylaxis

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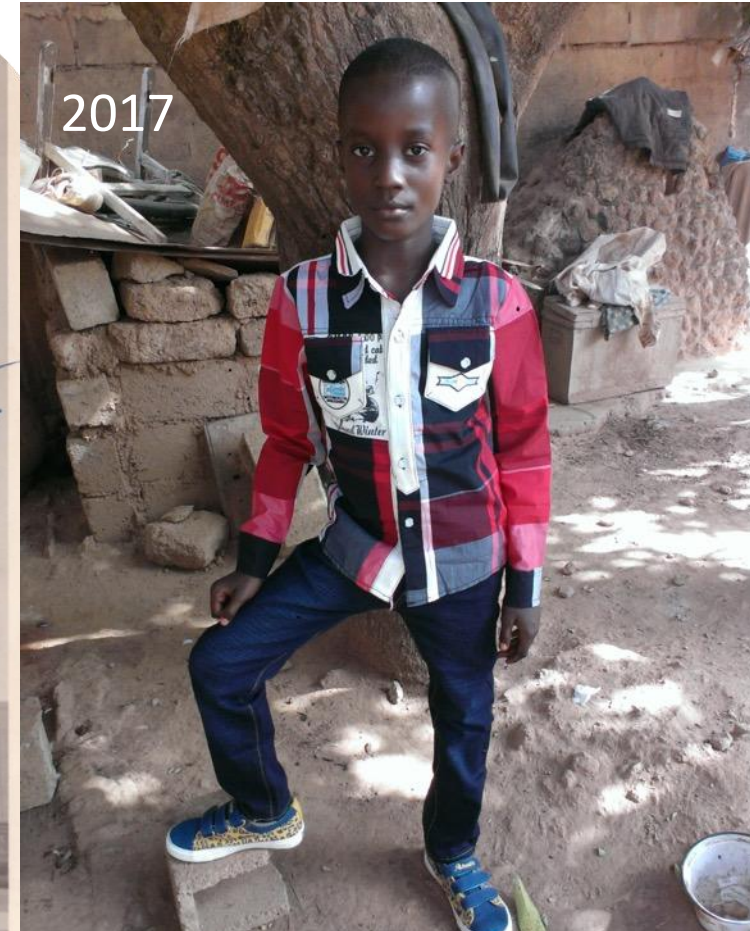
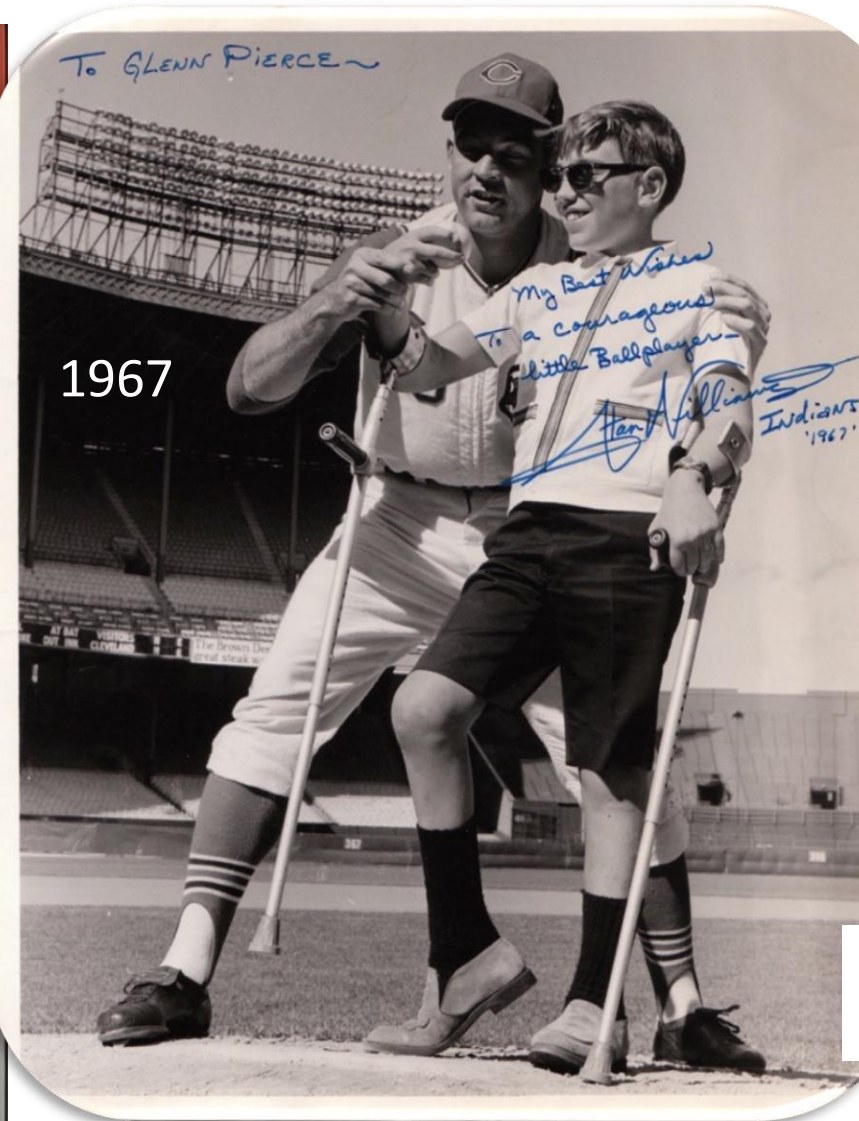
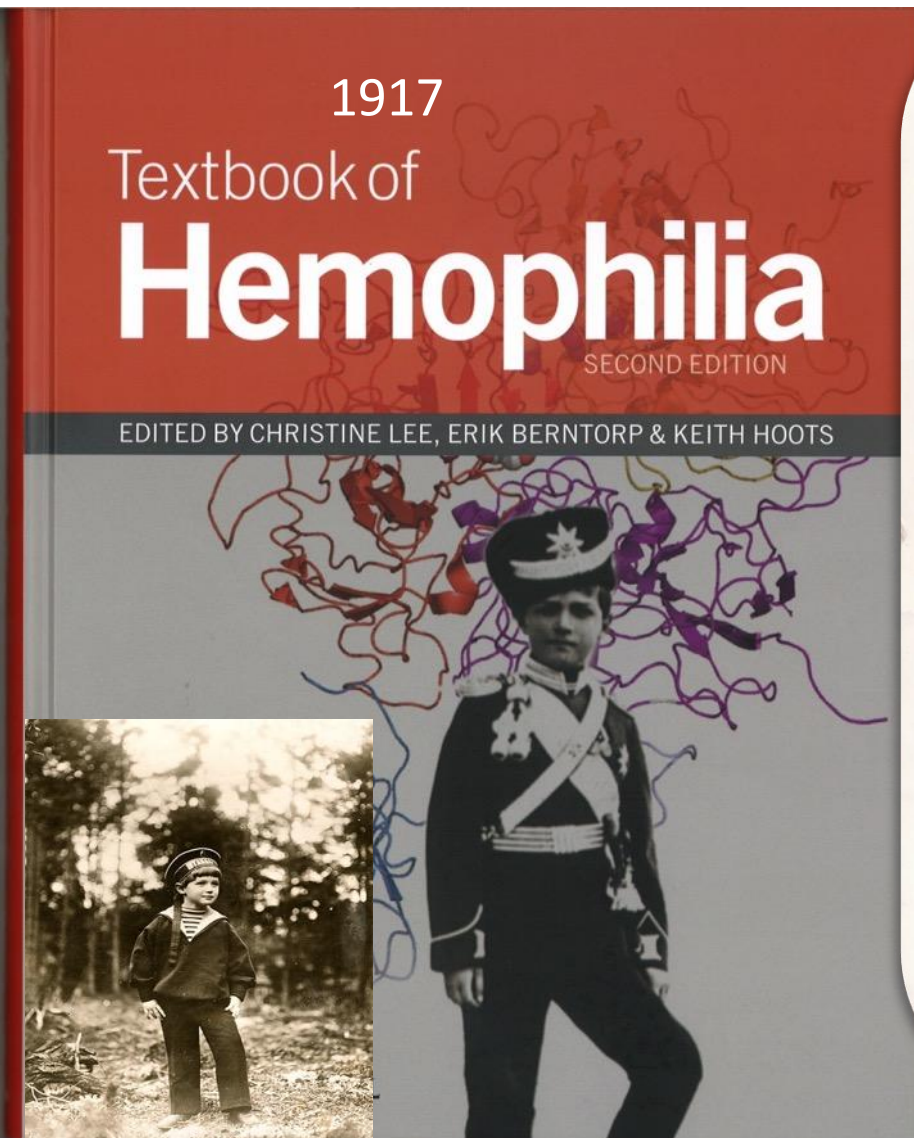
- These two worlds have different Benefit-Risk for new therapies, including gene therapy



15%



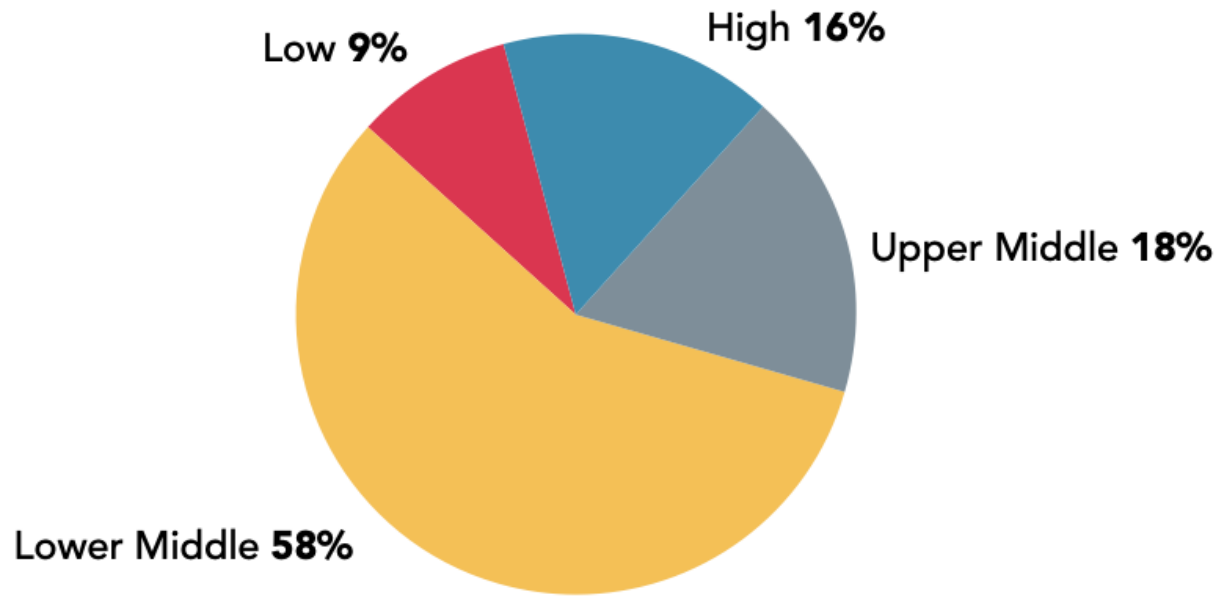
Nothing Has Changed in 100 Years in Low Income Countries



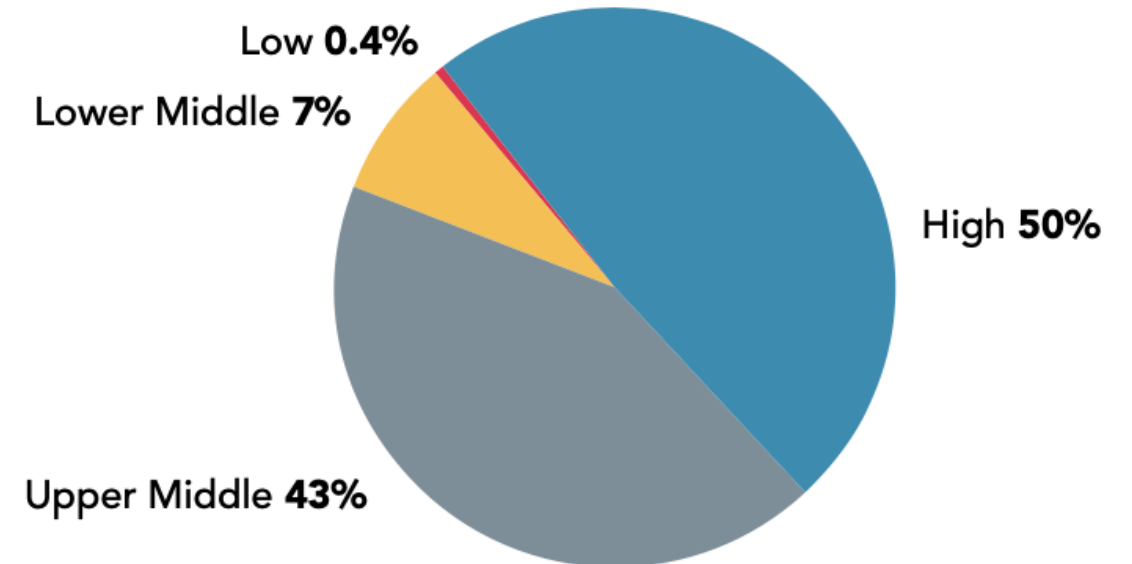
Or 100 years later...

Health Inequity in FVIII Numbers

Population by gross national income

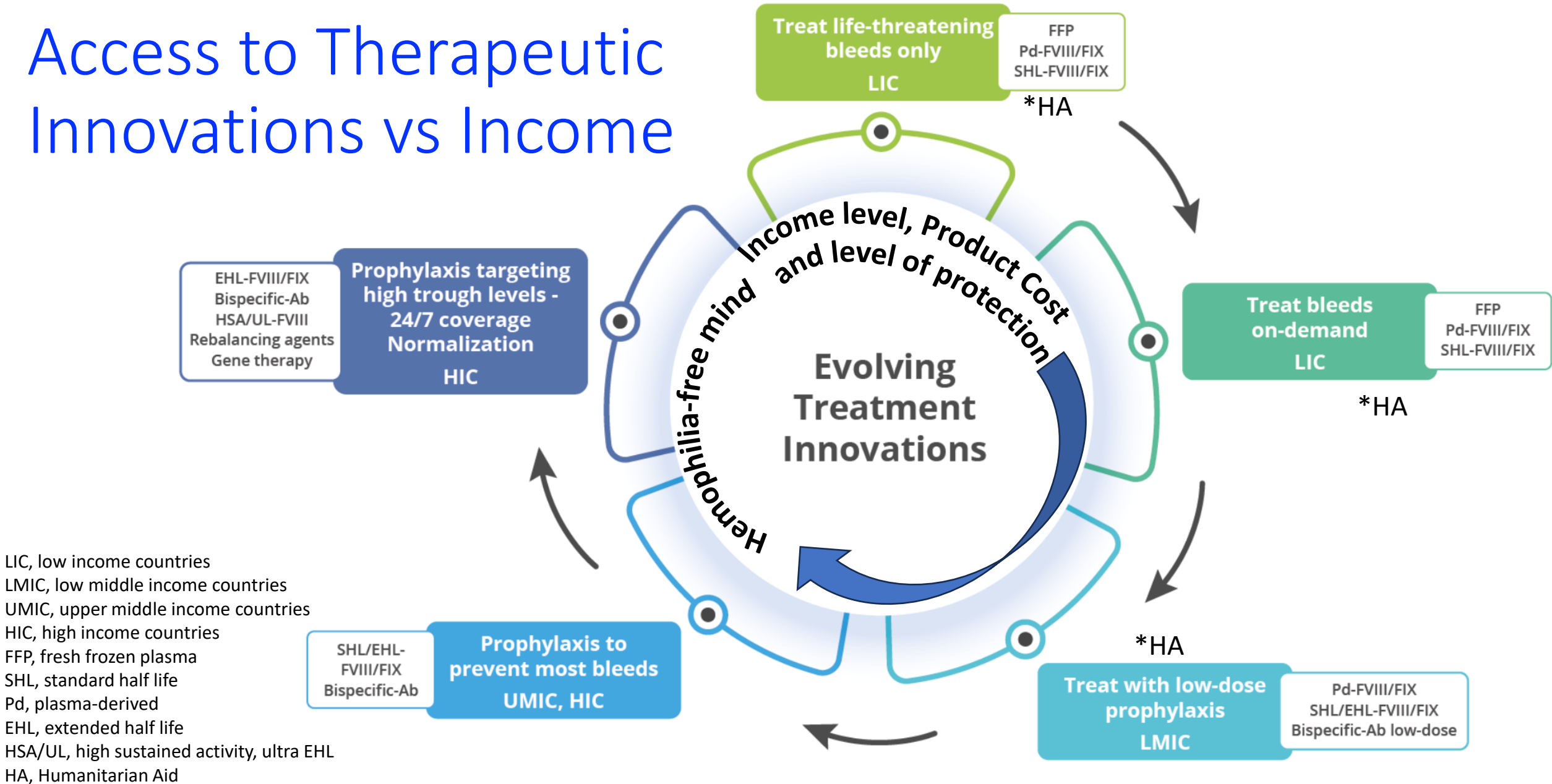


Total FVIII IU by gross national income



- HIC is 16% of population and uses 50% of product
- LIC is 9% of population and uses 0.4% of product
- LMIC is 58% of population and uses 7% of product

Access to Therapeutic Innovations vs Income



LIC, low income countries
LMIC, low middle income countries
UMIC, upper middle income countries
HIC, high income countries
FFP, fresh frozen plasma
SHL, standard half life
Pd, plasma-derived
EHL, extended half life
HSA/UL, high sustained activity, ultra EHL
HA, Humanitarian Aid

Towards Equity: the Humanitarian Aid Program

- A vital program that equally **treats and educates**
- **>350M** IU/year CFC, EHL, mimetic distributed to **>70** countries and **>30K** patients free, thanks to sponsors
 - (Sanofi-Sobi, Bayer, CSL, Chugai-Genentech-Roche, Grifols, Takeda, Hemophilia of Georgia)
 - Countless lives saved, hundreds of HCPs trained and patients taught how to treat hemophilia
 - All major pharmas except 2 are donating
 - Most treatment **not** at level of HICs; patients outside major cities difficult access
- A critical stopgap, but **not** the long term solution



Cambodia, Yemen, Morocco, Nigeria



Pseudotumors, compartment syndromes (Volkmann's contracture) still cause disability and death



Pune, India, 2018



Bali, 2017





Achieving access to haemophilia care in low-income and lower-middle-income countries:

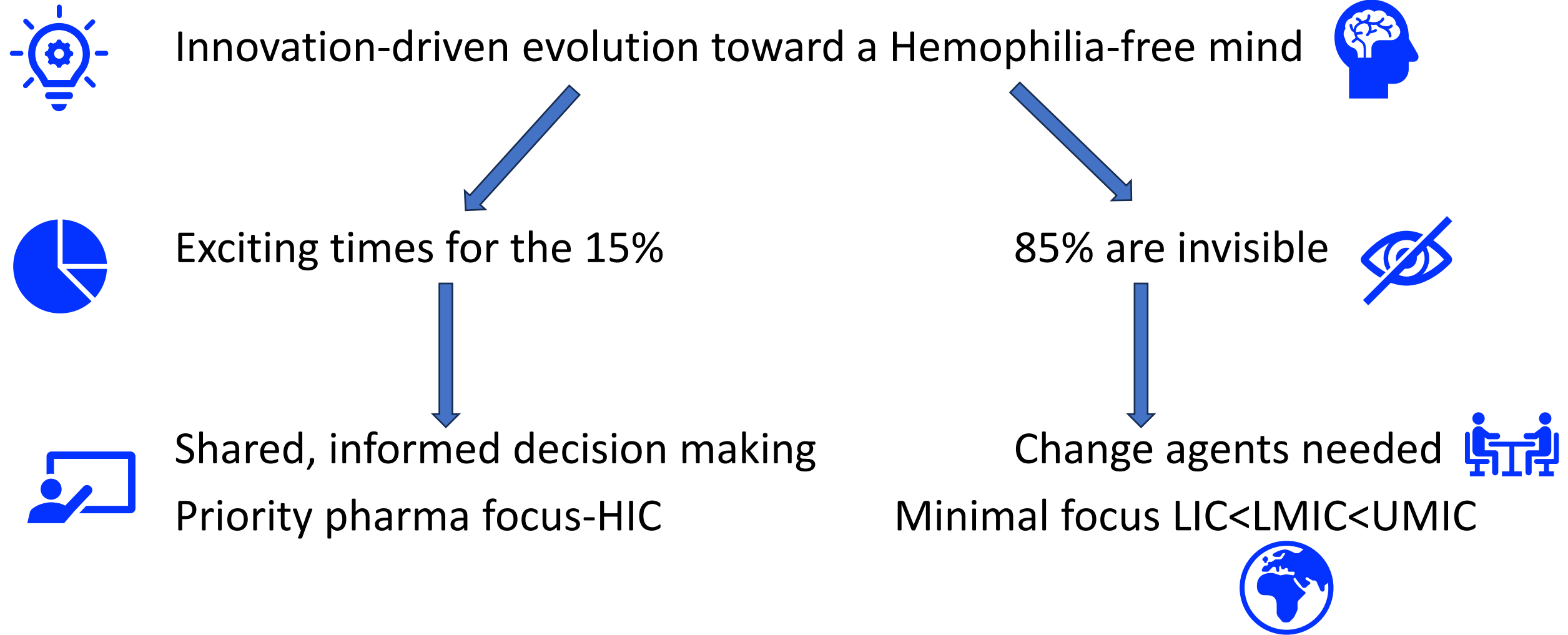
Expanded Humanitarian Aid Program of the World Federation of Hemophilia after 5 years

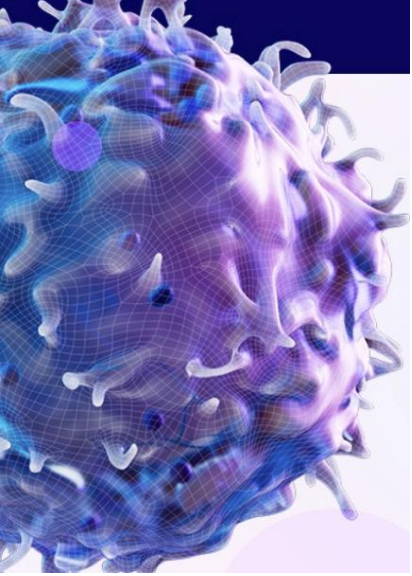
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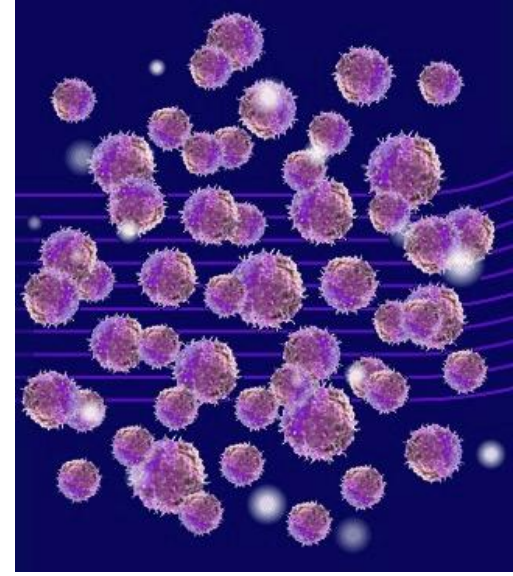
As important as access is training and education

The Unresolved Impasse to Growing Health Inequity





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