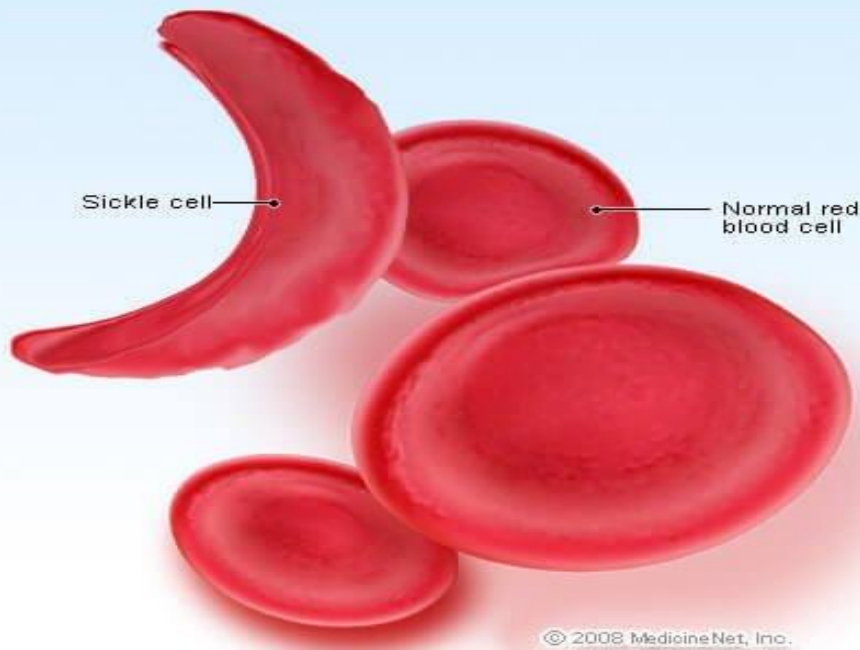


Red Blood Cells

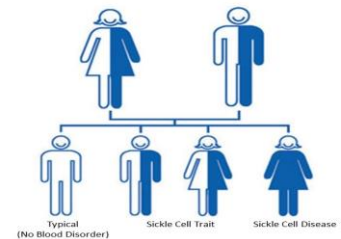


Who can this affect?

EVERYBODY! Sickle Cell Disease is a blood disorder, and everybody has blood. It originates from Africa and was a defense mechanism created by the body against malaria, a disease transmitted by mosquitos. Fast forward to this century, Sickle Cell is present in every community and race in the world. The CDC estimates that Sickle Cell Disease affects approximately 100,000 Americans. With the commonality of mixed couples of white people and ethnic people this will affect everyone. It occurs in about 1 out of every 365 African American births, and about 1 in every 16,300 Hispanic-American births. Sickle Cell Disease can be passed to the child if each parent has the Sickle Cell trait. For every 13 African American babies that are born the CDC estimates that at least 1 child will have the trait. (CDC, 2019)

break the STIGMA

Sickle cell patients are often labeled as drug chasers. When a sickle cell patient goes into a crisis the pain medication can many times be the difference between life and death. They do not abuse the drugs they need them to survive during a pain crisis.



What is Sickle Cell?

A blood disorder that alters the formation of the red bloods and causing them to form a sickle shape.

Together we can all help!

Sickle Cell patients fight battles that are not always seen on the surface and every patient's battle is different. On a normal day feeling fatigued is expected, and if they have experienced multiple pain crisis', they will have chronic pain that is managed by pain medication.

For more information about sickle cell anemia including testing site for trait please click the link

Check if you have the Trait

https://www.accesslabs.com/labfinder?akey=&gclid=CjwKCAjwkdL6BRAREiwA-kiczD1vNh3-KEYpBkytYNl95xJPuZpu6LpxX1P9LVojxmgI6hQTFF5uMxoCm04QAvD_BwE