

# stop the BLEEDING!

## Episode 34: DATING & DISCLOSURE



Should I disclose?

Yes	No
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## **EPISODE 34 - DATING AND DISCLOSURE, or “DO I TELL HER?”**

### **1. Goose’s Big Date!**

In this episode, Goose’s fear of revealing his hemophilia to his new girlfriend Carol prompts the entire office to give conflicting advice on how and when to tell her, which causes a debate amongst the gang on the pros and cons of disclosing to a significant other.

#### **1a. Critical Thinking Discussion Questions...**

Let’s put that brain to work! Fill in your answers below to the best of your ability!

**Goose says he is afraid to tell Carol about his hemophilia because she might think he’s “weak or something”, while Eddie says he should wear his hemophilia like “a badge of honor” - can you relate to Goose’s apprehension to disclosing? Have you ever felt uncomfortable with the idea of disclosing your bleeding disorder to someone?**

**Why do you think Goose feels Carol might think having hemophilia makes him “weak”?**

**What are some ways Goose could have told Carol about his hemophilia before she showed up at the office?**

GREAT JOB! Please continue to the next section!

### **2. Dr. Young’s Clinical Advice!**

Dr. Young offers that Carol has the right to not want to date him once he discloses his hemophilia with her. This drives Goose into even more confusion and uncertainty!

**2a. Critical Thinking Discussion Questions...**

Let's put that brain to work! Fill in your answers below to the best of your ability!

**Do you agree with Dr. Young that Carol has the right to no longer want to date Goose when she learns about his bleeding disorder? Is that fair?**

**Goose's gets frustrated with all the conflicting advice and storms out of the room. Have you ever felt unheard when getting advice on how to deal with your bleeding disorder?**

**How could Dr. Young, Eddie, and the rest of the gang advised Goose in a more positive or productive way?**

GREAT JOB! Please continue to the next section!

**3. Carol Shows Up!**

After Goose storms out of the conference room he discovers that Carol has surprisingly shown up in the office. Forced to confront his fears, he discloses his hemophilia to her while the gang watches on.

### **3a. Critical Thinking Discussion Questions...**

Let's put that brain to work! Fill in your answers below to the best of your ability!

**Just before Goose's disclosure, Benny presents Stacey with half of- what he calls- a "friendship poster." How does this moment influence Goose's decision to disclose his hemophilia to Carol?**

**Carol seems curious, but not fazed, by Goose's hemophilia disclosure. Has this been true for you when you have disclosed your bleeding disorder to a friend or someone you were dating?**

**What recommendations do you have for young people with bleeding disorders on how- or even *if*- to disclose their bleeding disorder with new friends, coworkers, classmates, or significant others?**

Great job! You're all done for now!