



# Community Blood Drive an Annual Event for Sickle Cell

The annual blood drive sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the USA Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, the Sickle Disease Association of America, Mobile Chapter, and Franklin Primary Health Center was held on September 9, 2017 at the Franklin Memorial Complex Mall located at 1303 Martin Luther King Avenue, Mobile Alabama. 2017 marked the 19th year of this partnership where the blood drive is conducted annually during the month of *September*

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# Scholarships

Pediatric To Adult Care Transition (PACT)

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The mission of the PACT program is to improve

From the Director's Desk

## RANK ORDER OF RESPONDENTS' BARRIERS TO OPTIMAL MANAGEMENT OF SICKLE CELL PAIN EPISODES

1. Lack of psychological support from patient's family and medical profession
2. Fear that patient is a drug abuser
3. Reluctance to prescribe opioids
4. Disbelief in patient's report of pain severity
5. Inadequate patient-reported pain assessment tools
6. Adversarial relationship between patient and healthcare provider
7. Lack of access to health care provider
8. Nurse reluctance to administer opioids
9. Differences in age, gender, race, and socioeconomic status between patient and provider
10. Range of analgesics available from institution's formulary and FDA-approved drug list
11. Concern over loss of medical license
12. State regulation of analgesics
13. Patient reluctance to report pain
14. Patient reluctance to take opioids
15. Most sickle cell patients are drug addicted

### In the United States, it is estimated that:

- ( SCD affects approximately 100,000 people
- ( SCD occurs in about 1 in every 365 African-American births
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