

# A NEW CHALLENGE: TWINNING BETWEEN THE CATALAN ASSOCIATION OF HEMOPHILIA (ACH) AND THE CUBAN SOCIETY OF HEMOPHILIA (SCH)



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## Introduction and objectives

After twinning with the Panama Foundation of Hemophilia and with the El Salvador Society of Hemophilia, the World Federation of Hemophilia has entrusted us with the opportunity of being able to participate in a new twinning program, on this occasion with the Cuban Society of Hemophilia.

The objective of the twinning is to improve the running of the Cuban Society of Hemophilia once the collaboration between both entities has finished.



## Material and methods

In September 2015 some people from ACH went to Cuba and carried out an evaluation which allowed us:

- to get to know the people in charge of the SCH and its volunteers.
- to visit the William Soler Hospital in Havana where the hemophiliac patients are treated, and to meet its managers and the medical and psychological staff.
- to get acquainted with different families of hemophiliacs.

This evaluation allowed us to detect the most important needs and agree on a plan of action for the next four years using a SWOT analysis.



## Results

It is still early to obtain results because the program only began last January and it has been designed to last for four years. However, we can explain the areas on which we will base our collaboration:

- SCH Office organization
- Knowledge of the community
- Design of Hemophilia attention program
- Training and assessment for professionals and volunteers involved with the SCH.
- Health authority relations.
- Obtaining financial support.



## Conclusions

The collaboration between the ACH and the SCH was born out of illusion and hope. There are still many open fronts, different needs and diverse tasks pending. We can't get carried away with wanting to fix and do everything, given the limitations both in the society and the country itself.

We will try to work giving priority to actions, specifying step by step, taking care of each action and following it up, otherwise success will be difficult.

