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SERVING ALL BLEEDING DISORDERS

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Dear Health Care Provider,

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My name is Sue Martin and I am the executive director of Hemophilia of South Carolina (HSC), a 501c3 nonprofit advocacy organization in South Carolina serving the bleeding disorders community patients and their families in all 46 counties. It is my great pleasure, on behalf of our board of directors and the 2021 Medical Symposium Planning Committee to invite you and your colleagues to attend our *Virtual Bleeding Disorders Medical Symposium* to discuss and review care and specialized treatment needs of patients with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and other rare bleeding disorders. The Committee's goal is to provide awareness, resources, and education about the specialized care and treatment needs of patients with bleeding disorders to health care providers taking care of current or *future patients* with bleeding disorders including providers and nurses working in hospitals, emergency rooms, and primary care practices. The symposium will spotlight the need for specialized treatment, review complications that result from delay of or inappropriate care, and expand the participating health care professional's knowledge of this complicated and often poorly understood patient population. We also hope to ensure patients and their providers know of the resources available to them, including HSC. Continuing Medical Education credits are available (1unit) for our Saturday morning session. All information is provided in our flyer attached hereto and on the symposium website. The symposium is free of charge and is being sponsored by HSC and those in partnership who support our work.

Hemophilia of South Carolina is proud to be working with Prisma Health's and the Medical University of South Carolina's hematologists who currently provide treatment for patients with bleeding disorders in South Carolina. Our outreach is a partnership to help ensure treatment resources are available and to also extend our outreach to rural and outlying medical facilities.

As the state's only advocacy organization serving patients with bleeding disorders by providing education, advocacy awareness, and supportive services, this symposium supports our objective to increase awareness of bleeding disorders and the needs of our patient member population. Hemophilia and rare bleeding disorders are complicated diseases that affect multiple aspects of the patient's life outside of the clinic and hospital. As a voice for the community, we are honored to partner with our national organizations, our healthcare teams, state agencies, legislators, insurance companies, hospital associations, and related service agencies in South Carolina to continue to advocate for patients with bleeding disorders and advance their treatment and care.

On behalf of our team, I hope you will join us for the Inaugural Medical Symposium for Bleeding Disorders. If you are not able to join us and know others in your health care team who would benefit from our medical symposium, please feel free to provide our extended welcome to them. All information for registering is available on our website at www.hemophiliasc.org. Just click the medical symposium banner which will take you to the webpage. Please feel free to contact me at the below contact information or Robin Jones, RN, MSN, CPN, CPHON, Nurse Navigator, Hemophilia Treatment Center, Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders at Prisma Health Midstate at Robin.Jones@prismahealth.org or 803-434-1028 for additional questions.

Thank you for your time and commitment to serving our community!
Warmest regards,

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