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90-Second Introduction to What Is a Bleeding Disorder

- Bleeding disorders (hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and other clotting disorders) are rare disorders with only 30,000 - 33,000 hemophilia patients in the US and about 4,000 in California; there are approximately 3 million people with von Willebrand disease nationally and about 390,000 people in California.
- Bleeding disorders make your body unable to form blood clots because you are missing specific clotting factors.
- Your blood doesn't clot normally, so you can experience:
 - Bleeding into joints, muscles and soft tissues
 - Excessive bruising
 - Prolonged, heavy menstrual periods
 - Unexplained nosebleeds
 - Extended bleeding after minor cuts, blood draws, vaccinations, surgery or dental procedures
- Treatment includes IV infusions- as often as daily- with medication that costs on average \$250,000 - \$300,000 annually for a person with severe hemophilia or even up to \$1 million if you also have an immune response to the replacement factor, which we call having an inhibitor.
- What this means when living with hemophilia is...[fill in your experience here].