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“Importance of dental care in haemophilia patients with inhibitors”  
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# KNOWLEDGEABLE PATIENTS AND DOCTORS

## Do you consult with haematologist?

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In Ireland we do not wait until people have problems. Each patient has a dental management plan and something called a Dental Passport, created together with haematologist. For our patients with inhibitors it would be a high-risk passport. The passport will explain what exactly needs to be done in terms of treatment products and collaboration with other health care providers for each specific dental procedure.

We train the patients as well to be knowledgeable.

We have a simple table prepared so that they know what to do when it comes to various dental procedures. And that way the patient is empowered and the dentist is confident, because the haematologist has already made a decision.

One of the recent developments in dental care is that the World Health Organisation has said that the mouth has to be joined to the body. And we know that for people with haemophilia the mouth is one of the problematic areas. In their appointments with their haematologist, the doctors and the patients need to talk about the mouth, they should actually know what the risks

of each procedure are. Patients with haemophilia are so skilled in so many areas, but have never been taught which protocol goes for which dental procedure.

If there is no plan in place, of course, the dentist needs to consult with the haematologist. But again – we need to start training and empowering patients to remove the fear and start to know what is what. Because the doctors do not know or are not sure of the risks of procedures. It is important to put the plan in place and to involve haematologist at least in the first meeting with the dentist.

### Dental Treatment in Hemophilia

