

Sickle Cell Has Many Faces. General audience version

Biracial girl twins play basketball and then shoot the ball into an off-camera basket.

Twins: I have sickle cell.

Young man of Hispanic origin is sitting on an exam table at the doctor's office.

Young man: I have sickle cell.

An adult Arab American woman is jogging on a small bridge.

Adult woman: I have sickle cell.

A young Afghan boy is sitting outdoors with two plants in the background.

Young boy: I have sickle cell.

Young man is sitting on an exam table at the doctor's office.

Young man: Sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder

Image of a sickled cell is displayed.

Young man narrates: that causes red blood cells to form in a C shape,

Image of sickled cells blocking blood flow in a blood vessel is displayed.

Young man narrates: which can block blood flow and oxygen from getting to the body's tissues and organs.

Young boy is sitting outdoors with two plants in the background.

Young boy: This can cause severe pain and other serious health problems.

Twins are standing side-by-side on the basketball court facing the camera. One is holding the basketball on her hip.

Twins: People with sickle cell disease come from places around the world like

A world map is displayed and geographic regions are highlighted in red as they are mentioned.

Twins narrate: sub-Saharan Africa, South America, the Caribbean, Central America, Saudi Arabia, India, and Mediterranean countries such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

Scene of twins playing basketball together and laughing.

Young man narrates: You can have sickle cell no matter what you look like

Young man is sitting on an exam table at the doctor's office.

Young man: or where your family comes from.

Adult woman is standing on a small bridge.

Adult woman: Remember, that sickle cell has...

All four scenes are displayed on the screen: Woman on a small bridge with trees behind her, young man sitting on an exam table, young boy sitting outdoors with two plants in the background, and twins standing side-by-side on the basketball court.

All featured individuals: Many faces.

Text on screen: Visit [cdc.gov/sicklecell](https://www.cdc.gov/sicklecell) to learn more about sickle cell disease