

# HTC Care *Matters*

Hemophilia patients in Indiana are more likely to seek care at a **federally-designated comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC)** than other treatment settings. Individuals with hemophilia seen at an HTC are more likely to have a severe form of the disorder compared to those seen outside an HTC; despite this, patients seen at an HTC have better outcomes.

The Indiana Haemophilia Surveillance Project—a collaboration between the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center (IHTC), the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)—recently published an Indiana-focused study titled, “Population-based surveillance of haemophilia and patient outcomes in Indiana using multiple data sources.”

Modeled after the influential epidemiological surveillance project conducted by the CDC in the late 1990s, the new study involved analyzing de-identified medical records (dated 2011-2013) to determine diagnoses of hemophilia and treatment sought within the state. The severity of each patient’s hemophilia was noted, as well as where they sought care, how often and why.

This study reinforces the messaging of HTCs, the CDC, and the National Hemophilia Foundation for the past 20 years: Bleeding disorder patients should be seen at an HTC to ensure they receive the best care.

