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A horizontal band featuring a microscopic image of blood cells, showing various shades of red and purple.

# Welcome to the Sickle Cell Disease Centers Resource Fair

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Health Resources & Services Administration

## Treatment Demonstration Programs (TDP)

The purpose of TDP is to increase access to quality, coordinated, and comprehensive care for individuals with sickle cell disease (SCD) by:

- Increasing the number of clinicians or health professionals knowledgeable about the care of SCD
- Improving the quality of care provided to individuals with SCD
- Improving care coordination with other providers

### Regional Leads

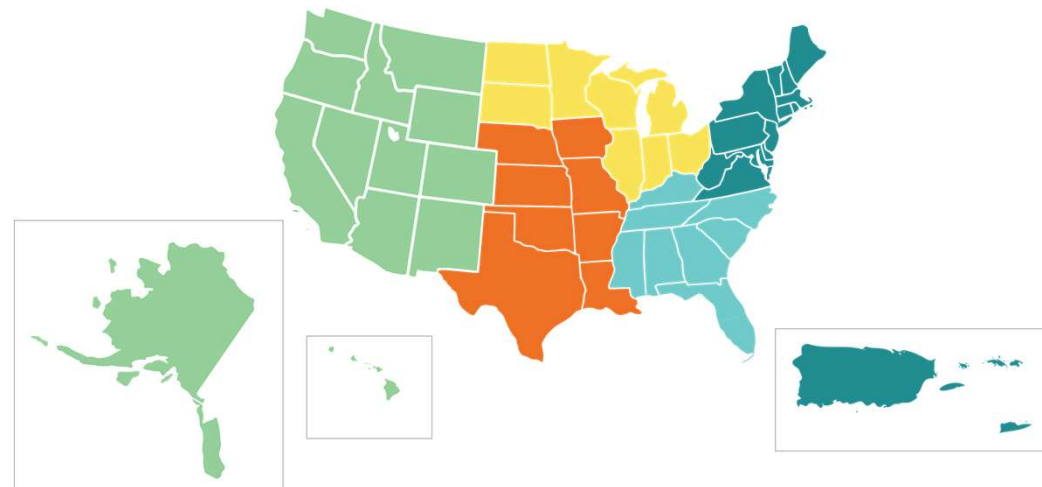
**Northeast:** Sophie Lanzkron, Ros Stewart

**Southeast:** JJ Strouse, Julie Kanter

**Midwest:** Lisa Shook

**Heartland and Prairie:** Allison King

**Pacific:** Marsha Treadwell, Diane Nugent,  
Elliot Vichinsky



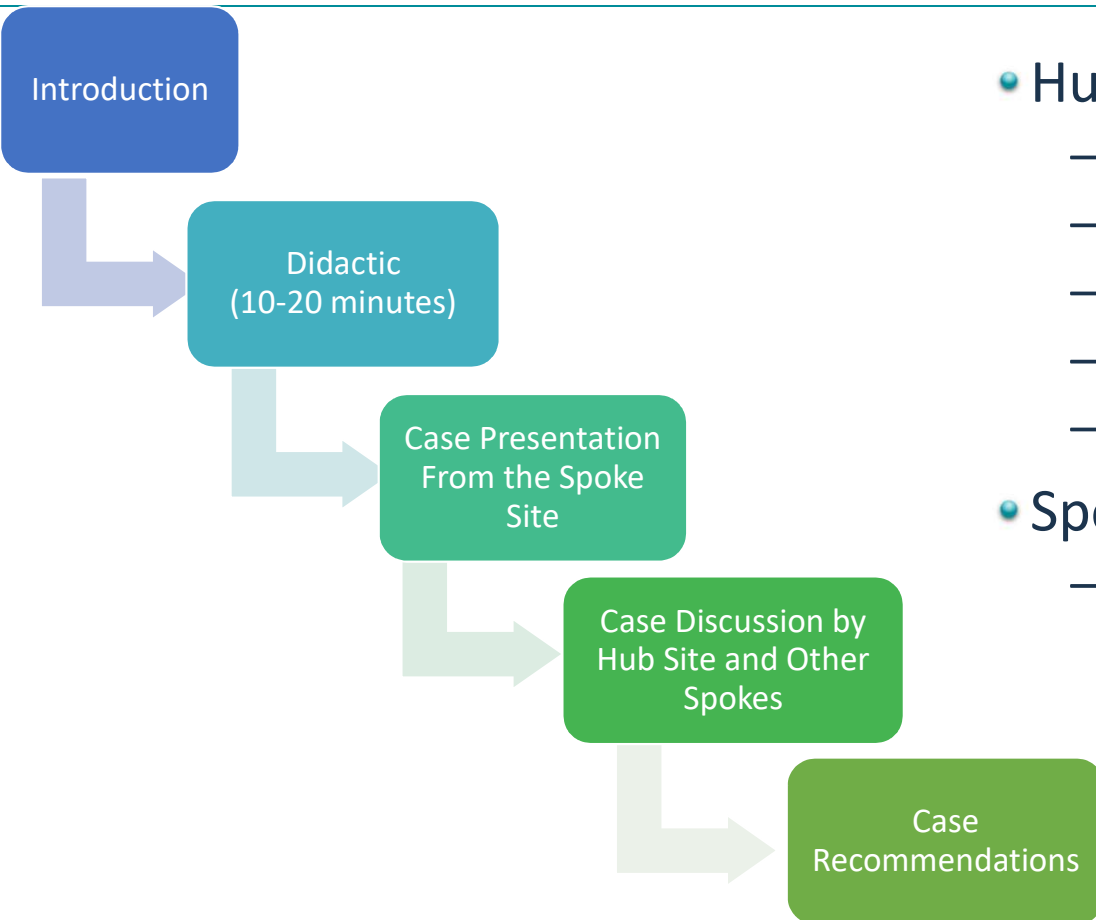
# Overcoming the Lack of Hematology Expertise: ECHO Telementoring

- Project ECHO is Telementoring and not Telemedicine
- Mentorship relationships between less experienced providers and those with more experience
  - Like a clinic/case conference with individuals separated by distance
  - Multiple providers simultaneously



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAMaHP-tEwk>

# Sickle Cell TeleEcho



- Hub

- Adult and pediatric hematology
- Primary care
- Pain management expertise/psychiatry
- Social work
- Community health workers

- Spokes

- Providers taking care of people with SCD



# Sickle Cell ECHO Telementoring Directory

## Advanced Practice Providers

Johns Hopkins University, monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 12-1 pm EST, email [sinerge@jhmi.edu](mailto:sinerge@jhmi.edu)

University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 4-5 pm, EST, email [sonjasmith@UABMC.edu](mailto:sonjasmith@UABMC.edu)

## Pediatric Providers

Rhode Island Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 10-11 am EST, email [DMedeiros1@Lifespan.org](mailto:DMedeiros1@Lifespan.org)

## All Providers

Johns Hopkins University, weekly, Wednesdays 1-2 pm EST, email [sinerge@jhmi.edu](mailto:sinerge@jhmi.edu)

Virginia Commonwealth University, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 12:30-2 pm EST, email [sjohnson42@vcu.edu](mailto:sjohnson42@vcu.edu)

Washington University, St. Louis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 11-12 pm CST, email [easowt@wustl.edu](mailto:easowt@wustl.edu)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 12-1 pm EST, email [Christina.Bennett@cchmc.org](mailto:Christina.Bennett@cchmc.org)

Duke University, psychosocial sessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 11-12 pm CT, email [rem88@duke.edu](mailto:rem88@duke.edu)

Duke/Atrium, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 11:30 am CT, email [rem88@duke.edu](mailto:rem88@duke.edu)

University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, monthly at 4-5 pm CST, email [sonjasmith@UABMC.edu](mailto:sonjasmith@UABMC.edu)

Emory, HEAL curative therapies ECHO, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 4:00-5:15 pm, email [shannon.l.smith@emory.edu](mailto:shannon.l.smith@emory.edu)

Center for Inherited Blood Disorders/UCSF Benioff Children's, monthly, dates vary, email [svora@c3dibd.org](mailto:svora@c3dibd.org)

## Quality Improvement

Jacobi Medical Center, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 11-12 am EST, email [lakewr@nychhc.org](mailto:lakewr@nychhc.org)

## Community-based Organizations

Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 3-4 pm EST, email [mmatthews@cscfkids.org](mailto:mmatthews@cscfkids.org)

Candice's Sickle Cell Fund (Stigma in the ED), monthly schedule varies, email [crystalrivas973@outlook.com](mailto:crystalrivas973@outlook.com)

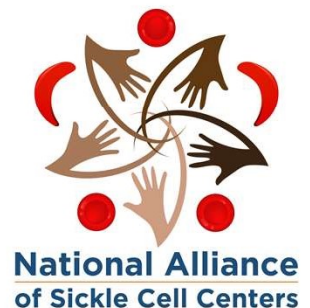
# THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF SICKLE CELL CENTERS

**Mission:** Support sickle cell disease (SCD) centers in delivering high-quality comprehensive care by:

- Setting standards of care and promoting their adoption
- Identifying opportunities and resources to strengthen SCD centers
- Advocating for access to comprehensive care to improve health outcomes, quality of life, and survival

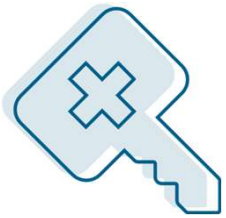
**Goals:**

1. Create an infrastructure for adult and pediatric SCD centers to define, enhance, and promote the adoption of standards of care that comprise a comprehensive care center for individuals with SCD
2. Develop tools and share information with SCD centers to use in implementing and operating a comprehensive care model within their organization
3. Utilize a national clinical registry, Globin Research Network for Data and Discovery (GRNDaD), to optimize quality improvement and assurance
4. Work with other organizations (ASH, SCDA, CDC, etc) on opportunities and resources (federal, state, and private) that SCD centers can utilize to sustain funding and ensure equitable access to comprehensive care





# Overview of ASH's SCD Initiative



## Access to Care

- New SCD Guidelines
- Expanded Education and Training
  - SCD Adult Centers Workshop
- *Bringing Sickle Cell Disease to Life* Podcast Series



## Research

- ASH Research Collaborative
  - SCD Data Collection Platform and Learning Community
  - SCD Clinical Trials Network



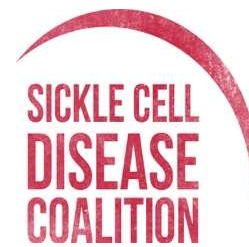
## Global

- Consortium on Newborn Screening in Africa (CONSA)



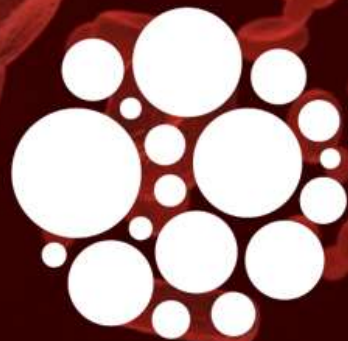
## SCD Policy Strategy

- Raise SCD Awareness
- Enhance Federal SCD Activities
- Improve Reimbursement for SCD Care and Treatment



## SCD Coalition

- 100+ Members
- [www.scdcoalition.org](http://www.scdcoalition.org)



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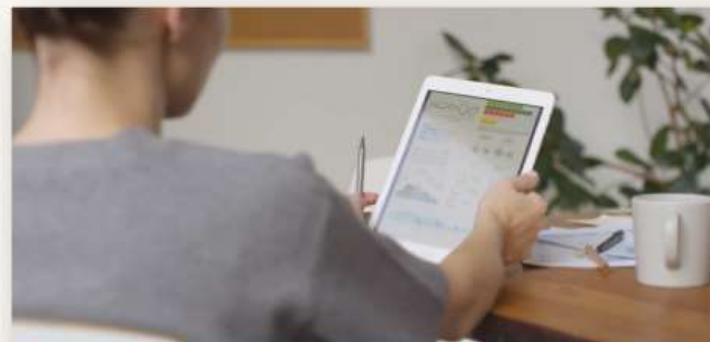
## Clinical Trials Network



*Research Ready Sites*

Contact us  [info@ashrc.org](mailto:info@ashrc.org)

## Data Hub



*Real World Data*

## Learning Community



*Quality Improvement*

# Sickle Cell Adult Provider Network (SCAPN)



How Do I Join?  
[www.SCAPN.org](http://www.SCAPN.org)  
Facebook Group

## Mission:

- The Sickle Cell Adult Provider Network (SCAPN) was officially established in 2002 with a mission to establish a network for healthcare providers who serve adults with sickle cell disease

## Network:

- This was the first and only national organization that:
  - Offers a home for healthcare professionals from multiple disciplines who focus on **adult-oriented** research and clinical care
  - Provides education/training, mentorship, and advocacy

## Opportunities:

- Ask complex medical questions
- Meet other like-minded colleagues
- Job opportunities
- Publication opportunities
- Research

# SICKLE CELL DISEASE IMPLEMENTATION CONSORTIUM (SCDIC)

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDIES

### GOALS

- Develop a SCD Registry of **2,400 individuals** from 8 treatment centers, ages 15-45, that can be **followed over time through surveys** and medical record abstraction
- Conduct a **needs-based community assessment** of the barriers to care for individuals with SCD
- Design **implementation research studies** that address identified barriers to care

### TOPICS

Hydroxyurea

Pain

Quality of  
Care

ED Care

### METHODS

Surveys

Key  
Informant  
Interviews

Focus  
Groups

### OUTCOMES

#### 3 Implementation Workgroups

Care Redesign  
Improve ED Care  
Reduce Unaffiliated Patients

### RATIONALE

- The lives of many adults with SCD are marked by high mortality, severe pain, and progressive decline in functional status
- Many patients do not have access to continuous high quality health care
- Lack of studies that examine the barriers to treatment



## ALIGN STUDY–SPECIFIC AIMS

- Assess overall effectiveness of EHR-embedded individual pain plans (IPP) on improving patient and provider outcomes associated with pain treatment in the ED setting
- Assess the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the IPP at each participating site
- Assess barriers and facilitators to the use of EHR-embedded IPPs

## MESH STUDY–SPECIFIC AIMS

- Compare the days of hydroxy urea (HU) covered by prescriptions at baseline and after 6 months of *InCharge Health*
- Compare the change in provider prescribing of HU at baseline and 9 months
- Evaluate the barriers and facilitators to the adoption of both mHealth Interventions

## UNAFFILIATED PATIENTS WORKING GROUP

Goal is to understand **how and why individuals with sickle cell disease become unaffiliated** from SCD care through the following studies:

### Delphi Consensus Process

- Define someone with sickle cell disease who is “unaffiliated” from sickle cell disease care
- Specify what it means to be a sickle cell disease specialist

### Quantitative Surveys

- Gather data about barriers to care and potential strategies to connect or re-connect patients to care



# Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.

*Working Together to Save Lives*

**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.

**Vision:** The leader in promoting and advancing initiatives focused on people affected by sickle cell conditions worldwide.

## **National Services:**

National Awareness and Fundraising  
Research and Gene Therapy Support  
Professional Health Education  
Public Health Education  
Capacity Building and Technical Assistance  
Legislative/Government Advocacy



# SCDAA—Who We Are, What We Do



**WE SERVE** as the **national voice for SCD** as the only organization working to resolve issues surrounding sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait. Since 1972, the organization has been on the forefront of improving the quality of health, life and services for individuals, families and communities affected by sickle cell disease and related conditions.

**WE PROMOTE** the **search for a cure** for all people in the world with sickle cell disease.

**WE JOIN** with our **53 community-based member organizations** and affiliates located in 29 states to collectively serve over 500,000 children and adults with sickle cell disease.

**WE CONNECT** SCD warriors to our **Clinical Trial Finder** — a centralized, simple-to-navigate website to help people with sickle cell disease, their families and caregivers find clinical trials: [www.sicklecelldisease.org/clinical-trial-finder](http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/clinical-trial-finder).

**WE TRAIN** hundreds of **Community Health Workers (CHW)** across the nation to assist families, helping to manage their healthcare strategy and access to care.

**WE ADVISE** on current **medical news affecting you** through SCDAA's Medical and Research Advisory Committee (MARAC). The committee, comprised of world-renowned SCD experts, provides vital disease, trial and therapy updates as they happen.

**WE LEAD** by building leadership skills, the **Leadership Academy** helps community-based organizations and SCD professionals become even more productive, with capacity building and information.

**WE ADVOCATE** through the **National Sickle Cell Advocacy Network (NSCAN)**, so patients and families know they are not alone. Together with our community-based organizations, we have created a strong network that includes caregivers, clinicians, stakeholders and experts.

**WE PARTNER** **together with organizations** like the American Red Cross, Emmaus Life Sciences, Novartis' Generation S Campaign and Pfizer, to name a few, to conduct blood drives and raise SCD awareness.

# Legislative Advocacy and Priorities-2022



- **Co-sponsor the Sickle Cell Disease Comprehensive Care Act (H.R. 6216/S. 3389)**
  - Would establish a "demonstration" program in up to 10 states through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS)
  - This bill improves patient access to care and promotes coordination between multidisciplinary teams
- **\$25 Million for the Center for Disease Control's Sickle Cell Disease Data Collection Program**
  - The CDC estimates that an annual investment of \$25 million is needed to implement the SCD surveillance provision of the 2018 SCD law
  - The NASEM report on SCD highlights the critical need to establish a national system for SCD data collection
  - Impact: Data collection is necessary to improve national incidence and prevalence data, better identify health disparities, and evaluate strategies to improve quality of life and lower costs associated with treating the population
- **\$15 Million for the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program**
  - The 2018 SCD law reauthorized the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program (SCDTDP) to help coordinate service delivery for individuals with SCD, train health professionals, and provide access to genetic counseling and testing
  - The reauthorization also calls for SCDTDP to develop best practices for the coordination of services for adolescents transitioning from pediatric to adult healthcare. Due to the lack of adequate protocols and care coordination, people with SCD struggle with the transition to adulthood.
  - Impact: Continued program efforts will accelerate the identification and implementation of best practices and procedures for SCD care