We Invite You to a Briefing On

Sickle Cell Disease & Gene Editing

Hosted By
The Research & Development Caucus
The Congressional Caucus to Cure Blood Cancers and Other Blood Disorders
The Congressional Sickle Cell Disease Caucus

June 7, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2045

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Throughout the past century, great advancements have been made in the understanding and treatment of sickle cell disease (SCD) through the support of federal investments in research, especially to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Years of research have led to the discovery of a single DNA mutation that causes SCD, and new treatments, interventions and screening programs have been established. Due to this critical work, the life expectancy and quality of life for patients with SCD have increased dramatically.

At this briefing you’ll learn about advancements in SCD research and treatment options such as bone marrow transplantation, the one proven cure, and gene editing, which shows promise for a future cure.

Speakers

Alexis Thompson, MD, MPH
ASH President-Elect
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
Northwestern University

Linda Burns, MD
National Marrow Donor Program/
Be The Match

Congressman Bill Foster, PhD
Illinois’ 11th District

Dan Bauer, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Boston Children’s Hospital

Congresswoman Doris Matsui
California’s 6th District

Constance Benson
Transplant Recipient and
Former SCD patient

Congressman Danny Davis
Illinois’ 7th District

*Be The Match Registry donor drive 11:30 am-2:30 pm; outside Rayburn Cafeteria

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