




NHS

CAN YOU TELL IT'S SICKLE CELL?

SICKLE CELL IS AN
INVISIBLE DISORDER BUT
SICKLE CELL CRISIS CAN
BE FATAL.

A close-up, high-angle portrait of a man's face, showing his eyes, nose, and mouth. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the intensity of his gaze. The background is dark, making the subject stand out.

KNOWING THE SIGNS AND ACTING QUICKLY CAN SAVE LIVES.

PAIN

**SIGNS OF INFECTION
INCLUDING FEVER**

**ONE-SIDED PARALYSIS OR
WEAKNESS IN THE FACE,
ARMS OR LEGS**

CONFUSION

**DIFFICULTY WALKING
OR TALKING**

SUDDEN VISION CHANGES

UNEXPLAINED NUMBNESS

SEVERE HEADACHE

**BREATHLESSNESS, CHEST PAIN
OR LOW OXYGEN LEVELS**

If someone has these symptoms, they should seek urgent medical attention – this may be via A&E, 999 or their local haematology unit – and should be treated immediately.

A new training module to support NHS staff with increased knowledge of the condition and how to treat it is now available at www.e-lfh.org.uk/

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