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With the striking advances in hemophilia care that have materialized in the last few decades, an increasing number of persons with hemophilia (PWH) have achieved a quality of life and life expectancy very close to that of unaffected individuals. With ageing, a growing number of PWH develop including age-related co-morbidities. cancer. thrombosis and cardiovascular diseases. The latter (particularly coronary artery disease and atrial fibrillation), represent a new challenge for the hemophilia treatment centers because their management implies a delicate balance between the thrombotic risk and the bleeding tendency, that is further enhanced by the concomitant use of antithrombotic agents. Because evidence from clinical trials is lacking, the management of PWH with cardiovascular diseases and atherothrombosis is mostly based on expert opinions, personal experiences and the adaptation to them of the evidence stemming from studies on people without hemophilia.



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