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Summer 2014

# **BUNKER BEACH**

This year, our summer group fitness event was held at Bunker Beach on Saturday, June 21st. Bunker Beach is the largest outdoor water park in Minnesota and our HFMD families had the opportunity to explore this water park on a beautiful sunny day! We had 120 members come out and get the chance to meet other HFMD families. Everyone had such a great time and were so grateful to be part of an event where they could spend the day in the sun with their families.





We started the group fitness event with a few announcements from Kayla, a staff member from Bunker beach. She mentioned a few safety procedures and how to be careful around the water at such a large water park. Shortly after her announcements, it was time for lunch! Bunker Beach provided us with hamburgers, hotdogs, corn dogs, and salads as the main meal. The sides

included chips and a fountain pop as the beverage. As a little surprise, there was also some candy thrown in there as a treat after lunch time and it seemed to be a hit with the younger members! With their stomachs full and their minds fully aware, our families bolted for the water park for the rest of the day.

Many decided to take the time to relax and enjoy the 900 foot lazy river and the large sand area. Others took a more thrilling route and spent their day in the wave pool and going down the slides. There were so many attractions within Bunker Beach that you had to make an effort to be bored.

There was something fun for everyone to do and it appeared our families truly enjoyed their day in the sun as they exchanged personal experiences and stories. It was a great way for members to learn from one another about camp and other HFMD events that they have been to in the past or will be attending in the future. Bunker Beach was the perfect way to enjoy the warm weather and host our summer group fitness event!



### HFMD MISSION

We dedicate ourselves to advancing the quality of life of individuals and families affected by hemophilia or other bleeding disorders by providing a broad range of services and programs.

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By Ketrin Vinokur, HFMD Intern.

### **HFMD Annual Meeting 2014**

Step right up, folks, to the 2014 HFMD Annual Meeting! This year's Annual brought in 170 attendees including HFMD members, Hemophilia Treatment Center staff, exhibitors and Pickles the Clown. We came together



Friday night, May 2nd at the Crowne Plaza West in Plymouth to eat pasta and get our carnival on. This year's carnival consisted of a number of games for kids of all ages, including: a putting green, Big Top Hoops, Dino Dig, a fishing wall, ping pong/solo cup, a chicken wing fling, snow cones, Pickles the Clown and her impressive balloon twisting, and new to the HFMD Carnival, the inflatable Hot Potato! In the other half of the ballroom, adults and teens gathered to play BINGO where full sized candy bars went like hot cakes (or like hot potatoes, in our case).

On Saturday, May 3rd our group got down to business. After breakfast, parents dropped off the kids with our MVP, Vicki Neis and her childcare team. Dr. Nigel Key presented as our first keynote speaker. Dr. Key opened his presentation by talking about the contrast in weather between North Carolina and Minneapolis, his previous home. After a good laugh and everyone being reminded of the snowy and bitter cold Minnesota winters, Dr. Key shared news and information about hemophilia research at the University of North Carolina where he treats patients and is also deeply involved in hemophilia research. Our second keynote speaker, Kristen Brown came to us from outside of the bleeding disorders

community. Kristen is a Bestselling Author, Brand Strategist, Speaker, Widow Mom and founder of Happy Hour Effect LLC. By sharing her personal story about overcoming major challenges of her past, Kristen provided ways for the group



to "create happy hour moments throughout the day". Many members lined up to talk to Kristen after she spoke and nearly a dozen of her books were purchased at the end of her address, she was a hit! The afternoon offered up 3 different breakout sessions. 1. "Ask the Doctors Panel" with Dr. Margaret Heisel Kurth, Dr. Rajiv Pruthi, Dr.Susan Kearney, and Dr. Nigel Key. 2. "Foods for Great Energy" presented by JoAnn Ridout

from Nutritional Weight and Wellness 3. Blood Brotherhood "Understanding the Knee-Joint Anatomy" presented by Kim Baumann, MPT of UoMN Fairview

followed by a peer rap session moderated by HFMD member Chris Maddix. For the kids, Vicki Neis brought in InnerCity Tennis, a nonprofit tennis group that provided innovative physical fun through tennis skills, billiard lessons and a



tournament for the teens. A beach theme of continuous activities and arts'n'crafts were held throughout the day with an educational twist, and a morning teen session with social worker, Jill Swenson.

A huge thank you to our Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Co-Chairs: Amy Eckerman & Jim Paist and the committee: Angie Boyd, Carrie Kissoon, David Moss, Nancy Golden, Steph Miller, Vicki Neis, and Vicky Hannemann

We would like to extend a special thank you to our event sponsors: Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Baxter BioScience, Sanford Health, and U of MN Medical Center, Fairview. We would also like to give our thanks to our exhibitors: ARJ Infusion Service, Baxter BioScience, Bayer HealthCare, Biogen Idec, Bio RX, CSL Behring, CVS Caremark, Grifols, Kedrion Biopharma, Mid-West Cornerstone Healthcare, Novo Nordisk, Octapharma, Pfizer, and Walgreens Infusion Services.



Please watch our website (www.hfmd.org) and your mailbox for plans for next year's Annual Meeting! We look forward to seeing you then for more networking, education, and FUN!

By Carrie Kissoon, HFMD Event Coordinator

# North Dakota - Family Get Together - June 7th

The North Dakota Hemostasis & Thrombosis Center (Sanford Health - Fargo, ND) and the HFMD "knocked it out of the park" with their family get together on Saturday, June 7th. The afternoon began at the Lonestar Steakhouse restaurant, where Bayer HealthCare (via Nancy Golden) sponsored a delicious lunch and education session. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker was unable to make it due to airplane mechanical difficulties. Despite this unforeseen change in plans, there was no shortage of good food, fun, and laugher. Later that evening, over 50 friends and family members joined together to cheer on the local minor league baseball team, the FM RedHawks and celebrated their victory over the Winnepeg Goldeves. Thanks to all who participated! Special thanks for Courtenay Misheski, Nurse Coordinator,

for organizing such a fun event!

### **Step Out for Bleeding Disorders:**

Family Fun & Education Day

Please join us for the Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas Family Education Event! It'll be an entertaining and educational day for the whole family. Registration form enclosed.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S., Fargo

10-30-11 a m Check-in & Vendor Fair

Visit with drug & home health vendors . Photobooth

11 a.m.-Noon Welcome & Social Hour

Group activities  $\mathfrak{G}$  games • Photobooth Lunch & Vendor Fair Noon-1 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Carson Ouellette 2-2:30 p.m. Chef Demonstration

Demonstration & preparation of an afternoon snack with nutrition

discussion - Fun for kids! 2:30-3 p.m. Snack break & Vendor Fair

Patient Panel Discussion: Best Practices for Managing Hemophilia 3-4 p.m.

Personal stories: Whitney Roske, mom of 2 year old with hemophilia

Adam Bohrer, Has hemophilia

Sherri Ouellette, mom of young adult with hemophilia Bob Stone, Has hemophilia

Fun & Fitness: Physical Therapy & Fitness Discussion

5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner 7-9 p.m. Thunder Road Family Fun Park • 2902 Thunder Rd. S., Fargo



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August 3, 2014: St. Paul, MN Como Park Registration 10AM Walk 11AM

August 17, 2014: Fargo, ND Lindenwood Park Registration 10AM Walk 11AM

The HFMD is proud to announce that there will be 2 Walk Fundraisers again, so "Step Out for Bleeding Disorders" in MN and ND! Join family, friends, form a team online, or be a team captain. Create your own fundraising page. People of all ages are encouraged to participate.



Please register on our Walk website: www.firstgiving.com/hfmd

For more information contact the HFMD at: 651-406-8655 or hemophiliafound@visi.com





### 2014 World Hemophilia Congress in Land Down Under

Besides being home to the world's deadliest insects and snakes, Melbourne Australia hosted the 2014 World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) Congress May 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Over 4000 delegates from over 130 countries were in attendance. The Congress included a full lineup of sessions, free papers, plenaries, crossfires, and workshops.



Some of the sessions included: discussion of new long-acting products, remaining challenges to Hemophilia gene transfer, and the successes and future of WFH.

CEO's of Biogen Idec and Sobi pharmaceuticals announced that they will donate 500 million IUs of factor VIII and IX over the next 5 years to WFH's Humanitarian Aid Program. They join CSL Behring and Griffols who have made multiyear donation commitments to WFH.

Dr. Mark Reding, from the University of Minnesota, Center for Bleeding & Clotting Disorders, presented at the meeting. He discussed a paper titled, "Safety and efficacy of prophylaxis and on-demand treatment with BAY 94-9027; Results of phase 2/3 multicentre, partially randomized, open-label trial." BAY 94-9027 is a Bayer study of a longer acting factor VIII product.

The Hemophilia Treatment Centers at University of Minnesota and Mayo collaborated on developing a poster about diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis of acquired von Willebrand disease. Acquired von Willebrand disease is a rare bleeding disorder that is not inherited. Sue Curoe, RN, Nurse Coordinator, and Surbhi Shah, Hematology Fellow, both from the University of Minnesota, presented the poster at the meeting.



We had a beautiful fall week along the Yarra River. Besides attending a great meeting, we were able to see some of the tallest trees in the world, spot a koala bear with its eyes open, and view some wonderful scenery along the Great Ocean Road. *By Sue Curoe* 

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### When "Life" Happens, HFMD's Financial Assistance Program is There to Help!

### By Stephen Calvit, LICSW

Tim and Donna live in rural Minnesota, way up north near the Iron Range. April 1st was just like any other day...wake up, let the dog out and start the coffee. Then moments later, without warning, Tim dropped to the floor, complaining of a throbbing headache. It quickly became obvious to Donna that something was dreadfully wrong! She dialed 911 and began to collect vials of Tim's factor for the ambulance ride to the Emergency Room in the next town.

Tim had suffered a life-threatening cerebral hemorrhage. The ER physician contacted the Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) and spoke to a physician assistant who instructed the ER doctor to immediately have Tim transported to the U of M Medical Center. The HTC team developed a factor infusion plan for Tim's pending emergency neurosurgery which occurred after his arrival.

The HFMD provides financial assistance to families who, like Tim and Donna, face sudden emergencies requiring out-of-town hospitalizations. The HFMD and HTC partner together and work as a team to reduce, as much as possible, some of the financial stress of lengthy hospitalizations, requiring hotel stays, eating out and parking. The HFMD even assists with transportation costs, including follow-up medical appointments months after the original hospital admission.

In addition to regular patient support duties, the HTC Social Worker makes initial contact with the patient's family to explain the HFMD's financial assistance program. The Social Worker's message is simple and straightforward: you are on "auto-pilot" now and are under tremendous physical and emotional stress. This HFMD financial assistance is available for you to take care of yourself, to remain strong and clear headed. It enables you to support your loved one who requires your presence and advocacy! You can get some well deserved rest, take a hot shower, and have a few good meals to help prepare you for this emotionally difficult journey.

After the patient is discharged, the lodging, food and parking receipts are handed off to the HTC SW, who reviews everything and submits a report to the HFMD Executive Director, James Paist.

Of course, there are limits to the HFMD's generosity. The assistance is needs-based so a family's ability to pay for food and lodging is taken under consideration. To ensure fairness, strict guidelines and procedures have been developed by the HFMD's Executive Director and HTC SWs (and approved by the HFMD board of directors). In addition to financial assistance for medical emergencies, the HFMD also provides one-time assistance to patients with bleeding disorders who experience a non-recurring financial hardship. Therefore, if you are a patient (or the family member of a patient) and believe you may qualify for financial assistance from the HFMD, please contact the HTC SW who will gladly walk you through the process.



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### Important Safety Information for XYNTHA

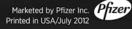
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- Call your healthcare provider right away if bleeding is not controlled after using XYNTHA; this may be a sign of an inhibitor, an antibody that may stop XYNTHA from working properly. Your healthcare provider may need to take blood tests to monitor for inhibitors.
- The most common adverse reaction in the safety and efficacy study is headache (24% of subjects) and in the surgery study is fever (43% of subjects). Other common side effects of XYNTHA include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or weakness.
- XYNTHA is an injectable medicine administered by intravenous (IV) infusion. You may experience local irritation when infusing XYNTHA after reconstitution in XYNTHA® SOLOFUSE®.

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Please read this Patient Information carefully before using XYNTHA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical problems or your treatment.

XYNTHA is an injectable medicine that is used to help control and prevent bleeding in people with hemophilia A. Hemophilia A is also called classic hemophilia.

XYNTHA is not used to treat von Willebrand's disease.

### What should I tell my healthcare provider before using XYNTHA?

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if XYNTHA may harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding. It is not known if XYNTHA passes into your milk and if it can harm your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider and pharmacist about all of the medicines you take, including all prescription and non-prescription medicines, such as over-the-counter medicines, supplements, or herbal remedies.

XYNTHA contains trace amounts of hamster proteins. You should not use XYNTHA if you are allergic to hamster protein

### How should I infuse XYNTHA?

Step-by-step instructions for infusing with XYNTHA are provided at the end of the complete Patient Information leaflet. The steps listed below are general guidelines for using XYNTHA. Always follow any specific instructions from your healthcare provider. If you are unsure of the procedures, please call your healthcare provider.

Call your healthcare provider right away if bleeding is not controlled after using XYNTHA. Your body can also make antibodies against XYNTHA (called "inhibitors") that may stop XYNTHA from working properly. Your healthcare provider may need to take blood tests from time to time to monitor for inhibitors.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you take more than the dose you

Talk to your healthcare provider before traveling. Plan to bring enough XYNTHA for your treatment during this time.

### What are the possible or reasonably likely side effects of XYNTHA?

Common side effects of XYNTHA are

- headache
- fever • nausea
- vomitina
- diarrhea
- weakness

Call your healthcare provider or go to the emergency department right away if you have any of the following symptoms because these may be signs of a serious allergic reaction:

- wheezing
- difficulty breathing
   chest tightness
- turning blue (look at lips and gums) fast heartbeat
- swelling of the face faintness
- hives

Talk to your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

### How should I store XYNTHA?

Do not freeze.

Protect from light.

Store XYNTHA in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Store the diluent syringe at

XYNTHA can last at room temperature (below 77°F) for up to 3 months. If you store XYNTHA at room temperature, carefully write down the date you put XYNTHA at room temperature, so you will know when to either put it back in the refrigerator, use it immediately, or throw it away. There is a space on the carton for you to write the date

If stored at room temperature, XYNTHA can be returned one time to the refrigerator until the expiration date. Do not store at room temperature and return it to the refrigerator more than once. Throw away any unused XYNTHA after the expiration date

Infuse XYNTHA within 3 hours of reconstitution. You can keep the reconstituted solution at room temperature before infusion, but if you have not used it in 3 hours, throw it away.

Do not use reconstituted XYNTHA if it is not clear to slightly opalescent and colorless

Dispose of all materials, whether reconstituted or not, in an appropriate medical waste container.

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Do not use reconstituted XYNTHA if it is not clear to slightly opalescent and colorless

Dispose of all materials, whether reconstituted or not, in an appropriate medical waste container

### What else should I know about XYNTHA?

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed here. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have any concerns. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about XYNTHA that was written for healthcare professionals.

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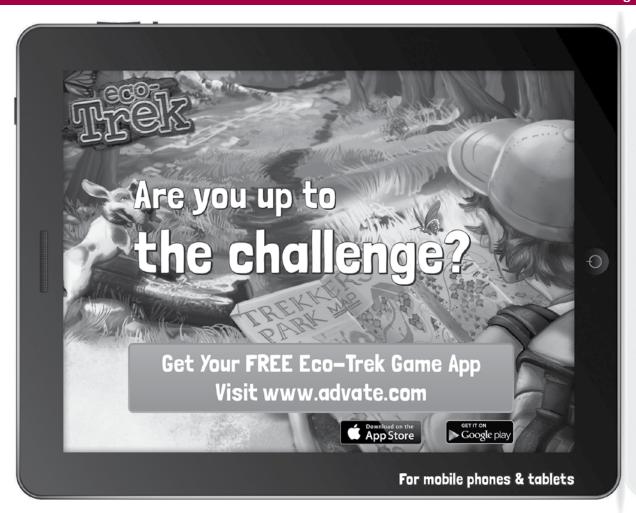
### The New Tools:

"Long Lasting" / "Longer Circulating" factor concentrates are here! A milestone in the treatment of Hemophilia was reached on March 28th, 2014 when the FDA approved the first "long acting" factor concentrate. Bioengineers have been working for years to design Factor VIII and IX proteins that would last longer in the blood. Several different protein designs showed promise in the laboratory and animal models but failed to extend the factor activity time in human trials. Fortunately, recent clinical trials in patients with Hemophilia have demonstrated that some of these engineered proteins do last longer, work well to prevent and stop bleeds, and are safe. As of this writing, one long acting Factor IX product and one Factor VIII product have been FDA approved for use with more approvals on the horizon.

How will these new factor concentrates effect Hemophilia treatment and who should use them? This turns out to be a complicated question in the era of "personalized" hemophilia care. Each person has a different bleed pattern and life style that influences hemophilia care decisions. The goal of preventing and controlling bleeds doesn't change but the plan of how to achieve it varies significantly. These exciting new products increase treatment options, but they will not be the best fit for everybody.

To understand who might benefit from the "longer acting" factor products requires detailed information about a person's bleed pattern (where, how often, when it occurs) and current factor infusions. Evaluating this documentation will then allow you and your hemophilia care team to determine if the new concentrates may benefit you. Let's work together to understand and make the most out of these new tools! Call your treatment center with any questions.

By Kerry Hansen, RN, Nurse Coordinator, Center for Bleeding & Clotting Disorders



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August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Step Out for Bleeding Disorders Walk Como Park East Picnic Pavilion, St. Paul 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dakota's Family Education Event Holiday Inn of Fargo
August 17th	Step Out for Bleeding Disorders Walk Fargo Lindenwood Park, Main Shelter 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sept 18 - 20	NHF 66th Annual Meeting
October 11 <sup>th</sup> -12	Women's Education Weekend Oakridge Conference Center, Chaska, MN

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