Sickle Cell Pain Action Plan

Symptoms	Non-medication Treatments	Medications	Seek Medical Care		
PREVENTING PAIN	Take frequent breaks during your exercise or activities Drink plenty of water or non-caffeine drinks	Continue your SCD medications that prevent pain			
	Avoid extreme heat Avoid extreme cold	Daily SCD medications:			
	(avoid cold pools and wear warm clothing in winter)				
MILD PAIN	Drink at least 8oz of water each hour while awake	Continue your SCD medications			
	Begin your non-medical treatment plan	Begin Ibuprofen every 6 hours			
	Warm compresses to area of pain, warm bath	Dose:			
	Distraction, coping, and relaxation techniques				
	Rest				
MODERATE PAIN	Drink at least 8oz of water each hour while awake	Continue Ibuprofen every 6 hours	Call on-call doctor if worsening pain		
	Begin your non-medical treatment plan	Begin opioid pain medication:	and you need advice for how to treat the pain		
	Warm compresses to area of pain, warm bath	Dose:			
	Coping strategies, distraction, and relaxation techniques				
	Rest	Begin constipation medication:			
SEVERE Pain uncontrolled with home medication	Drink at least 8oz of water each hour while awake	Continue Home SCD medication	Call on call doctor if you need advice for worsening pain		
	Begin your non-medical treatment plan	Continue Ibuprofen every 6 hours	Go to ED for severe pain and other problems (fever, cough, trouble		
	Warm compresses to area of pain, warm bath	Continue opioid pain medication	breathing, headache, weakness, vomiting)		
	Coping strategies, distraction, and relaxation techniques	Continue constipation medication:	Go to Outpatient Pain clinic or Emergency if IV pain meds are needed		
Outpatient Pain clinic	If you are 1) in severe pain, 2) have tried your home opioids without relief AND 3) we have an opening in clinic, we may be able to treat your pain in the Hematology clinic rather than the ED. The clinic only runs during daytime clinic hours. Please email: Hematology@childrensal.org to learn if we have an opening in the next 24 hours.				
Emergency Room Recommendations	The 2014 SCD guidelines recommends First dose of pain medication to start within 30 minutes of triage or 60 minutes from registration. Administer IV opioids for severe pain. Do not use meperidine unless if it is the only effective therapy. Reassess pain every 15-30 minutes				

Name:	DOB:	Primary Hematologist:	Allergies:
Discharge Medications: [insert discharge medication list]			
Discharge Follow-up Plan: Sickle Cell Pain crisis: The next 48 h Our goal is to treat you until you h resolved Continue good oral hydrat	ave a pain level that can be t	reated at home. You still need to treat with	your home pain meds until your pain has
	ouprofen every 6 hours for th	ne next 48 hours	
 Continue with scheduled p needed. 	ain medication:	every 6 hours for 48 hours	after discharge (if in pain); then as
		wel regimen: [insert bowel regimen]	
 Follow-up as scheduled be 	low:		

Discharge Follow-Up	Timeline	Date	Clinic/Provider
Recent Sickle Cell Pain			
Crisis			
If last admitted for pain	Within 2 weeks from		
crisis < 3 months	discharge with Sickle		
	Cell Crisis		
If last admission for pain	Follow-up at scheduled		
was > 3 months	appointment on		
Other:			