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Dr. Patricia L. Kavanagh has a national reputation in systems approaches to improve the care of children and adults with sickle cell disease (SCD). As an attending physician in the Pediatric Emergency Department and a researcher with federal grant funding from National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), she and her colleagues have defined and refined treatment standards for children and adults with sickle cell disease, which are being duplicated in centers around the US.

Nationally, she co-founded and co-chairs the Emergency Department Sickle Cell Care Coalition, which is supported by the American College of Emergency Physicians.

She also serves on the Oversight Steering Committee of HRSA's Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program and the Steering Committee for the American Society of Hematology's Sickle Cell Disease Coalition. Globally, she was invited by the World Health Organization to serve as a Technical Consultant on the development and implementation of pediatric quality indicators.