



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Sickle Cell Disease - Pain (Vaso-occlusive) Crisis

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Contact Information:

Student
Picture

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Contacts: _____ Phone: _____

Building Health Office/School Nurse: _____ Phone: _____

**A pain crisis is when the blood vessels get blocked by sickled red blood cells and the tissues don't get the oxygen they need. A pain crisis can come on suddenly or build up over a few days.
A PAIN CRISIS MAY INCLUDE ANY OR ALL OF THESE SYMPTOMS:**

Are any of these signs and symptoms present?

- ✓ Pain or discomfort
- ✓ Headache (severe)
- ✓ Chest pain
- ✓ Bone/joint/hip pain
- ✓ Upper left, abdominal pain
- ✓ Priapism (sustained, unwanted erection)
- ✓ Vomiting
- ✓ Swelling of hands or feet

Medical Emergency - Contact the School Nurse

- ✓ Fever 101 degrees or higher
- ✓ Weakness or fatigue
- ✓ Weakness on either side of body
- ✓ Inability to speak
- ✓ Difficulty with memory
- ✓ Sudden or constant dizziness
- ✓ Blurred vision
- ✓ Changes in breathing, difficulty breathing, fast rate or harsh noisy breathing
- ✓ Noticeable change in the color of the skin, lips, fingernails

TREATMENT: Initiate care – do not delay treatment. Stop any activity. Accompany the student to the Health Office for treatment, if possible. Access assistance from the school nurse, if possible. **Never apply ice.**

TREATMENT: For medical emergencies, the school nurse is unavailable call 911 immediately and transport the student to the nearest emergency room.

Preferred hospital: _____

Doctor's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Proceed with the following care per healthcare provider's instructions:

Medication: _____ Hydrate: _____ Other: _____

Emergency Plan written by: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

The parent/guardian signature authorizes the nurse to share this information with school staff on a "need to know" basis. In the event of an emergency, care will be initiated and parents will be contacted.

This plan is in effect for the current school year only.