



Fall 2016

Dear Bleeding Disorders Community,

We are very excited about our 2017 Legislative Days in Austin, Texas. In 2015, we had over 20 advocates meet with their Senators and Representatives, educating them about bleeding disorders, and asking for their support on HB 1038. This bill allowed the funds in the Hemophilia Assistance Program to cover insurance premiums, not just the cost of factor. We have been working with state agencies to put rules into effect so that these funds may be used by patients in need. Those participating in Austin Days made a difference!

We are coming upon another Legislative Session in Texas, and with the changes to healthcare, it is now more important than ever to make our voices heard and stay on top of issues facing the bleeding disorders community. This year, we are asking Texas Legislators to participate in the National Hemophilia Foundation's Red Tie Challenge in the month of March, and will be addressing access to care issues we have seen across the state.

We would love to have you join us at our Legislative Days. This year, we will be meeting at the Hampton Inn and Suites @ the University/Capitol, located at 1701 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX 78701. We will be hosting a training dinner on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory in order to attend meetings on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. You will receive materials to take to your meetings, as well as training on the issues we are asking legislators to support. \*It is important that you discuss the agenda set forth by the Coalition. The Coalition was formed so that the bleeding disorders community of Texas would have a unified voice on the issues impacting them.\* The cost of hotel, dinner Monday, and breakfast Tuesday morning will be covered by the Coalition. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the following registration form and send to Heidi at [hhensley@lonestarahemophilia.org](mailto:hhensley@lonestarahemophilia.org), or you may mail to the Lone Star Chapter office at 5600 Northwest Central, Suite 140, Houston, TX 77092. \*We have limited rooms at the hotel. We will reserve rooms for those living outside of Austin, first come, first serve. Reservations will be made in the order applications are received. Once we confirm your registration, we will set up meetings with your local legislators for Tuesday. We try to set these meetings up in the morning and early afternoon, so you can make it home Tuesday

We look forward to having you at our 2017 Legislative Days! Thanks so much for participating!

Sincerely,

Melissa Compton  
Lone Star Chapter Executive Director  
Texas Bleeding Disorders Coalition Coordinator

Traci Mayer  
Texas Central Executive Director



**Austin Days 2017 Registration Form**

**Yes! I want to participate and make my voice heard in Austin!**

Name (First and Last)	
Additional Family Members / Guests Note: List Age of Children	
Home Address	
City	
Zip Code (Include 4 digit code)	
Cell Phone Number	
Email Address	
Type of Bleeding Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemophilia A</li> <li>• Hemophilia B</li> <li>• vWD</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
Type of Meeting Participant (Check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer (Bleeding Disorder Patient and Family)</li> <li>• Industry Professional</li> <li>• Medical Professional</li> </ul>
Hotel Needs *1 room per family only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No room needed</li> <li>Room Type: (choose one)</li> <li>• Single    Double</li> </ul>
Dietary Needs	
Have you attended Austin Days before?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• No</li> </ul>