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BEING A HAEMOPHILIC HAS LED TO SEVERAL OTHER PROBLEMS WITH MY HEALTH. OVER THE YEARS SINCE CHILDHOOD, I HAVE HAD INNUMERABLE BLEEDS INTO MY JOINTS WHICH IN TURN HAVE LED TO MY JOINTS BEING ARTHRATIC AND PAINFUL AND I AM UNABLE TO USE MY ARM FOR MANY EVERYDAY THINGS LIKE COOKING, PREPARING VEGETABLES, OPENING CANS. SOMETIMES IT IS EVEN DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL TO WRITE.

IN 1978 DUE TO THE USE OF CONTAMINATED BLOOD PRODUCTS TO CONTROL BLEEDING I CONTRACTED HEPATITIS. IN 1981 THE USE OF BLOOD PRODUCTS DURING A STAY IN HOSPITAL AGAIN RESULTED IN HEPATITIS WHICH HAS NOW CAUSED CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER. IN 1991 IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE A KNEE REPLACEMENT AND THIS PROVED DIFFICULT DUE TO EXCESSIVE BLEEDING INTO THE JOINT LEAVING IT SOMEWHAT LESS FLEXIBLE THAN ANTICIPATED. APPARENTLY THE BLEEDING WAS EXCESSIVE DUE TO REDUCED LIVER FUNCTION. THIS HAS ALSO LEFT ME WITH VARICOSES AND RESULTED IN SEVERAL FAIRLY SEVERE BOUTS OF INTERNAL BLEEDING AND STAYS IN HOSPITAL I NOW HAVE TO MAINTAIN A SALT FREE DIET.

AS A RESULT OF THE STIFFNESS IN MY KNEE AND BEING UNABLE TO BEND PROPERLY I NOW HAVE A HERNIA FOR WHICH MY DOCTORS ARE RELUCTANT TO OPERATE DUE TO THE PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING THE BLEEDING. MY HEALTH HAS DETERIORATED NOTICEABLY IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS — 2 YRS AND I NOW HAVE TO GO TO BED

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Faintly frequently during the day as I
become tired very early because of my
liver problems

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