

9th Annual Chicago Sickle Cell Summit *"Hope for Sickle Cell Through Clinical Trials"*

Purpose:

The Chicago Sickle Cell Summit convenes health systems leaders, providers, patients, caregivers, stakeholders and advocacy organizations (CBO's) in collaboration to provide the community with medical updates, new advances and developments in sickle cell science.

Creating synergy to improve care for patients throughout the Chicagoland area.

The summit is hosted and organized by our volunteer Community Advisory Board (CAB), Patient Advisors and CBO's

Target Audience:

Physicians, Residents, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Patients and Caretakers of people with Sickle Cell Disease

Date and Location:

Thursday · Sept 24, 2026
(VIRTUAL)
9 am to 3 pm
tinyurl.com/SCDSummit2026



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Keynote Speaker, Mark T. Gladwin, MD

Dean, Professor, and Vice President for Medical Affairs – The University of Maryland

Featured Speakers:

▪ Alana Aziz, MPH*

Researcher + Regulatory Specialist – University of Illinois Chicago

▪ Sherif M. Badawy, MD

Associate Professor and Attending Physician – Northwestern University

▪ Sally Campbell-Lee, MD

Professor + Director of Clinical Pathology – University of Illinois Chicago

▪ Juanita Darby, DC, PhD*

Chiropractor + Research Nurse – University of Illinois Chicago

▪ Lewis Hsu, MD*

Professor + Director of Pediatric Sickle Cell – University of Illinois Chicago

▪ Robert I. Liem, MD*

Chief of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation – Northwestern University

▪ Lisa Tussing-Humphreys, PhD*

Professor + Researcher – University of Illinois Chicago

*Speakers indicated with a * next to their name will be offering AMA PRA Category 1 credits.*

After completion of the activity, participants should be able to:

- Cite the reasons for providing a proper explanation of clinical trials to the sickle cell community.
- Describe the process of clinical trials in the United States.
- Describe the regulatory (safety/ethical) requirements for clinical trials.
- Demonstrate the role of community support in clinical trial recruitment.
- Raise awareness of the clinical trials available for people with SCD in Illinois.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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