

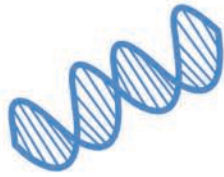
September is

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder characterized by periodic crises when sickle-shaped red blood cells clump together in the small blood vessels causing a variety of problems, including severe pain.



An estimated 100,000 people live with Sickle Cell Disease in the U.S. and millions are affected globally.



1 in 12 African Americans carries a sickle cell gene*



3,000 children are born with sickle cell disease each year*



In the United States, newborn testing enables early diagnosis and treatment



Only one drug is FDA approved to treat sickle cell disease by preventing sickle cell crises*

Nationwide Children's Hospital Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia Program is the only program in central Ohio offering dedicated, expert care.

Services offered in the program:



- Inpatient and outpatient medical care
- Newborn screening and follow-up
- Genetic counseling
- Social Services
- Psychological and educational testing
- Counseling
- Education



There are 375 sickle cell disease patients at Nationwide Children's



Nationwide Children's is actively involved in research to treat sickle cell disease

Learn more at [NationwideChildrens.org/sickle-cell-and-thalassemia-program](https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/sickle-cell-and-thalassemia-program)



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* www.sicklecelldisease.org