

## **Case studies in bleeding disorders**

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The evaluation of patients with a bleeding tendency is a multistep process that involves a complete history, physical examination and laboratory evaluation. The laboratory evaluation is often also a multistep process, with general testing at the start and more detailed or specific testing in the end. For the correct interpretation of laboratory results clinical information is essential.

Two cases of patients with a bleeding tendency will be discussed and used as an illustration of difficulties that can be encountered in diagnosing a bleeding patient.