

It takes more than medicine ...

## Hemophilia of Georgia or My Hemophilia Treatment Center?

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HoG often receives calls from clients asking about services that we provide or wondering who to call for medical advice for treatment of bleeding episodes. Below is a table to help with some of the confusion:

Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTC) Emory/Egleston, MCG, Backus, CHOA at Scottish Rite	Hemophilia of Georgia (HoG)
<ul> <li>Gives medical advice for treatment</li> <li>Schedules clinic appointments</li> <li>Confirms diagnosis for schools</li> <li>Gives orders for factor treatment</li> <li>Hematologist or hemophilia nurse coordinators are available to give specific treatment advice or treatment</li> <li>Provides factor prescriptions</li> <li>Can make referrals to other doctors for consultation</li> <li>Can provide hospital care</li> <li>HTC social worker can help clients with financial and insurance issues and also help them find transportation to clinic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can give general advice</li> <li>Nurses and social workers attend clinic</li> <li>Nurses and social workers can provide school and medical in-services about bleeding disorders</li> <li>Nurses and social workers can help with IEP</li> <li>Nurses can help train family members to do home infusion</li> <li>Consults with HTC nurses and doctors for follow-up in the home or community</li> <li>Has a nonprofit pharmacy which supplies factor when a prescription is on file and the family or client calls or orders factor online, provided that the client's insurance plan allows use of the HoG pharmacy</li> <li>Does not make medical referrals</li> <li>HoG is a nonprofit organization located in Atlanta; not a medical facility</li> <li>HoG social workers can help find resources for financial issues and offer community outreach. They can assist with transportation to clinic and insurance concerns.</li> </ul>