

**LAITH:** The biggest thing I end up learning is that I really don't know or understand very much at all. I'm definitely someone that's always asking why. Why is the sky blue? What it comes down to is the composition of the atmosphere, all those particles scatter the light, and they scatter blue light. It didn't have to be that way. Why do these molecules reflect blue light and why not green light? It's tough to imagine a world in which the sky is green, but you can do it, I guess. My name's Laith, I currently teach math, and I love being outside playing basketball and drinking coffee, and by the way, I have severe hemophilia A. I really have a passion for teaching. Honestly, the biggest thing for me is kind of learning with the student. You feel the ideas bounce off of them and back at you, and for me, that's huge, because it really helps me nurture my own curiosity. I love getting them to that aha moment where it's like, this makes sense. I've always been drawn to subjects like math and science, that's kind of what my father instilled in me early on. He had a deep respect for it because it described the world around us, and early on, I was trying to understand why things felt the way they felt to me, why do things work the way they work, why do I have hemophilia, why do *I* have hemophilia? I think as a kid, I didn't really feel the full weight of it. I thought it was really special. Somewhere along the line, you know, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I started to hate hemophilia about myself. Before hemophilia made me feel unique, like it was something I wanted to share. Now it was something I didn't even want to mention. Then I was like, okay, now I'm not going to tell anybody. I need to conceal this. I would just ignore bleeds. I would come home, swollen limbs and ankles. In college, I picked up just as recklessly as I left high school, still hiding it. There was a time where I met with my professor, and I told him that I had hemophilia, and he affirmed it and just kind of moved on. I remember to this day the room that I was in and where he was sitting and how I approached, and I'd guarantee you, if I were to call him, I don't think he would remember that conversation that we had, but for me, that was like, that was my 'aha' moment. People who I have a genuine relationship with, they're just going to affirm it and move on like he did. Then I began to see that in everybody around me. I began to see the real picture that I have hemophilia, I have to be responsible for my physical well being in regards to treatment. It wasn't long after that aha moment, I had a conversation with my hematologist, and she mentioned that there's a product called ELOCTATE, and she talked to me about the benefits and risks such as rash and having a headache. I was really interested in the prolonged half life, because I was always wanting to take control of my treatment. I decided this is something I want to move forward with and make ELOCTATE my treatment option. So my doctor and I worked together to come up with an infusion schedule that would be good for me, and we decided on once every four days. Being on ELOCTATE has been great. I haven't had any hospitalizations. Of course, that's my experience, and yours might differ. At this point in my life, I am taking my treatment and health into my own hands, and in doing so, it's really giving me that space to discover who I truly am. It doesn't matter so much to me why I have hemophilia, just that, okay, I have it, now what? What I am doing next?

**NARRATOR:** Indications and Important Safety Information: Indications: ELOCTATE [Anti-hemophilic Factor (Recombinant) Fc Fusion Protein], is a recombinant DNA derived anti-hemophilic factor indicated in adults and children with Hemophilia A (congenital Factor VIII deficiency) for on-demand treatment and control of bleeding episodes, perioperative management of bleeding, and routine prophylaxis to reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes. Eloctate is not indicated for the treatment of von Willebrand disease.

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