

Know the Facts

Sickle Cell Disease refers to any of the several inherited blood disorders that affect a person's hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is the red protein in the blood that carries oxygen throughout the body to the organs and cells.

Sickle Cells are misshapen, rigid and sticky. This occurs because the hemoglobin in the red blood cells ticks together after releasing its oxygen making rod-like structures inside the cells that distort the shape.

Sickle cell trait is an inherited disorder in which the person carries only one abnormal gene. The abnormal gene can be passed onto offspring. If the person has one abnormal gene and one normal gene they have a trait or carrier and will most likely NOT have symptoms.

Sickle cell disease occurs when two persons with the trait pass on the abnormal gene and the baby is diagnosed with the disease. With two trait carriers having children there is a one in four chance of them having a baby with the disease.

There is a simple blood test called the Hemoglobin Electrophoresis that is used to test for sickle cell traits or disease. It is the most accurate test used to determine the various traits.

Since 1989, the State of Virginia mandated that all babies born in the state be tested for sickle cell trait and the disease.

Nationwide there are over 70,000 Americans with sickle cell disease
1 in 375 African American babies are born with sickle cell disease.
Over 2,500,000 Americans have sickle cell trait (carriers of the abnormal gene)
1 in every 12 will be born with sickle cell trait 1 in 1000 Hispanics are born with the disease.
There is no UNIVERSAL CURE for sickle cell disease
Sickle Cell disease is non-discriminatory and can be found in many races.

Do you know if you carry the TRAIT? Or what your hemoglobin type is? If you need more information contact :

**Sickle Cell Association, Inc.-861 Glenrock Road
Suite 120 - Norfolk, Virginia 23502-(757) 466-0332**

CELEBRATE by helping **Sickle Cell families** in the Hampton Roads areas. Don't stop now... Volunteer at the Sickle Cell Association by calling (757) 466-0332.

Thank You for your Help to...

"Break the Sickle Cycle"

**Register at www.Firstgiving.com/sicklecellhr
TODAY!**

"Join the Journey" **Walk for Sickle Cell**

September 16, 2017



Norfolk State University

Dick Price Stadium

WALK –

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

HEALTH FAIR –

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

TO REGISTER:

CALL (757) 466-0332

FAX (757) 466-0988

NEW!!! Register Team online
www.Firstgiving.com/sicklecellhr
SIGN UP AND WIN AWARDS!

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WALK TEAM CAPTAIN CHECKLIST

- Register /yourself as a Team Captain by completing a Sickle Cell Walk Registration Form. (Available online at www.Firstgiving.com/sicklecellhr (Click Event 2017 Walk)
- Recruit team members to collect donations.
- Distribute flyers to friends, family, coworkers and businesses.
- Register your team on the Team Registration Commitment Form attached make sure all team members have also registered themselves.
- Encourage team members to collect donations.
- Remind your **team members to raise \$50 or more each will receive a Walk for Sickle Cell T-Shirt** and all the team monies count toward your team competing for the Team Trophies (Largest Team Trophy and Largest Contributing Team Trophy)
- Remind team members to either turn in donation to you by **August 18, 2017** to order a Walk T-Shirt.
- Contact the Sickle Cell Association, Inc. Call (757) 466-0332 to get more information and WALK Sponsors envelopes.

INDIVIDUAL WALKER SHOULD

- Register to Walk for Sickle Cell. Check out online registration: www.Firstgiving.com/sicklecellhr (Click Event 2017 Walk)
- Individual walk members should register themselves by filling out the Individual Commitment Form attached and mailing to the Sickle Cell Association, Inc. Norfolk, VA 23502.

- Obtain a Walk Sponsor envelope. Money collection envelopes are available at the local Sickle Cell Association, Inc., 861 Glenrock Rd, Suite 120, Norfolk, VA 23502 or by calling (757) 466-0332.
- Collect \$50 or more in your envelope and receive a Sickle Cell Walk T-Shirt. (Only ONE T-Shirt per envelope – PLEASE). Money can be turned in at the Sickle Cell Office on or **August 18, 2017** to order a Shirt.

Thank you for your support in the effort to

“Break the Sickle Cycle”

RETURN THIS FORM
WALK REGISTRATION FORM

A standard team can be as large as a Circle of family, friends, and co-workers as you can organize. A minimum of 2 persons can start your Team.

We are “Stronger Two-gether” **RECRUIT EVERYBODY!**

Complete the form and return by mail or email:
 Sickle Cell Association, Inc.
 861 Glenrock Road, Suite 120- Norfolk, VA 23502
 Phone- (757) 466-0332 - Sicklecellceo@AOL.com

Cycle- Walk

TEAM COMMITMENT

We will walk as a Team for the cause.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name of Team _____

Name of Team

Captain _____

Number on Team _____

(Money envelopes needed)

Team Fund Raising Goal \$ _____

Company Match Program

(Name/Address) _____

INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT

I plan to walk as an Individual for the cause.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Individual Fund Raising Goal \$ _____

Company Match Program

(Name/Address) _____

Your support and dedication will assist in promoting sickle cell awareness, counseling and testing services.

Sickle Cell Association, Inc. Mission Statement

Provide comprehensive health education, counseling, and testing services while striving to improve the quality of life for sickle cell clients and their families.

