




# ***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

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# 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  
FROOHFW XQLWV XQLWV ZHUH FROOHFWHG DIWHU  
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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&RPSUHKHQVLYH 6LFNOH &HOO &HQWHU \$OSKD 3KL  
\$OSKD )UDWHUQLW\ ,QF )UDQNOLQ 3ULPDU\ +HDOWK  
&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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UDYQRKLVKH 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

7KH %ORRG 'ULYH LV WHQWD  
IRU 6DWXUGD\ 6HSWHPEHU  
3ULPDU\ +HDOWK &HQWHU ORFDV  
'ULYH 0RELOH \$ODEDPD

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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 JQHFROJ  
and oncology patients. Ms.  
Perryman has an Associate's  
'HJUHH LQ 1XUVLQJ IURP %LVKRS  
6WDWH &RPPXQLW\ &WCRG  
ZKLFK VKH JUDGXDW  
: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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&WCRG  
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  
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