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SICKLE CELL AWARENESS

Know the Facts. Support the Fight.

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WHAT IS SICKLE CELL DISEASE?

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a genetic blood disorder that affects the shape of red blood cells. Instead of being round and flexible, the red blood cells become sickle-shaped, which can block blood flow, cause pain, and lead to serious health complications.



Common Symptoms



Pain crises

(often in the chest, back, or joints)



Anemia

(low red blood cell count)



Frequent infections

(weakened immune system)



Fatigue

(feeling tired and weak)



Stroke

(can happen at any age)

Key Facts

- ♥ Sickle cell disease affects people of all races, but is most common in people of African, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, and Mediterranean descent.
- ♥ About 100,000+ people in the U.S. are living with sickle cell disease.
- ♥ It can be inherited, but it's not contagious.
- ♥ Early detection and proper care can help people with SCD live longer, healthier lives.

*More Awareness.
More Support.
Better Tomorrows.*

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