



**Supporters
of Families** with
Sickle Cell Disease

ER ADVOCACY CARD

Patient has Sickle Cell Disease. Pain crises are medical emergencies and should be treated promptly.

Best Practices:

- Assess and treat pain quickly (do not delay).
- Follow patient's established pain plan when available.

- Hydration and oxygen as clinically indicated.

Important Notes:

- Patients with SCD are often undertreated for pain.
- Frequent ER visits are common and expected.
- Do not assume drug-seeking behavior.

Recommended Guidance:

NIH / NHLBI Sickle Cell Emergency Guidelines