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**Policy for the Education Committee (EC)****Accountability:** Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario**Responsibility:** Executive Director**Approver:** Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario -Management**Approval date:****Last Revision date:** Aug. 6th, 2015**Current Revision:** May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**Review:** As necessary**Overview:**

The Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (herein referred to as “SCAGO”) is a provincial association, formed to advocate for and support individuals with sickle cell disease. SCAGO advocates and lobby in a coordinated fashion on key issues to secure and maintain patient access to comprehensive care while empowering the patients and educating the medical and the allied health professionals that treat them.

The goals of the organization are to promote the health of our citizens, reduce pain and suffering, and help people to live as nearly normal lives as possible and to raise the level of awareness and knowledge of the disease within the sickle cell and the larger community

**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Education committee (EC) is one of the most important committees of SCAGO and responsible for developing SCAGO’s education resources on the subject of sickle cell disease as well as organizing/supporting the education programs of the organization.

**2. Type of Committee/Reporting Relationship: Management Committee**

The EC is part of the management of the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario and through its chair and/or co-chairs, reports to and works closely with the executive lead and the Executive Director of SCAGO

**3. Vision of the EC.**

Promote better health by sharing best knowledge about SCD awareness, care and treatment.

**4. Mission of the EC**

Improve SCD knowledge across the province through impactful educational programs and resourceful materials.

**5. Minimum Membership**

Committee to include a hematologist, a patient and/or parent

**6. Chairperson**

The Chairperson shall be selected through a screening process

**7. Duration of Meetings**

As deemed fit by the chair of the committee

**8. Expected Activities**

- Determine and prepare materials/brochures needed for the organization to fulfil its mandates
- Determine professional development needs of the organization and suggest same to management.
- Get familiarized with sickle cell disease by attending conferences, seminars and other education events on behalf of the organization.
- Organize internal educational sessions including learning for life, lunch and learns, seminars, forums, etc.

**9. Terms of Office of the chair/s:**

Two years with six months as probation period

**10. Current Chair Person/s**

- I. Ms. Veronica Amardorcruz
- II. Dr. Sussana Ali