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...For Hoosiers Living with a Bleeding Disorder

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2025 Camp Brave Eagle

Founded in 1999, Camp Brave Eagle was created to offer a traditional summer camp experience to children with bleeding disorders and their non-affected siblings. A collaboration between Hemophilia of Indiana, Innovative Hematology, and YMCA Camp Crosley, Camp Brave Eagle encourages self sufficiency, building confidence, increase self-esteem, and strengthen the sense of community among young Hoosiers with a bleeding disorders and their families. This year 115 campers and 8 “Leaders in Training” attended camp June 8th-11th. It was a great week at camp and campers participated in archery, axe throwing, swimming, canoeing, high ropes courses, fishing, arts & craft, and a variety of other camp activities. Campers also participate in self infusion training and get the opportunity to earn their “Big Stick”! At the end of camp several awards are given out

2025 Camp Brave Eagle award winners:

The Zac Crabtree Leader in Training Award: Tyler Cannon

- Attributes include exemplifying leadership, role model behavior, hard work, thoughtfulness, caring, and positive attitude

The Tori Nakol Swoape Award: Isabella Martin

- Attributes include exemplifying a positive attitude, caring spirit, and a great friend to all

The Chad Beer Award: Isaac Arnold

- Attributes include recognizing courage, perseverance, an indomitable spirit, and can-do attitude

The Kayla Duncan Award: Liam Zhu

- Attributes include exemplifying outstanding support and encouragement of fellow campers

The Billie Andreko Award: Evelyn Bisciglia

- Attributes include exemplifying inner strength, persistence, humility, and generosity

The Tony Spickelmier Award: Ellsie Kohne

- Attributes include exemplifying leadership, responsibility, and a fine spirit of community involvement



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Head into Fall with Innovative Hematology

Start the 2025/26 School Year with the Right Foot

The 2025/26 school year is right around the corner! Innovative Hematology school liaisons are here to provide support as families begin transitioning into a new school year.

Our school liaisons work closely with teachers and faculty to help keep Innovative Hematology patients safe at school. Prepare for the year with these recommended steps:

- Update school documents
 - Medical
 - Individualized Health Plan (IHP)
 - Travel letter
 - Consent forms
- Request bleeding disorder educational sessions
 - Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plans
 - All staff education
 - Transition needs at new schools

School liaisons are here year-round to assist students and families navigating the challenges that may come with having a bleeding disorder while also attending classes.

Patients can contact Innovative Hematology at 317-871-0000 to schedule a meeting with a school liaison today.

The Dos and Don'ts of Bleeding Disorders

Do

- Attend clinic regularly
- Inform all healthcare providers, including your dentist, that you have hemophilia
- Call us to discuss any planned procedures
- Follow recommendations from your local doctor related to general health monitoring
- Speak with our genetic counselors
- Become a member of Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc.
- Contact Innovative Hematology immediately if you have a head injury

Don't:

- Forget to plan for travel
- Assume your local hospital will have proper treatment products
- Overlook checking whether new medications may cause bleeding issues
- Forget that any injury can cause bleeding - bleeding into a muscle can often feel like a pulled muscle

Miles for a Cause: New York City Marathon

The National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NBDF) is an official charity partner of the TCS New York City Marathon.

Innovative Hematology's Dr. Magdalena Lewandowska will lace up and run the 26.2-mile race in support of bleeding disorder patients with NBDF on November 2, 2025. The race will take Dr. Lewandowska and thousands of other participants through the five boroughs of New York City.

Scan the QR code to learn why Dr. Lewandowska is running with NBDF this fall:



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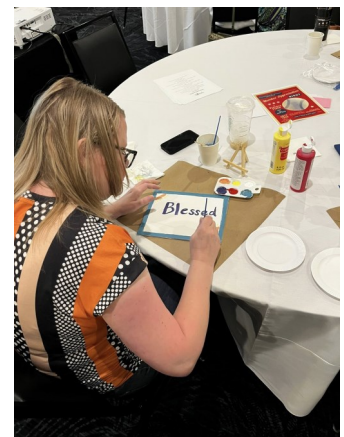
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2025 Hemophilia of Indiana Women's Retreat

The 2nd annual Hemophilia of Indiana Women's Retreat was held on May 17th & 18th at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel, IN. The Hemophilia of Indiana Women's Retreat focuses primarily on women's health within the bleeding disorders community, an often undervalued and overlooked topic. The event included a variety of education sessions that focuses on birth control options and bleeding disorders, mental wellbeing, resiliency, the art of gratitude, advocacy, and most important the opportunity to engage and connect with fellow members of the bleeding disorders community. Attendees were from all over the State of Indiana, many of whom had never met before! It was an incredible weekend and we are excited to start planning the 2026 event! A special thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible!!





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thrive with a
bleeding disorder
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**No matter where you
are in Indiana, we will
extend our care to you.**



Innovative Hematology and the IHTC provide care in Indianapolis and across the state through locally based medical professionals, home visits, outreach clinics, and telehealth.

Lifespan bleeding disorder care

Innovative Hematology is home to the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center (IHTC), providing advanced care for both adult and pediatric patients with rare bleeding and blood disorders. Our care truly spans a lifetime. There are many changes in life, and our team works to support you through all of them.

The care you need—all in one place

We realize medical appointments take time away from your life. We work to make the most of your visit to decrease the need to go other places for services. Our team, including hematologists, advanced practice providers, mental health professionals, physical therapists, genetic counselors, a nutritionist, and more, are available to you when you need them.

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2025 Course to a Cure

The 2025 Course to a Cure was held on Friday, June 13th at Maple Creek Golf & Country Club. Some rain showers came through the area during registration, but luckily ended at tee time. 28 teams participated in the event and enjoyed a round of golf, lunch, dinner, and a silent auction. The event was another successful fundraising event for the bleeding disorders community of Indiana. Hemophilia of Indiana would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors, and the staff at Maple Creek Golf & Country Club for help making this event a success!!



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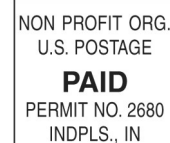
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Mark your Calendars!

- 2025 NBDF Bleeding Disorders Conference - August 21st - 24th
- 2025 Annual Meeting - September 27th & 28th
- 2025 HoII THXRUN - November 27th

Call our office @ (317) 570-0039 or email Kristy McConnell @ kmcconnell@hoii.org if you would like to get involved in any of our events!

