People with sickle cell disease suffer from episodes of sudden, excruciating pain prompting emergency room visits and frequent hospitalizations. Delayed treatment deprives tissues of oxygen, can exacerbate pain and cause organ damage. Good preventive care and treatment can reduce pain episodes, and unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations, particularly for adults.

In the United States, nearly 100,000 people have this inherited red blood cell disorder, yet there is a shortage of knowledgeable healthcare providers.

This is unacceptable. Patients need convenient and consistent access to high quality sickle cell care. There is a way to make that a reality.

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an internationally recognized telementoring innovation that builds clinician knowledge in diagnosing and treating complex disorders. Project ECHO connects local clinicians with experts from sickle cell centers to learn skills necessary to deliver high quality sickle cell disease care using this proven telementoring model.

There is still a need for more providers to serve the sickle cell disease population. Learn more about joining Project ECHO by contacting your regional sickle cell coordinating center.

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