Sickle Cell Information Center Web Site Update for January 2005

The Latest Information about Sickle Cell Disease and The Georgia Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center in Atlanta, GA at http://www.SCInfo.org

News

On Line Registration - The 2005 NIH Sickle Cell Centers' Meeting is April 9-13, 2005 in Cincinnati.
http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x15809a410

National Institutes of Health - RFA-

Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Research Network RFA Number: RFA-HL-05-006

The purpose of this initiative is to establish a Clinical Research Network (CRN) of up to 15 clinical centers to design and perform multiple therapeutic trials for treatment of patients with sickle cell disease (SCD) and to establish a Data Coordinating Center for the network. In addition, one or two patient outcomes research cores may be funded. The NHLBI intends to commit approximately $4,000,000 (total costs) in FY 2006 and approximately $36,000,000 (total costs) over a 5 year period to support the SCD CRN.


NIH is encouraging individuals from underrepresented groups to participate as researchers in NIH-funded projects through a grant entitled Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. Only principal investigators that are currently conducting research with certain types of NIH research grants may apply for this grant.

This administrative supplemental grant is to support and recruit students, post doctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented, such as certain racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from socially, culturally, economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Over $60 million is expected to support over 1,000 grants. Individual awards will range greatly from under $5,000 to over $75,000 depending on the career level of the candidate.

Applications can be sent at anytime. The program announcement is at:

See all NHLBI Requests for Applications (RFAs) http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/funding/inits/

HRSA RFA - HRSA will fund one cooperative agreement under the Sickle Cell Disease and Newborn Screening Program: National Coordinating and Evaluation Center. The successful applicant will provide assistance to currently funded sickle cell disease and newborn screening community-based projects. The Center will increase knowledge about sickle cell disease for the families affected, strengthen partnerships between HRSA-funded sickle cell disease community-based programs and partners, and improve the quality of sickle cell disease, newborn screening and carrier follow-up activities of the HRSA funded community-based programs.

Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for the specific goals expected of the grantee for each year of the funded three-year project. A total of up to $750,000 will support one cooperative agreement. Applications are due January
24, 2005. The application guidance document can be found at: http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05036.htm#1

The Sickle Cell Society in the UK - The Sickle Cell Society is a registered UK charity which was set up in 1979, by a group of patients, parents and health professionals who were concerned about the lack of understanding and the inadequacy of treatment for people with sickle cell disorders. On 4 October 2004, the Society launched its Regional Support Care Project, funded by the Community Fund. The main aim of this project is to develop direct services that will improve the quality of life of individuals with sickle cell disorder. Five Regional Care Advisors have been based strategically around the country (3 x London, 1 x Manchester/Liverpool, 1 x Bristol/Cardiff) and they will be responsible for promoting, securing and delivering integrated regional community support care to families affected by sickle cell disorder. This will involve, providing care outside of statutory provision, such as dependable respite care, befriending and hospital visiting from a network of trained volunteers, creating and strengthening support groups, help with accessing services, giving advice and information. In addition, the Regional Care Advisors will continue the Society's work to raise public and professional awareness of sickle cell disorders and advocate for improved standards of statutory care for people with sickle cell disorder nationally.

On the Web at http://www.sicklecellsociety.org

1/12/2005 Willie Horton Partners with Southeastern Michigan American Red Cross, Children's Hospital of Michigan Sickle Cell Program - Willie Horton, Detroit Tiger's Baseball Hall of Fame great, signed on to help the American Red Cross bring awareness to Sickle Cell Anemia in the Detroit Community http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=41571

Articles in the Literature


New Web Links for January

Conferences of Interest to the Sickle Cell Community
The 2005 NIH Sickle Cell Centers' Meeting is April 9-13, 2005 in Cincinnati. See http://www.rhofed.com/sickle/UpEvents.htm and for a program and registration http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x15809a410
SCDAA 33rd Annual Convention September 8 - 11, 2005 Baltimore, Maryland Renaissance Inner Harbor Hotel http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/
Havana, Cuba - V NATIONAL CONGRESS, VII LATINAMERICAN MEETING IN HEMATOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY AND TRANSFUSION MEDICINE (First
Announcement) International Conference Center La Habana, CUBA, May 16-20, 2005
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www.loseventos.cu/hematologia2005
Brazzaville Congo 14 – 17 June 2005 - GENERAL STATES OF THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE TO THE WORLD
Under the High Patronage of H.E Denis Sassou Nguesso President of the Republic of CONGO Brazzaville Congo
14 – 17 June 2005 Click here for a word document brochure:
http://www.SCIInfo.org/Congo05.doc

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