

Causes of Sickling

What causes red blood cells to sickle?

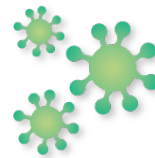
When exposed to elements like extreme hot and cold, dehydration or infection, red blood cells sickle.



Extreme Temps



Dehydration



Infection

Key Point

This means red blood cells go from a smooth, flexible disc (healthy) to a stiff, sticky crescent shape.

