



THE 2014–15 INFLUENZA SEASON HAS ARRIVED

A routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons with sickle cell disease aged 6 months or older who do not have contraindications. \$ YDFFLQDWLRQ WR SUHYHQW LQÀXHQJD

is particularly important for persons who are at an LQFUHDVHG ULVN IRU VHYHUH FRPSOLFDWLRQV IURP LQÀX

Adults and children with sickle cell disease who have chronic lung (including asthma), heart (except isolated high blood pressure), kidney, and liver conditions, along with diabetes, strokes, or loss of spleen function should

UHFHLYH WKHLU ÀX YDFFLQH

Timing of Vaccination

In general, health-care providers should begin offering WKH ÀX YDFFLQDWLRQ VRRQ DIWHU LW EHFRPHV DYDLODE

if possible, by October. All children aged 6 months WKURXJK \HDUV ZKR DUH UHFHLYLQJ WKH ÀX YDFFLQDWL IRU WKH ¿UVW WLPH VKRXOG UHFHLYH WZR GRVHV 7KH VH GRVH VKRXOG FRPH IRXU ZHHNV RU ODWHU DIWHU WKH ¿

2014 Annual Blood Drive: Success Through Community Collaboration

7KH DQQXDO 6HSWHPEHU EORRG GULYH 2 KHOG
GXULQJ 1DWLRQDO 6LFNOH &HOO \$ZDUHQHV 0RQWK 2
was once again a huge success. With a goal to
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individuals registered for the drive.

Four donors gave what was equivalent to two
units using the ALYX procedure. **Each unit of
blood obtained was separated into red cells
and plasma, possibly touching the lives of
159 individuals.**

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&HQWHU DQG WKH 6LFNOH &HOO 'LVHVVH \$VVRFLDWLRQ
RI \$PHULFD 0RELOH &KDSWHU 7KLV SDUWQHUVKLS
EHJDQ QLQH \HDUV DJR DQG RYHU PDQ\ \HDUV KDV
affected many lives. Assistant Program and from the Leadership
Scholarship Program, the Alpha Elites and the

There was overwhelming support from the
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drive included the Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Classic Corvette Club,
Edith Mitchell Health Initiative, Student
National Medical Association, students from
the University of South Alabama Physician

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UDQRKLVKH EORRG (SLVFRSDO &K
Shepherd and students in the USA Physician
Assistant Program led the way with the largest
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,Q DGGLWLRQ WR JLYLQJ EORRG
YROXQWHHUV KHOSHG E\ UHJLVW
UHIUHVKPHQWV DQG GLVWULEXV

sponsors would like to thank the many local
RUJDQLJDWLRQV DQG LQGLYLGXD
Thank you for your cooperative spirit,
dedication, and continued support. Thank
you for giving the "Gift of Life" through a
donation of blood. We hope to see you and
\RXU RUJDQLJDWLRQ DW WKH

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IRU 6DWXUGD\ 6HSWHPEHU
3ULPDU\ +HDOWK &HQWHU ORFDV
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USA Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center's Newest Team Member

The USA Comprehensive
Sickle Cell Center invites you to
join us in welcoming the newest
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Ms. Perryman came to the
Sickle Cell Center from USA
Children's and Women's
+RVSLWDO ZKHUH V
the last seven years caring for
KLJK ULVN REVWHWULFV JQHFRO
and oncology patients. Ms.
Perryman has an Associate's
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6WDWH &RPPXQLW\ &W
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:KLOH SXUVXLQJ KHU VWXGLHV

VKH ZDV VHOHFWHG E\
faculty to receive the Spirit of
Nursing Award. As part of the
Team at the Comprehensive
Perryman will serve as nurse
coordinator of the Pediatric to
Adult Care Transition Program.
She will also assist with
pharmaceutical clinical trials and
help to coordinate care for adults
receiving outpatient treatment.
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&W
Perryman join us.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE: PREVNAR 13

7KH &HQWHU IRU 'LVHVVH &
and Advisory Committee on
,PPXQLJDWLRQ 3UDFWLFHV
recommending that individuals
\HDUV RU ROGHU ZLWK VL
disease receive the Prevnar
YDFFLQH 3UHYQDU ZDV
implemented in the pediatric
SRSXODWLRQ LQ :KLOH
VWDQGDUG 3QHXPYD[KDV
IRXQG WR EH HIIHFWLYH DJ
potentially life threatening infections
GXH WR WKH EDFWHULD VW
SQHXPRLDH 3UHYQDU Y
KDV WKH DELOLW\ WR SURY
protection. Please contact your
healthcare provider for more
LQIRUPDWLRQ RQ 3UHYQDU

