

**Call for Abstracts**  
**Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Supplement in *Annals of Emergency Medicine***  
**Abstracts due: COB, Thursday, October 31, 2019**

The Office of Minority Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is sponsoring a sickle cell disease (SCD) supplement in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, a leading journal published by the American College of Emergency Physicians.

SCD affects approximately 100,000 Americans and is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States. Many individuals with SCD seek care in emergency departments (EDs) for pain crises, acute chest syndrome, infections, and other conditions related to vaso-occlusive events and end-organ damage. Further, there is a national shortage of SCD-trained adult hematologists, which contributes to decreased access to care for this population and use of EDs as safety-net facilities.

The goal of this supplement is to raise awareness and improve the knowledge of emergency clinicians regarding challenges of patients with SCD, current best practices, and potential future treatment modalities.

We invite clinicians, researchers, social scientists, patients, and other SCD stakeholders to submit abstracts on topics germane to SCD care in the ED. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Pain management
- Novel treatment strategies
- Training and workforce development
- Patient stigma and implicit bias
- Transitional care from pediatrics to adulthood
- Adherence to evidence-based treatment guidelines
- Co-management between ED clinicians and hematologists
- Continuity of care and linkages with community resources
- SCD surveillance
- Patient perspectives on ED care

All article categories supported by *Annals of Emergency Medicine* (see [annemergmed.com](http://annemergmed.com)) are eligible for this supplement, with preference given to “Research” and “Review or Literature Summary” articles.

If interested in contributing a manuscript for this supplement, please submit a structured abstract (maximum 300 words) using the following format:

- Title and Authors*; Please indicate lead author and include contact information for lead author only (not included in 300 words)
- Background*, including significance to emergency medicine practice
- Objectives/Methods*
- Results* (or anticipated results if study is not completed)
- Conclusions and Implications*

**Please submit abstracts by email to CAPT David Wong, Medical Officer, Office of Minority Health, at [david.wong@hhs.gov](mailto:david.wong@hhs.gov) by COB, Thursday, October 31, 2019.** Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full manuscripts, which are anticipated to be due in early February 2020.