

About Us

The Scott Center for Observation Treatment and Transition (S.C.O.T.T.) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2022 that assists families and individuals with sickle cell disease in transitioning from pediatric to adult care and minimizing infant mortality in communities of color.

This community-based organization bridges the gap between medical professionals and patients by advocating on a medical, educational, or familial level.



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SICKLE CELL & ORAL HEALTH



Understanding Sickle Cell Disease & Oral Health

Understanding sickle cell disease and its implications on oral health is crucial for comprehensive healthcare management. Individuals with sickle cell disease often experience complications such as delayed tooth eruption, enamel hypoplasia, and increased susceptibility to infections due to compromised immune function. Moreover, the chronic nature of the disease and frequent blood transfusions can contribute to the development of oral complications like iron overload.

Dentists play a vital role in recognizing these oral manifestations early on, implementing preventive strategies, and collaborating with hematologists to ensure optimal oral health outcomes for patients with sickle cell disease. This multidisciplinary approach can mitigate potential complications, enhance quality of life, and promote overall well-being for individuals living with this genetic disorder.



Oral Healthcare Recommendations

These recommendations for managing oral health in individuals with sickle cell disease are not comprehensive; consultation with healthcare providers like dentists and hematologists for personalized advice .

CONSULT WITH YOUR HEMATOLOGIST

Ensure you have had a recent blood test to check for anemia, prior to your dental visit. Also, your hematologist can advise of antibiotic treatment, if needed.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Treatments, such as frequent cleanings, fluoride, and sealants can help reduce dental issues that can lead to tooth loss or an SCD episode.

BE AWARE

Some characteristics displayed by patients with SCD are:

- Delayed teeth eruption
- Enamel Hypoplasia (Softening of the outer-most layer of the teeth)
- Malocclusion (abnormal alignment of teeth)
- Periodontitis (condition that affects the gingiva and bone around the teeth)

Managing Oral Health Emergencies & Pain



Inform

Speak with your dentist about your SCD prior to your scheduled appointment.



Pain Management

Your hematologist and dentist should work together to discuss a medication plan.



Emergencies

If an issue arises after your dental visit, please remember to call your dental office and let your hematologist know. Issues such as a fever of 101 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher, difficulty breathing, or chest pain need urgent medical attention.