

# NURSING CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE IN THE ERA OF GENE THERAPY

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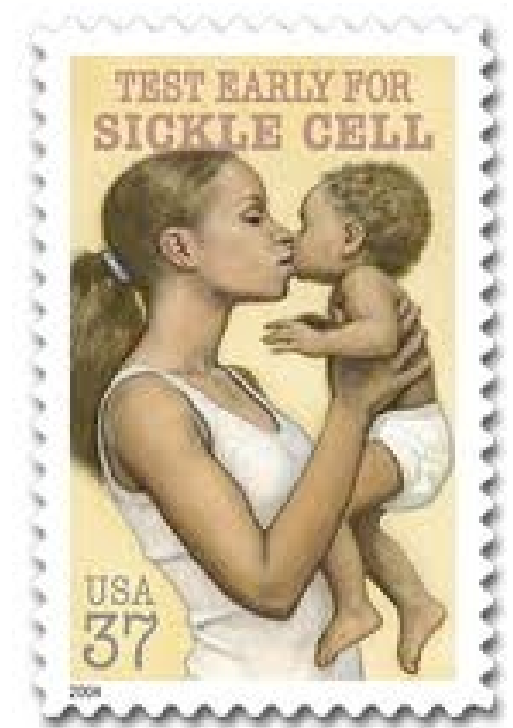


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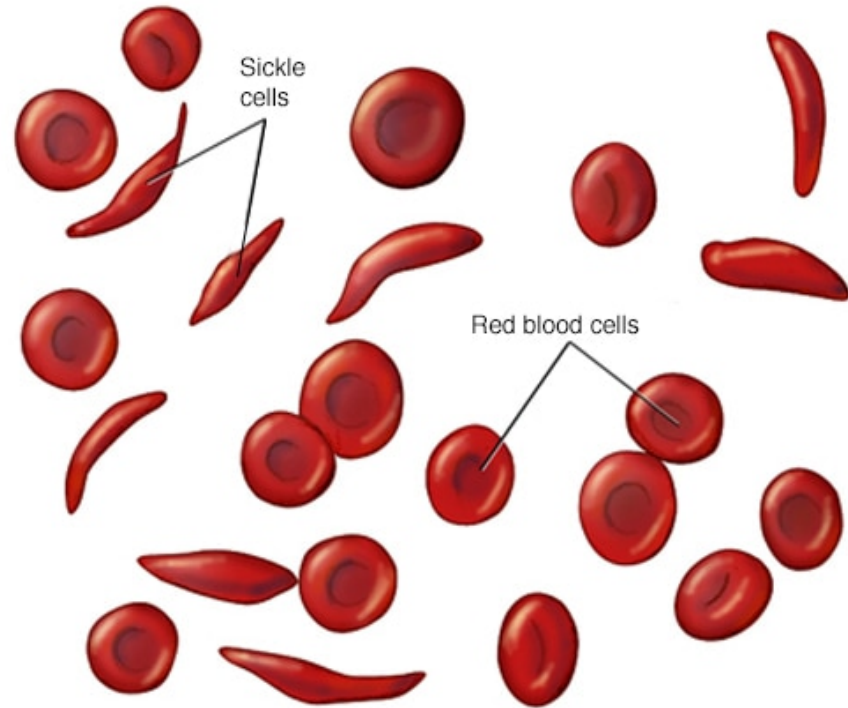
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# SICKLE CELL DISEASE

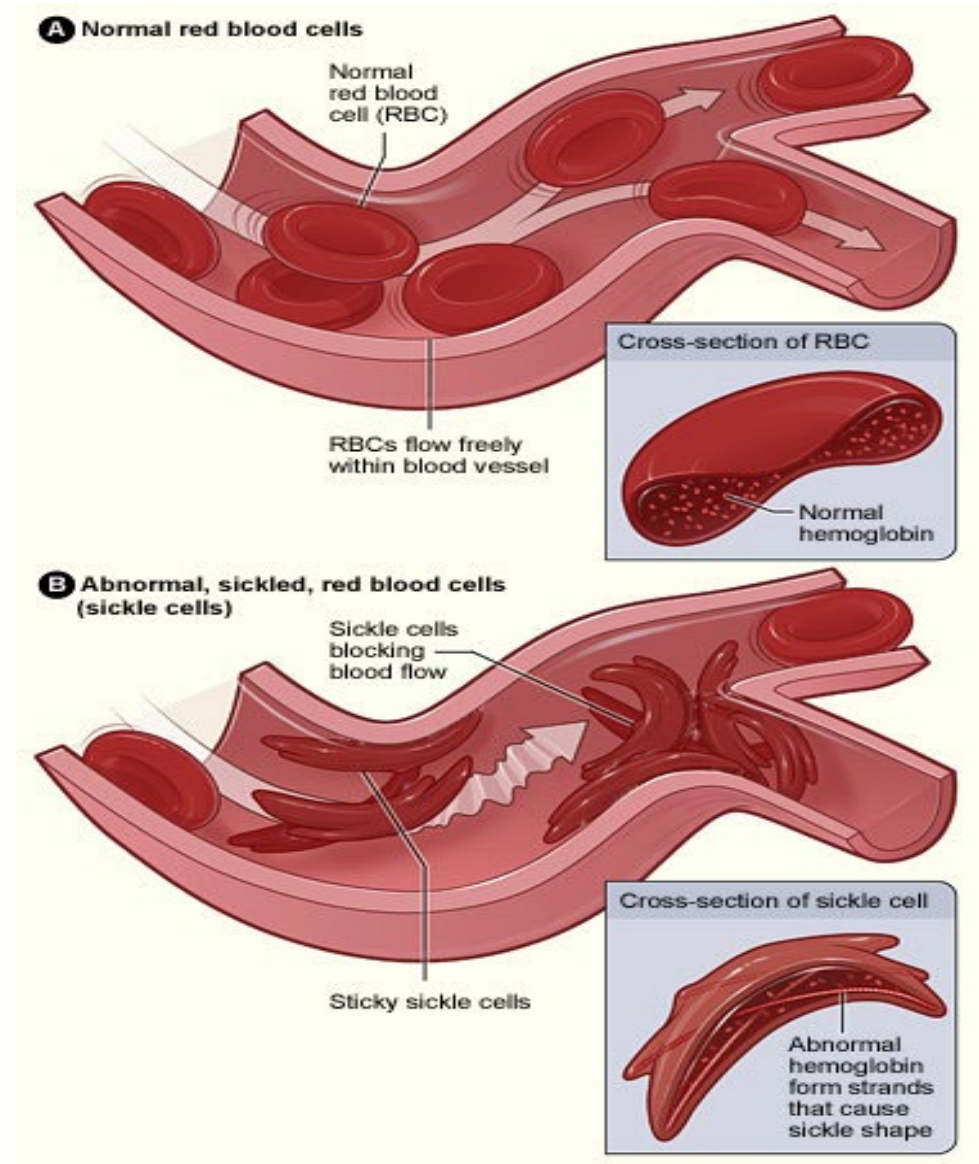
- Most common genetic disease in this country
- It is estimated that:
  - SCD affects approximately 100,000 Americans.
  - SCD occurs among about 1 out of every 365 African-American births.
  - SCD occurs among about 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic-American births.
  - About 1 in 13 African-American babies is born with sickle cell trait (SCT).



# SICKLE CELL DISEASE



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# SICKLE CELL DISEASE

	<b>Acute Complications</b>	<b>Chronic Complications</b>
<b>CNS</b>	<b>Stroke, TIA</b>	<b>Cognitive delay, Behavioral issues</b>
<b>Pain</b>	<b>Acute vaso-occlusive episode</b>	<b>Chronic Pain</b>
<b>Pulmonary</b>	<b>Acute Chest Syndrome</b>	<b>Pulmonary Hypertension</b>
<b>Skeletal</b>	<b>Dactylitis, Osteomyelitis</b>	<b>Avascular Necrosis</b>
<b>Spleen</b>	<b>Splenic Sequestration</b>	<b>Functional Asplenia/Asplenia</b>
<b>GU</b>	<b>Priapism</b>	<b>Delayed puberty, erectile dysfunction</b>

# CURRENT MANAGEMENT

- Infection Prevention
  - PCN VK
  - Immunizations
- Pain Management
- Blood Transfusions
- Stroke Monitoring and Prevention
- Hydroxyurea
- Bone Marrow Transplant



# CURRENT MANAGEMENT : HYDROXYUREA

- General features:
  - Single-agent, inexpensive, orally administered, once-daily dosing
- Laboratory efficacy:
  - Increases Hgb F and total Hgb, reduces WBC and reticulocytes, and lowers LDH
- Clinical efficacy:
  - Improves anemia, leads to fewer vaso occlusive events and hospitalizations, decreases hemolysis
- Side effects:
  - Few short-term toxicities that might limit adherence, wide therapeutic index
- Compliance issues

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# CURRENT MANAGEMENT : BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

- Current indications for BMT include:
  - Vaso-occlusive complications not well controlled with current standard of care therapy
- Only about 20% of patients with SCD have a matched sibling donor
  - Associated with greatest survival and reduced transplant morbidities
- If a matched sib is unavailable, it is difficult to find a full HLA match in unrelated donor registries this limits transplant as an option for many patients
  - Alternative donor options are being pursued via clinical trials
    - Cord blood
    - Haploidentical
    - T cell depleted unrelated donor options

# EMERGING THERAPIES

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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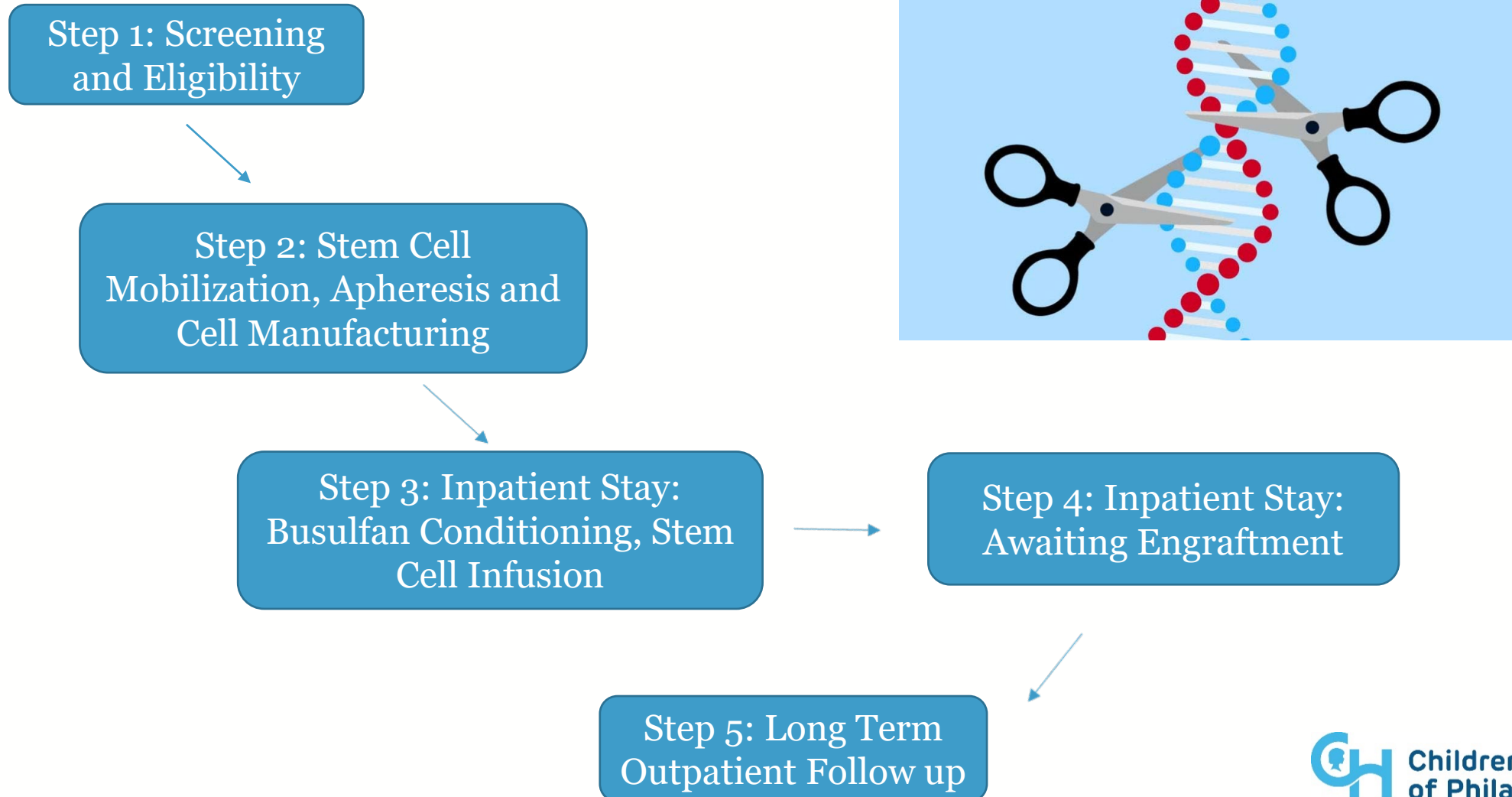
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# GENE THERAPY TREATMENT

Goal: Reduce the percentage of sickled cells circulating to decrease disease complications

Gene Addition	Gene Editing	Gene Silencing
- Involves the introduction of a new gene	- Involves changing the primary DNA sequence of an existing gene	- Uses genetic techniques to reduce the expression level of a gene

# GENE THERAPY TREATMENT



# WHICH THERAPY IS RIGHT FOR MY CHILD?

## Gene Therapy Pros:

- No risk of GVH or graft rejection
  - No immunosuppression
  - Less infection risk
- Less medicines post PSCT

## Gene Therapy Cons:

- Hgb S isn't completely eliminated
  - Clinical Trial Availability
  - Waiting period to see success



# SCD GENE THERAPY OUTCOMES DATA

*“Sickle cell disease: All three patients were free of vaso-occlusive crises with 3 to 15 months of follow-up after CTX001 infusion*

*Nineteen patients have been dosed with CTX001 across both programs”*

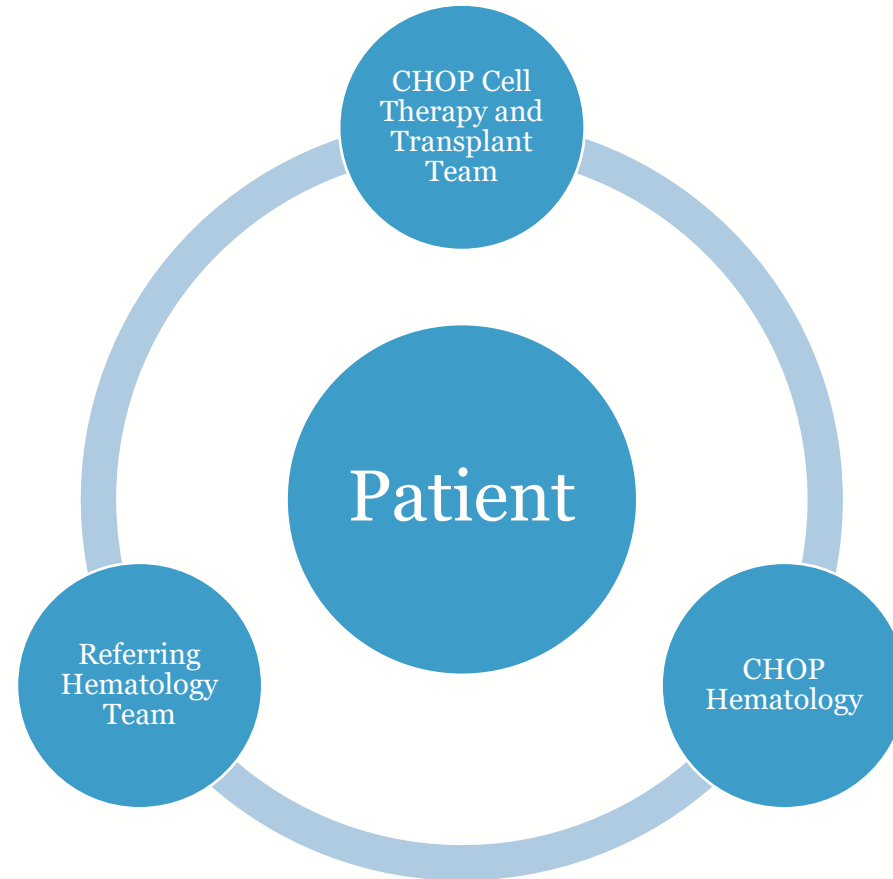
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*“No severe vaso-occlusive events (VOEs) reported through 24 months of follow-up in patients who had a history of at least four severe VOEs and at least six months of follow-up (n=19)*

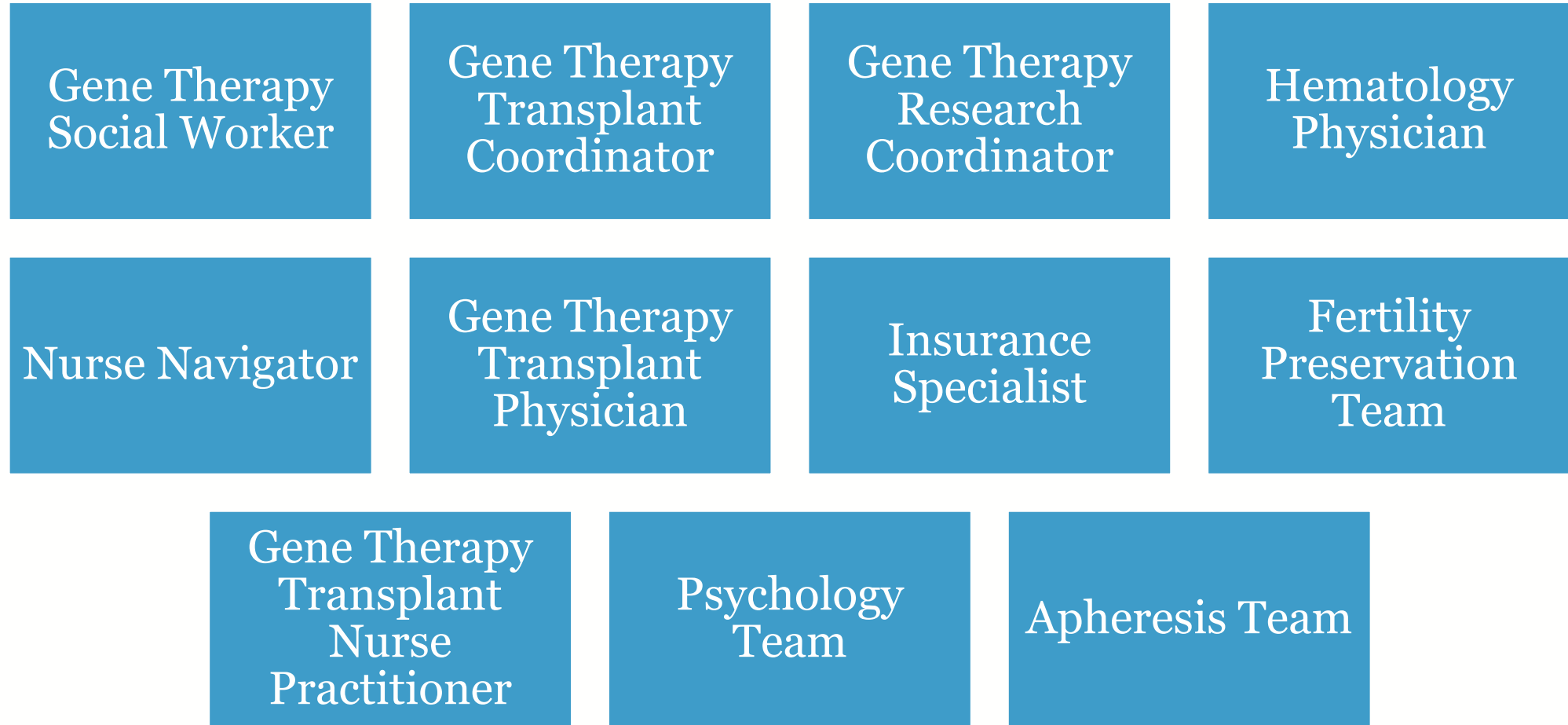
*At up to 30 months follow-up and 32 patients treated, Group C patients continue to produce consistent levels of gene therapy-derived anti-sickling hemoglobin (HbAT87Q), reducing levels of abnormal sickle hemoglobin (HbS) that cause symptoms of SCD*

*Positive patient-reported quality of life outcomes assessed with validated PROMIS-57 demonstrate clinically meaningful reductions in pain intensity at Month 12 post-LentiGlobin for SCD treatment”*

# CELLULAR GENE THERAPY INTAKE PROCESS



# TEAM STRUCTURE





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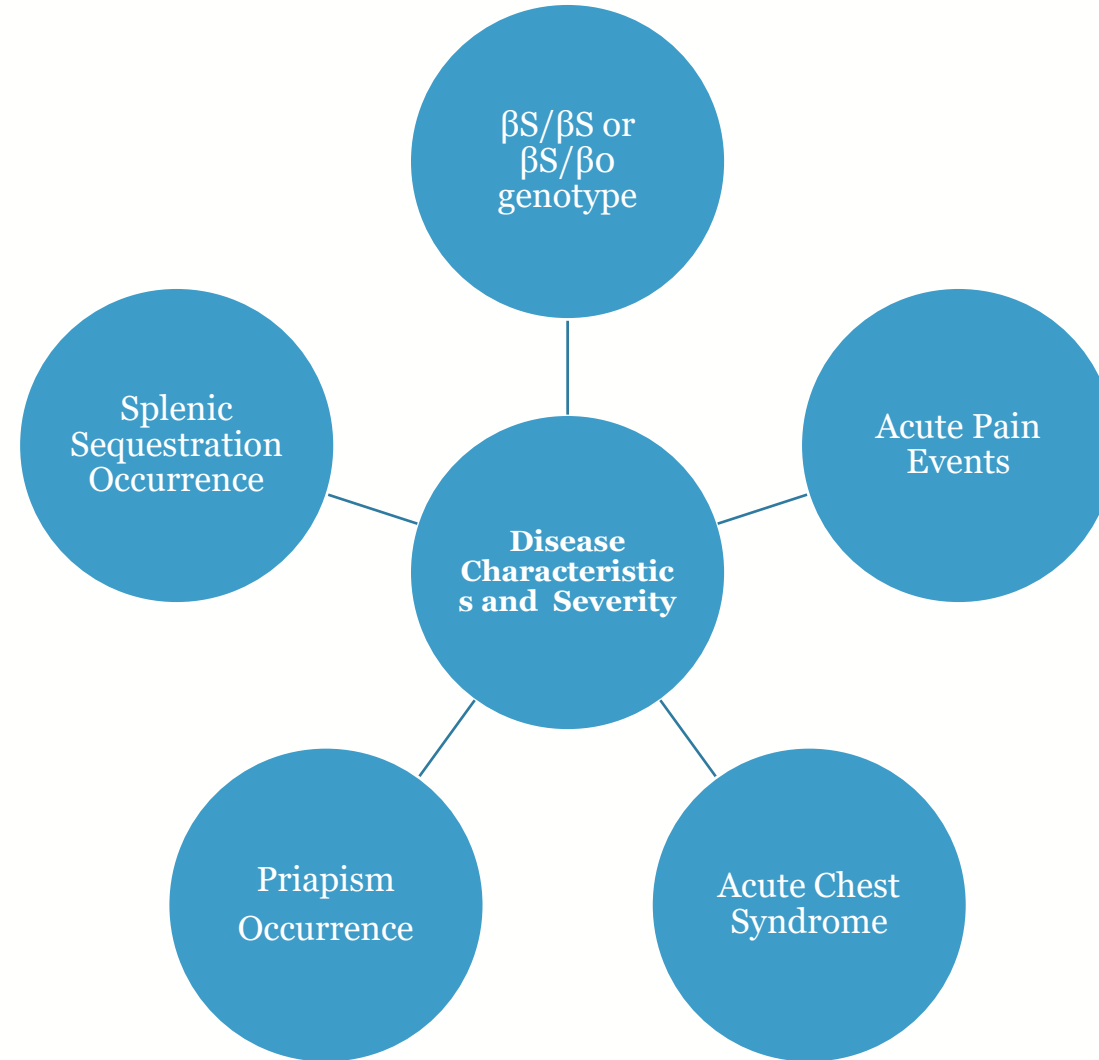
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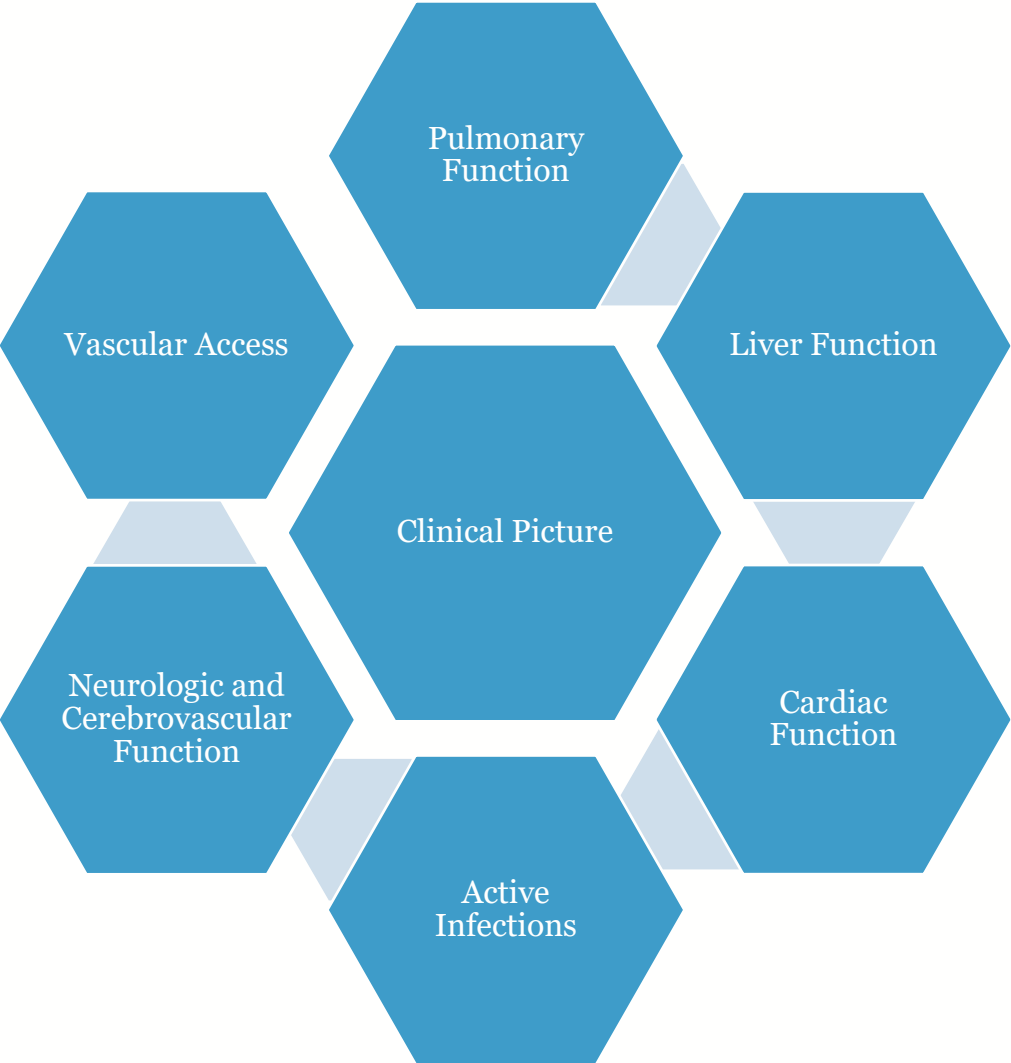
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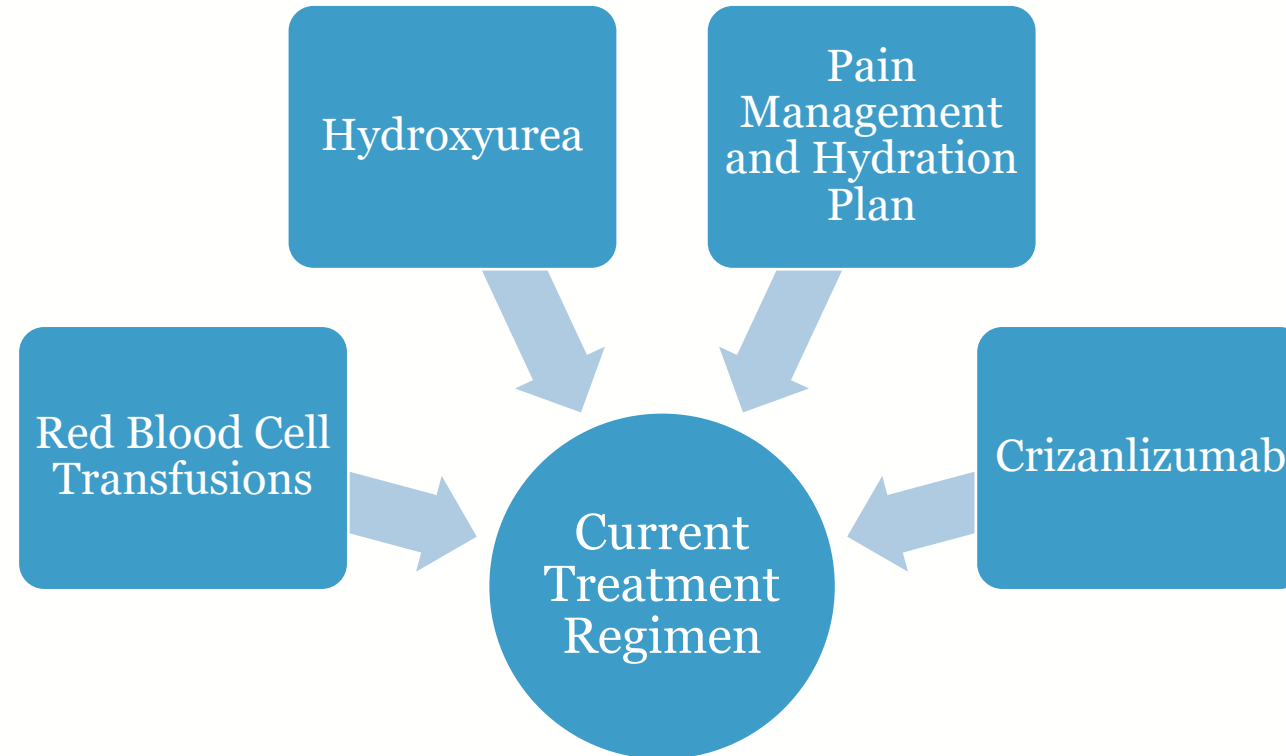
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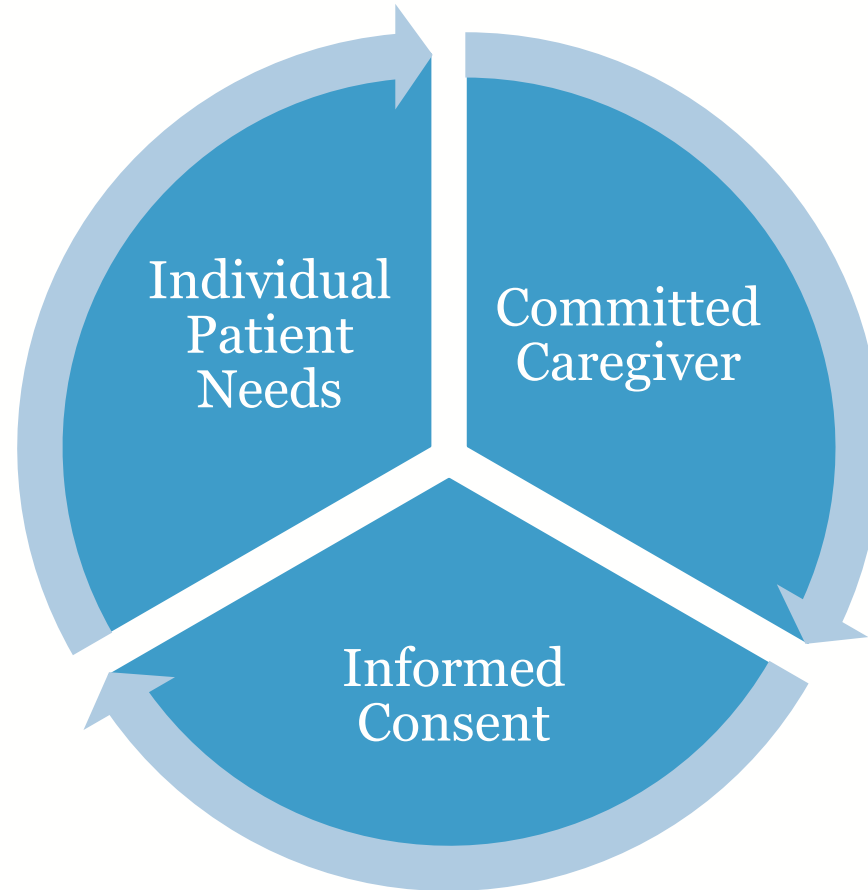
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