



Sickle Pan Africa Research Consortium TRAINING (SPARC-TRAIN)

PRESENTS

WORKSHOP ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING IN SCD

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- Reproductive Health In Women with SCD
- Maternal and Gynaecological Health
- Preconception counselling
- Pregnancy and SCD and Gynaecological Issues in SCD
- Renal complications in SCD
- Chronic Pulmonary complications in SCD

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Multidisciplinary Training in Sickle Cell Disease

The Sickle Pan-Africa Research Consortium TRAINING (SPARC-TRAIN) successfully hosted a comprehensive multidisciplinary training workshop on Sickle Cell Disease on April 24th, 2025. The hybrid format event brought together healthcare professionals and researchers to advance

knowledge and clinical practice in SCD management across multiple medical specialties.

The training focused on vital aspects of SCD care, including:

Reproductive Health in Women with SCD
Maternal and Gynaecological Health
Preconception Coun-

selling

Pregnancy and SCD
Gynaecological Issues in SCD

Renal Complications
Chronic Pulmonary Complications

Participants had the privilege of learning from renowned experts such as Emeritus Professor Oladosu Ojengbede, Dr. Sandra Kwarteng

Owusu, and Dr. Manmak Mamven whose insights sparked thoughtful discussion and practical learning. The workshop addressed critical knowl-

edge gaps in managing complex complications of sickle cell disease, particularly in reproductive health, nephrology, and pulmonology. It was an im-

pactful event as this multidisciplinary approach to SCD training represents a significant step forward in building comprehensive holistic care across Africa.



ACCELERATE Implementation Strategy and Stakeholders Workshop

The Patient-Centered Sickled Cell Disease Management in Sub-Sahara Africa (PACTS) program ignited collaboration and innovation during their energizing PAC/SBA joint quarterly meeting on May 9th! This power-packed session brought together passionate teams from across the region, creating a vibrant forum for knowledge sharing and strategic ad-

vancement.

Exciting Session Highlights:

Strategic Activity Review & Insights The teams delivered compelling overviews of their remarkable previous activities, showcasing the incredible progress being made across multiple fronts in SCD management.

Cross-Team Experience Exchange Participants engaged in dynamic experience-sharing sessions, with teams from both PAC and SBA net-

works exchanging invaluable insights, best practices, and breakthrough moments that are reshaping patient care approaches.

Community Impact Assessment The meeting featured comprehensive measuring of community activities and outcomes, demonstrating the real-world impact of their patient-centered initiatives and celebrating the positive changes being achieved at the grassroots level.

Root Cause Analysis Innovation Teams conducted an insightful root cause analysis using the powerful fishbone analysis methodology, diving deep into challenges and systematically identifying pathways to enhanced SCD man-

agement solutions. **Collaborative Momentum:** The teams continue to work together with renewed energy and shared vision, forging ahead to further revolutionize SCD management across Sub-Saharan Africa. This quar-

terly meeting reinforced the strong collaborative spirit that drives the PACTS program's mission to transform patient outcomes through innovative, community-centered approaches.

JUNE



5th Global Congress on Sickle Cell Disease

The Global Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) represents a landmark event in the international SCD calendar, bringing together researchers,

clinicians, advocates, and stakeholders from around the world to accelerate progress in the fight against sickle cell disease. For the first time since

2010, Africa hosted the 5th Global Congress, taking place in Nigeria. This historic return underscored the continent's central role in address-



ing sickle cell disease, which disproportionately affects populations of African descent worldwide. With a strong emphasis on innovation, inclusion, and interdisciplinary collaboration, the Congress featured cutting-edge discussions around: Clinical trials and emerging therapies Healthcare delivery systems and access Patient-centered ap-

proaches to care Research methodologies and best practices A significant milestone was reached when the Minister of Health and Social Welfare announced the elevation of the Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease Research and Training in Abuja to the National Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease Research and Training. This upgraded facility will coordinate research and training

initiatives in sickle cell disease across Nigeria, marking a major step forward in the country's commitment to addressing this critical health challenge. The Congress reinforced the global commitment to advancing sickle cell disease research, treatment, and patient advocacy, with particular emphasis on strengthening healthcare systems in regions most affected by the condition.

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