

Australian Sickle Cell Advocacy Inc

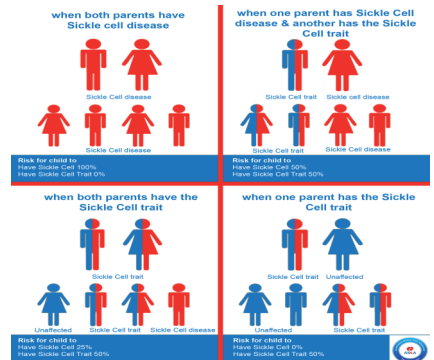
About Us

Australian Sickle Cell Advocacy Inc (ASCA) is a not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting people living with Sickle cell disease and their families. This advocacy group was formed to fill the gap of highlighting the rising numbers of sickle cell disease cases in Australia.

Why we exist

We aim to continuously raise awareness, provide information valuable to patients, and provide support networks. Together with affected communities, we aim to engage influential organisations to invest in Sickle cell research that will push for the discovery of better treatment options and a cure available for all those who are affected.

What is Sickle cell disease?



Sickle cell disease is an inherited condition that is caused by the mutation of the red blood cells. It manifests when the sickle cell trait/ gene is passed on from both parents. It affects how oxygen is carried to the organs around the body, due to “sickling” as a result of the short lifespan of the healthy red blood cells in the bone marrow.

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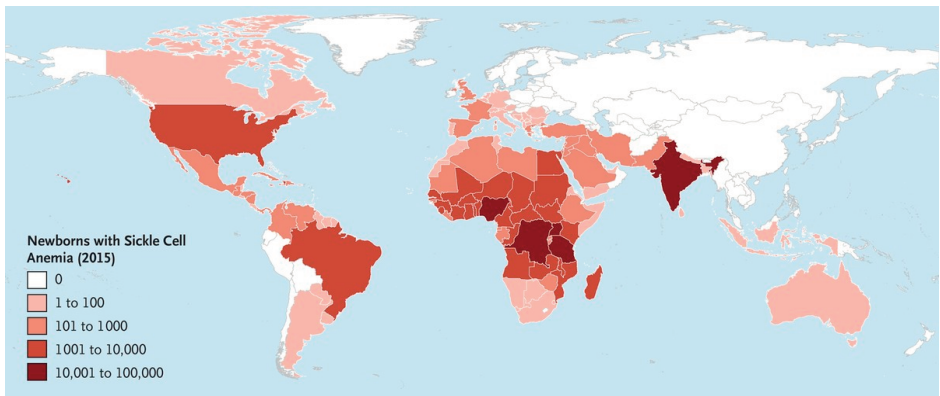
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Sickle Cell Prevalence

Sickle cell disease is rare and uncommon in some regions and notably in countries like Australia, where awareness is limited. In terms of statistics, there are no current conclusive sickle cell disease surveillance data in Australia (photo credit <https://www.nejm.org>)

Newborns with Sickle Cell Anemia(2015)



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