## CHECKLIST & OUTCOMES

Bring The Following To Your HTC Appointment:

Bleeding Episodes & Infusion Log
List of Specific Issues
Names of Medications
Medication & Food Allergies
A Notebook To Take Notes
If it's your first visit, bring your family
history and medical records.

### <u>Tips On How To Meet Your Goals With</u> <u>Your HTC Team</u>:

Express Yourself Clearly
Ask For What You Need and Want
Be Firm and Consistent
Be Open To Discussion
Focus On What's Most Important Now

It's okay to explore other options for HTC Care, if necessary.

The Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida serves people with bleeding disorders and helps the bleeding disorders community improve their quality of life by offering programs and services to support healthier lives.



#### **Hemophilia Treatment Centers**

All Children's Hospital Lakeland: 863.802.6600 St. Petersburg: 727.767.4176 Tampa: 813.631.5001

Arnold Palmer Pediatric, Orlando 321.841.8588

Kidz Medical Services Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami 305.662.8360

> Nemours Children's Jacksonville: 904.390.3789 Orlando: 407.650.7230 Pensacola: 850.505.4790

St. Joseph's Hospital Center for Bleeding and Clotting Disorders, Tampa 813.321.6820

University of Florida Adult & Pediatric, Gainesville Adult: 352.265.0725

Pediatric: 352.265.8250

University of South Florida Adult, Tampa 813.974.3725

University of Miami Adult & Pediatric, Miami 305.243.0384



### HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF



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### Advocating For Yourself Medically

Knowing how to navigate the healthcare system will allow you the best treatment possible. If you and your HTC team are partners in your healthcare decisions, you'll feel ownership of your wellness. Standing up for yourself medically is your right.

## Advocating For Yourself With Your Insurance Company

It is your right to appeal your insurance company's decisions on claims.

Communicate with your HTC team.

They can help. Be patient: This may take time.



HFGF has a social worker and outreach nurses on staff to help you advocate for yourself.

## YOU HAVE TO ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF

Being your own advocate means asking for what you need in a direct, respectful manner.

#### To Be Your Best Advocate:

Believe In Yourself
Know Your Rights
Have Your Facts Straight
Decide What You Want
Plan A Strategy
Target Your Efforts
Gather Support
Express Yourself Clearly

You Have To Advocate Yourself:
With Your Medical Team
Through Insurance Issues
Legislatively



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# Advocating For Yourself Legislatively

Laws are made for you and the bleeding disorders community statewide and federally. You can have a voice in what laws are passed by understanding the process and identifying your legislators. HFGF is part of the Bleeding Disorders Coalition of Florida and is here to help you advocate for the bleeding disorders community legislatively.



Contact

info@bleedingdisorderscoalitionoflorida.org if you're interested in getting involved legislatively.