

A bright employment future for persons with bleeding disorders

Introduction and Objectives: As a woman with vonWillebrand's disease, I understand how difficult it can be to maintain full time employment due to spontaneous bleeds. Over the past few years, I have found that full time employment for someone with a severe and debilitating bleeding disorder is no longer a challenge. We now live in a world where technology and training exist that can make a tremendous difference for someone with a chronic bleeding disorder.

Materials and Methods: Remote employment (working at home), depends on finding a company that fosters open lines of communication along with a managing organization that is supportive of employees who work from home. Using computers, cell phones and applications such as Skype, social media, and web-based programs, a person can still be highly productive while working from home. Certification courses and even college degrees can now be earned all in the privacy of your own home. My current work is that of a recruiter where I send resumes to hiring managers for review and match up the best candidates for the job.

Results: Working remotely decreases the likelihood of taking off from work because treatment is readily available at home, working schedules can be flexible, and software programs are most always available. Many large companies actually prefer remote employees as they save on office costs and feel that employees who do not commute daily are supportive of clean and green environmental strategies. I am proud to say that I am counseling people in our worldwide bleeding disorder community with their career planning and search for employment. Technology and a positive attitude have changed my life.

Conclusion: A global economy is a nurturing one for an increasing numbers of people who are training for careers including (but not limited to) graphic design, recruiting, blog/vlog contributors, social media experts, drafting, design, medical billing/coding, information technology and writing. Having a bleeding disorder no longer means you have to limit your career goals or income potential.

