

THE PLATELET SOCIETY

A charity dedicated to promoting the importance of platelet research & to supporting those living with platelet-related disorders.

2 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UK ARE CURRENTLY LIVING WITH PLATELET RELATED DISORDERS

So, what are platelets?

- ★ They play a key role in the process of blood clotting.
- ★ They support the health of our blood vessels.
- ★ Yet, they also contribute to a range of platelet diseases and disorders:



- ★ Thrombosis is one of the major causes of heart attacks and strokes.
- ★ Caused by formation of a blood clot.
- ★ This clot could block an important blood vessel.
- ★ Treatments include antiplatelet drugs, but these can lead to nuisance bleeding.

- ★ Bleeding occurs when our platelets do not work well
- ★ Or if we have too few platelets in our blood.
- ★ Platelet disorders are the most common cause of bleeding disorders - with 6000 patients in the UK.



Wear your badge and help us to promote The Platelet Society!

Increasingly, platelets are being recognised as major contributors to many other diseases too, such as cancers to arthritis.

Medical research is therefore vital to help develop better awareness of the role of platelets during both health & disease.

★ **& to do that, we need your help** ★

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- ★ Platelet Society Members are actively engaged in researching platelet biology to understand what goes wrong during disease.
- ★ The charity supports researchers across Europe/UK(?) to share knowledge, develop skills and interact with patients.



BY WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER, THE PLATELET SOCIETY SEEKS TO DEVELOP IMPROVED STRATEGIES AND PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS FOR THOSE EFFECTED BY PLATELET RELATED DISORDERS.

- ★ The Platelet Society is also dedicated to sharing and teaching the general public through engagement events across the UK;



How Can you Help?

- ★ Platelet Society Members regularly take part in fund raising events.
- ★ These funds are used at our engagement events and to support vital ongoing research.
- ★ You can help support us too!
- ★ Visit our webpage to make a donation and see if there is a local event near you:

<https://plateletsociety.co.uk/>
Thank you!



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