

Art by the late Hertz Nazaire.

SICKLE CELL DISEASE...

is an inherited blood disease causing red blood cells to take a sickle shape, leading to blockages that prevent blood from reaching parts of the body. As a result, people with sickle cell complications can experience chronic pain, which can lead to a life-threatening crisis, as well as anemia, jaundice, gallstones, stroke, organ damage and premature death.

No universal cure exists.



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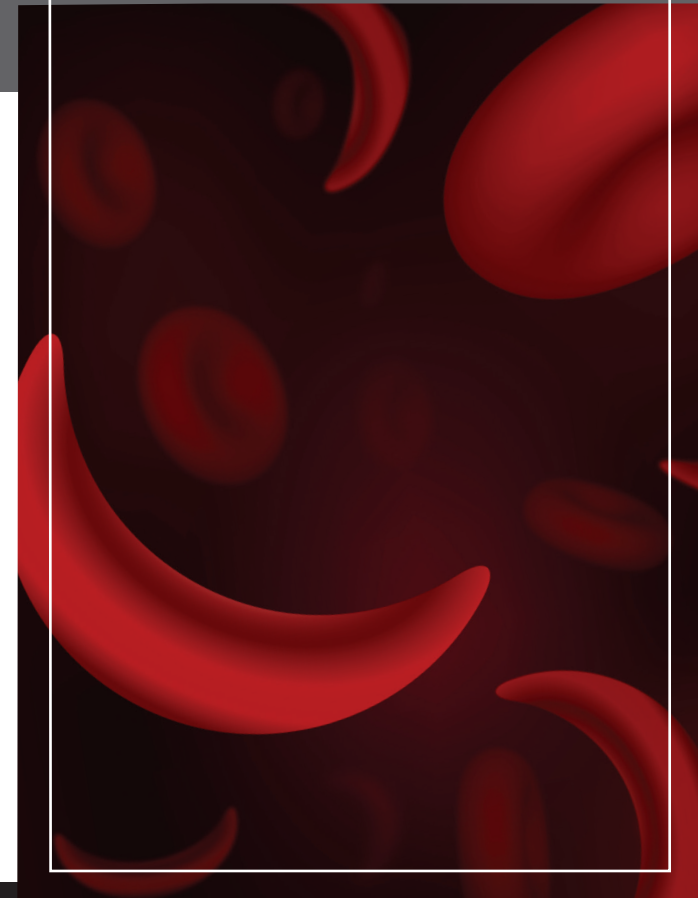
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WHO WE ARE. WHAT WE DO.





OUR MISSION

To advocate for people affected by sickle cell conditions and empower community-based organizations to maximize quality of life and raise public consciousness while advancing the search for a universal cure.

SCDAA is a globally recognized leader in advancing initiatives for people affected by sickle cell conditions. For over 50 years, we've partnered with diverse organizations, including government agencies and nonprofits, recognizing the importance of collaborative efforts to address the multifaceted needs of those living with sickle cell disease and their families.

In partnership with SCDAA member organizations and other stakeholder groups, the efforts of our national office focus on six broad areas of emphasis:



Research: SCDAA supports studies to learn more about sickle cell disease, involving our community in medical research to advance our understanding of the disease and improve outcomes for those living with sickle cell conditions.



Professional and Public Health Education: SCDAA educates people about sickle cell disease through various channels, empowering caregivers, health care workers and policymakers with knowledge for informed decision-making. SCDAA also organizes events where professionals share the latest insights on sickle cell disease, contributing to the ongoing education of those in the field.



Advocacy and Legislative Issues: SCDAA understands the importance of advocacy on a local and national level. We provide training, support and resources to those interested in connecting with their representatives to push for policy changes that positively affect individuals with SCD and their loved ones.



Patient Services: Through our network of member organizations, SCDAA collaborates with health care providers to ensure families affected by sickle cell disease receive essential services such as testing, counseling and support.



Community Services: SCDAA engages in community initiatives, including summer camps and blood drives, providing fun experiences and supportive essential services to those impacted by sickle cell disease.



Support to Global Organizations and Practitioners: SCDAA extends assistance globally, advocating for initiatives to provide genetic counseling, newborn SCD screening, infant and prenatal care, pediatric care and an increased number of adult facilities with expertise in SCD.

To learn more about our impact and get involved, visit: sicklecelldisease.org