



Call for speakers, due June 19, 2022

2nd Annual Ontario Sickle Cell Summit: Delivering Equity in Sickle Cell Disease
November 4 and 5th, 2022

A virtual summit presented by the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario
In partnership with the Hospital for Sick Children, University Health Network, McMaster
Children's Hospital, and London Health Sciences Centre

What is the Sickle Cell Summit?

The Ontario Sickle Cell Summit is an opportunity for people living with sickle cell disease, caregivers, healthcare workers, and community members to come together in improving the quality of life of individuals and families affected by sickle cell disease. Recordings from the 2021 Ontario Sickle Cell Summit are available through the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario [here](https://sicklecellanemia.ca/sickle-cell-summit) (<https://sicklecellanemia.ca/sickle-cell-summit>).

Who can apply?

Speakers can be people living with SCD, caregivers, healthcare workers, academics, policy-makers, or other community members with related experience and expertise. Priority will be given to applicants living/working in Ontario, but submissions from other geographical areas will also be considered.

Role of the speakers

Speaker sessions will be 10 or 30 minutes in length. They should appeal to either people living with sickle cell disease, clinicians (e.g., physicians, nurses), or other healthcare workers (e.g., social workers or allied health). Suggested broad topics are listed below. Submissions can be made by individuals or groups. The sessions will be delivered live over a virtual platform. All speakers will be asked to meet with a member of the organizing committee prior to the summit to review the format of their talk and to discuss any session preparation supports required.

How to apply

Submit your application, including a brief summary (less than 300 words) of your proposed session [here](https://tinyurl.com/2s3r7yke) (<https://tinyurl.com/2s3r7yke>).

Selection criteria

All submissions received by June 19, 2022 will be reviewed by members of the Summit organizing committee. Successful submissions will be selected based on relevance to the topic themes, perceived level of interest to the summit audience.

Topic areas:

Medical care themes

Cannabis and SCD

Acute and Chronic Pain Management (including novel approaches e.g., ketamine, virtual reality)

Global health perspectives on SCD

Transfusion medicine in SCD

Pharmacotherapy and SCD

Medical education and SCD

Psychosocial themes

Fatigue, Depression

Community SCD Resources

Racism, health equity, and microaggressions

Mental health and intersectionality

Facilitating arts-based activities/healing

Workplace and school supports and advocacy

Social workers as partners and advocates

Accessing financial supports (e.g., disability benefits, medication benefits, dental care, physio)

Neurodiversity and Sickle Cell

Patient, family, and caregiver themes

Attendees will include people living with SCD, family members and caregivers, physicians, nurses, social workers and allied health.

For more information, please contact education@sicklecellanemia.ca