The World’s Most Common Inherited Bleeding Disorder

Von Willebrand disease (VWD) is the most common hereditary bleeding disorder. It’s caused by deficiency or dysfunction of the von Willebrand factor (VWF) and having VWD means your blood does not clot properly.

Know the Numbers:

1 in 100 people globally suffer from VWD—that’s approximately 3 million people in the U.S. who are living with this disease.

There are 3 types of VWD based on qualitative or quantitative defects in VWF. A fourth type, acquired VWD, is not hereditary.

16 years is the average length of time between the onset of bleeding symptoms and diagnosis of a bleeding disorder.

Commonly reported symptoms among women with VWD include:

- Heavy Menstrual Bleeding: 95%
- Bleeding After Minor Injuries: 92%
- Excessive Gum Bleeding: 76%

Women are more likely than men to show symptoms because of increased bleeding during menstrual periods, pregnancy and after childbirth.

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