



North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program

Client Information

To talk to someone in your area, call the Sickle Cell Client Resource Line. The call is toll free and confidential.
1-866-NC-CELL (1-866-627-2355)
Raleigh Office: 919-733-7791 Fax: 919-715-3410
www.ncsicklecellprogram.org

“When we first learned that our son had sickle cell disease, we were in shock and denial. We have learned so much from the N.C. Sickle Cell Program that helps us. Thank you. Today our son is a very energetic six-year-old who has tremendous courage to face the disease.”

Mr. & Mrs. D. Taylor, Parents

Community-Based Centers

Operation Sickle Cell, Inc.
Fayetteville, NC
910-488-6118

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America-Eastern NC Chapter
Jacksonville, NC
910-346-2510 or 1-800-826-1314

Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont, Inc.
Greensboro, NC
336-274-1507 or 1-800-733-8297

Sickle Cell Disease Association of Southern Piedmont, Inc.
Charlotte, NC
704-332-4184 or 1-800-435-6004

Providing HOPE Promoting WELLNESS

The North Carolina Sickle Cell Program was established in 1973. It provides services to persons with sickle cell disease, a lifelong red blood cell disorder that is passed from parents to child through genes. The Program focuses on early detection and treatment, which can prevent many serious health problems. It also offers education and genetic counseling for the general public.

WHO Is At Risk?

In the United States, sickle cell disease is most common in African Americans and persons of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and American Indian ancestry. It also affects other groups including Latinos and Asians. A growing number of Caucasian Americans in North Carolina are being identified with sickle cell trait (carrier) and other abnormal hemoglobin types.

All newborns in North Carolina should receive a hemoglobin test at birth. It is recommended that couples who are planning to become parents and persons of childbearing age be tested. Anyone who is unsure of their risk or status should also be tested. Research studies at the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers have led to the usage of new drugs and other treatments that help clients live healthier and more productive lives.

Helping FAMILIES In Need

The North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program offers comprehensive services for individuals and their families affected by the disease. Financial strain, anxiety, depression, fear and unfamiliarity with the disease itself can place extreme stress on families. Through a network of health and human service providers, the Program assists clients and families in need.

“Living with sickle cell disease is not a death sentence. It is but one of life’s courses that forces us to utilize inner strength. The N.C. Sickle Cell Program continuously transcends my expectations, making life as comfortable as possible. It has helped me realize that boundaries are only within the mind, not the body. I value the Program for helping my family and me cope with and understand the disease.”

J. Fields
College Student

Providing HOPE For A Brighter FUTURE

