



SCAGO
Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario

January 16th 2014

Re: Action Day Ontario at the Legislative Assembly- March 19th 2014

On November 20th 2013, The Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) in collaboration with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada/Association d'Anemie Falciforme du Canada (SCDAC/AAFC), met with the Hon. Deb Matthews Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Honourable Michael Coteau Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and the Honourable Mike Colle MPP for Eglinton - Lawrence.

The meeting was centered on the gaps in the services currently provided to individuals with Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Diseases and the approaches that can be taken to close these gaps

The gaps identified were:

1. Lack of Patient Registry
2. Insufficient Genetic Counselling Centers
3. Lack of structured referral process for new Immigrants
4. Inadequate number of Comprehensive Care Clinics.

As a result of this very impactful meeting it was recommended that SCAGO planned an Action Day initiative in the Ontario Legislative Assembly to educate and bring awareness of Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Diseases to members of the Provincial Parliament

Please find information regarding the Action Day on page 2 below.
Thank you





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ACTION DAY March 19th 2014

In partnership with the Thalassemia Foundation of Canada; you are cordially invited to participate as one of the Action Day delegates.

Delegates are chosen from diverse backgrounds and are expected to meet with MPPs as well as attend a reception event in the evening of the Action Day. Confirmed delegates will receive further information on a tentative conferencing and/or a face to face session planned for the week of March 10th

This will be the first Action Day in the Ontario Legislative Assembly and we hope you would support as a delegate.

To better understand your availability; we ask for your kind indulgence to complete the survey at the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9Q5J2KG> (Kindly copy and paste on your browser) We look forward to your kind response on or before January 28th.

Please contact us with your availability/unavailability to join as a delegate by completing the survey and sending a quick note to: info@sicklecellanemia.ca

Sincerely,

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