



Melissa, left, and Kimmi, right

## Meet Melissa's sister, Kimmi, a sickle cell treatment pioneer.

It's never easy to be the first. Kimmi, however, was more than up to the challenge. She was born with sickle cell disease, an extremely painful blood disorder. The pain was so severe, in fact, that it made it impossible for her to have a normal childhood. In addition, there was the risk that sickle cell would ultimately take her life.

The answer was a bone marrow transplant, a procedure typically associated with cancer treatment. Her sister, Melissa, provided the perfect donor match and Kimmi, Children's first patient to undergo the procedure, provided the courage. The procedure was more than a treatment, it was a cure. And now, the outlook for Kimmi's future has never been better.

Today, one-third of the patients receiving bone marrow transplants at Children's are being treated for conditions other than cancer.



New Day Hospital at Children's unlike any other.

*The Hematology/Oncology program at Columbus Children's includes a new Day Hospital, which reduces the number of sickle cell patient admissions. This environment was not only designed to include the latest technology, but also incorporates input from our patient families. The result is a facility that provides advanced care in the most convenient, efficient and comfortable way possible.*

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