Sickle Cell Day Hospital

The Sickle Cell Day Hospital is an outpatient infusion center for sickle cell patients. This center provides care to you to help manage an acute pain crisis and other symptoms. Members of your health care team may include:

- Doctor
- Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse
- Patient Care Associate
- Social Worker
- Office Associate

Sickle Cell Day Hospital Information

Location: The 5th floor of The James Cancer Hospital  
460 W. 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210

Phone: (614) 293-9441

Hours: Weekdays (Monday - Friday) 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
by appointment only. If you are more than 30 minutes late to 
your appointment you may be asked to reschedule.

Visitors: Please limit visitors to 2 persons. Any visitor under age 12  
must come with an adult who will stay with the child at all 
times during the visit to provide proper supervision.

Important Information

- It is important to talk to your doctor about all your prescription 
  needs during your regular clinic visits.

- Your pain medicine agreement from the sickle cell program will be 
  used when you are treated in the day hospital.

- For your safety, tell a member of your health care team if you use 
  alcohol or street drugs or if you are in a dependency program. Alcohol, 
  drugs or other medicines may affect how well your treatment works.

- Medicine given in the infusion center may make you sleepy. For your 
  safety, you must have an adult with you to drive you home.

This handout is for informational purposes only. Talk with your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.
• The day hospital provides pain control for acute sickle cell crisis. Please respect a healing environment for all patients.

**Services Provided**

The day hospital offers the following services:

• Medical exam
• Blood tests and laboratory testing
• X-rays
• Intravenous (IV) infusion
• Blood transfusions
• Acute pain crisis management

**When to Call the Day Hospital**

• **During Normal Hours**
  You may call if you have pain or symptoms that are not controlled by your usual home medicines. **It is important to call before 3:00 p.m.** The staff will check to see if there is an opening at the day hospital. The staff will call you back to let you know if there is a same day appointment or a next day appointment available for you to be seen in the day hospital.

• **After Hours, Weekends or Holidays**
  After normal business hours, weekends or holidays, call your doctor’s office. The answering service will contact your doctor or the doctor who is on call. Please limit these calls to emergencies. Call during regular office hours for non-emergency questions.

**When to go to the Emergency Department**

Go to the nearest emergency department or call 911 for the following:

• Severe chest pain
• Shortness of breath or problems breathing
• Seizures
• Weakness or numbness in your arms or legs
• Severe headache
• Vision changes
• For males, an erection that lasts longer than 4 hours (this condition is called “priapism”)

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