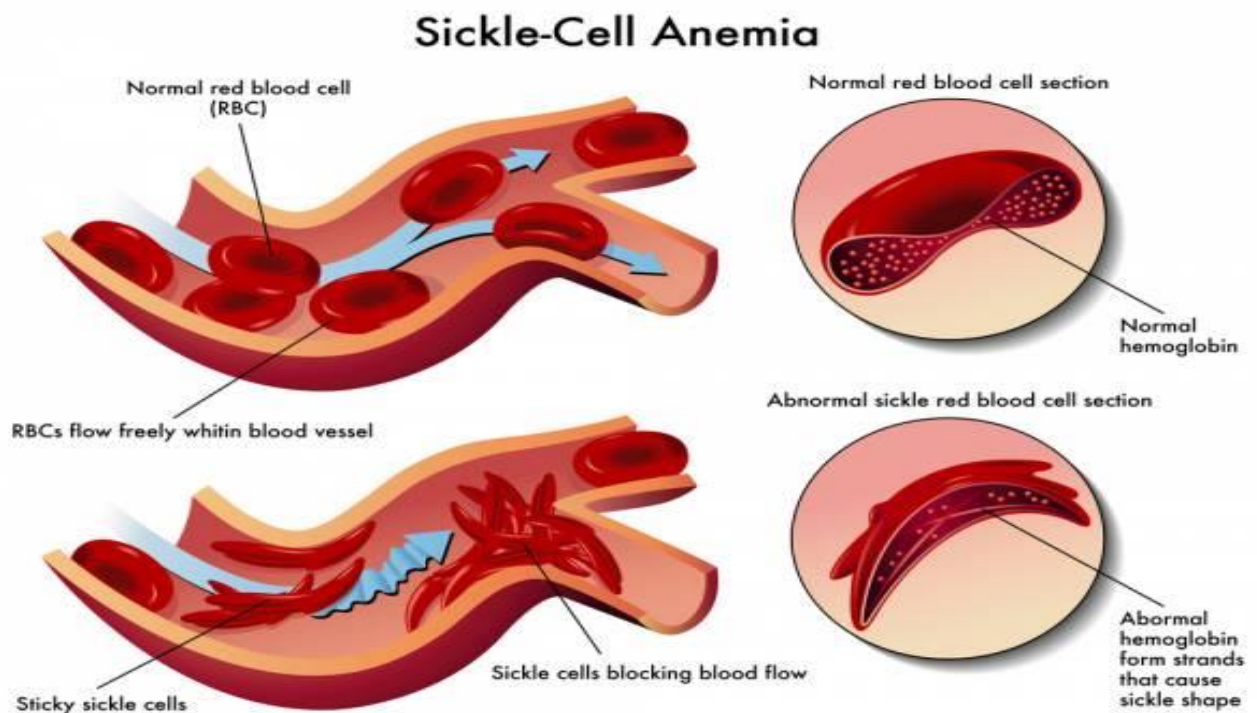




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### What is Sickle Cell Disease?

SCD is a genetic condition, when a child inherits two sickle cell genes from parents. In SCD, the red blood cells become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a "sickle." The sickle cells die early, which causes a constant shortage of red blood cells. Also, when they travel through small blood vessels, they get stuck and clog the blood flow. This can cause pain and other serious problems. A person with SCD can pass the disease or Sickle Cell Trait on to his or her children. It mainly affects people of African, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Eastern Mediterranean and Asian origin.



For further information on Sickle Cell Trait and Disorder or OSCAR and the support, counselling and Advice we can offer to the sufferers of Sickle Cell, please contact us. OSCAR operates a strictly confidential service. Please visit our website at;

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