

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
- Reluctance to prescribe opioids
- Disbelief in patient's report of pain severity
- Inadequate patient-reported pain assessment tools 5.
- Adversarial relationship between patient and healthcare provider
- 7. Lack of access to health care provider
- Nurse reluctance to administer opioids
- Di erences in age, gender, race, and socioeconomic 9. 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
- State regulation of analgesics
- Patient reluctance to report pain
- 14. Patient reluctance to take opioids
- Most sickle cell patients are drug addicted

In the United States, it is estimated that:

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- SCD occurs in about 1 in every 365 African-(American births

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