Sickle cell disease fertility preservation grant

For people living with sickle cell disease (SCD), a blood or marrow transplant can provide a cure. A blood or marrow transplant is also known as a bone marrow transplant, BMT, stem cell transplant or SCT.

Patients get high doses of chemotherapy and sometimes radiation to prepare the body for BMT. These treatments can affect fertility (ability to have children).

Insurance providers often don't cover costs related to fertility preservation. There's limited funding available to help people with sickle cell disease keep (preserve) their fertility.

The sickle cell disease fertility preservation grant is available to help some people with SCD with these costs. **A patient must be preparing to receive BMT to be eligible for the grant.**

Eligibility requirements

- Patient has a sickle cell disease diagnosis
- Transplant team has identified a donor or cord for the patient
- Fertility clinic consultation is scheduled or completed
- Patient meets income requirements (reviewed as part of the application process)
- Transplant center team submits application affirming patient's eligibility and need

Grant coverage inclusions

- Oocyte (immature egg) retrieval and cryopreservation
- Embryo culture, fertilization and cryopreservation
- Ovarian tissue freezing (pediatric)
- Semen analysis and freezing (sperm banking)
- Testicular cryopreservation
- Storage fees (up to 10 years)
- Medications

Grant specifics

- Up to $10,000 to help with preserving fertility prior to transplant
- Ideally paid to the patient or family, but could be issued to the fertility clinic
- If funds go to the clinic, the clinic's W-9 form is required and bank information needs authorization

Applying for a grant

A member of the patient's transplant team must apply on the patient's behalf.

Transplant teams:

Apply at **nmdp.grantplatform.com**.
Questions? Email **patientgrants@nmdp.org**.

Patients and families:

Need help with the application or finding additional support resources? Contact an NMDP℠ patient navigator at **1 (888) 999-6743** or **patientinfo@nmdp.org**, or visit **nmdp.org/grants**.

Download the **Fertility and transplant guide**:

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