



» Bleeding history

For further investigation,
please ask these questions:

Medication and treatment

Are you currently taking or have you recently received

- Antithrombotic medication: aspirin, heparin, clopidogrel, ticlopidine, vitamin-K antagonists (e.g. Marcumar, Warfarin)?
- Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs: diclofenac, ibuprofen?
- Antibiotic medication: penicillin, tetracycline, sulfonamides, fluoroquinolones (e.g. Ciprofloxacin)?
- Other drugs interacting with the coagulation system: valproic acid, megadoses of vitamin E?

Have you ever had anaemia that required treatment, or have you received a blood transfusion?

Coagulation

Have you ever had a spontaneous nosebleed that either persisted for 10 mins or required medical attention?

Have you ever experienced prolonged bleeding (duration of 15 mins, or spontaneous recurrence within 7 days) from minor wounds?

Women only: Have you ever had heavy menses where you needed to change a pad, or a tampon, more than hourly?

Have you ever experienced heavy, prolonged or recurrent bleeding following a surgical procedure?

Family History

Can you recall any coagulation disorders among family members (these must be blood relatives)?

Do any members of your family (blood relatives) regularly experience any of the '5 signs of bleeding'?

If an answer concerning coagulation or family history is positive, consider referring the patient to a haematologist

