DID YOU KNOW?

Sickle cell disease (SCD) affects millions of people throughout the world and is particularly common among those whose ancestors came from sub-Saharan Africa; Spanish-speaking regions in the Western Hemisphere (South America, the Caribbean, and Central America); Saudi Arabia; India; and Mediterranean countries such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

Sickle cell disease occurs more often among people from parts of the world where malaria is or was common. It is believed that people who carry the sickle cell trait are less likely to have severe forms of malaria.

SCD is diagnosed with a simple blood test. It most often is found at birth during routine newborn screening tests at the hospital. In addition, SCD can be diagnosed before birth.

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FACTS ABOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE

100,000 AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

1 OUT OF 365 AFRICAN-AMERICAN BIRTHS HAVE SICKLE CELL DISEASE

1 OUT OF 16,300 HISPANIC-AMERICAN BIRTHS HAVE SICKLE CELL DISEASE

1 OUT OF 13 AFRICAN-AMERICANS CARRY THE SICKLE CELL TRAIT

1,000 BABIES BORN EVERY YEAR WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE

3 MIL PEOPLE ARE CARRYING THE SICKLE CELL TRAIT