

# SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE

## SIGN/SYMPTOM

## DESCRIPTION

## CALL 911

✓ parents should be contacted immediately and 911 may need to be notified

### Pain or discomfort

Headache (severe)

✓

Chest pain

✓

Bone/joint/hip pain

Upper left, abdominal pain (spleen)

✓

Priapism (sustained, unwanted erection)

✓

### Paleness

Noticeable change in the color of the skin, lips, fingernails

### Fever

101 degrees or higher (indicates a medical emergency)

✓

### Weakness or fatigue

Weakness on either side of body (*may be due to stroke*)

✓

Inability to speak (*may be due to stroke*)

✓

Difficulty with memory (*may be due to stroke*)

Sudden or constant dizziness (*may be due to stroke*)

✓

Blurred vision

✓

Vomiting

### Changes in Breathing

Difficulty breathing

✓

Fast rate of breathing

✓

Harsh noisy breathing

✓

### Swelling

Hands

Feet

**\*NEVER APPLY ICE\***

Joint (with redness)

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