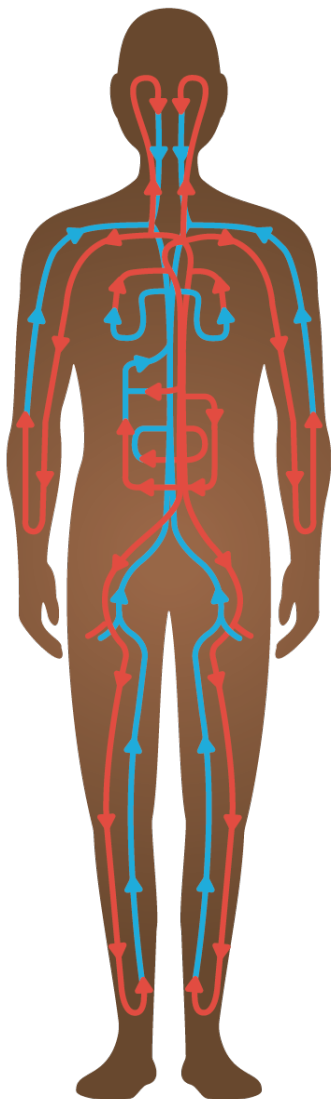


Vaso-Occlusion

What is vaso-occlusion?

A medical term for when blood vessels get blocked resulting in a lack of oxygen to a part of the body. This happens when red blood cells sickle and clump inside them. Vaso-occlusion can occur anywhere in the body and is the underlying cause of many sickle cell disease complications.

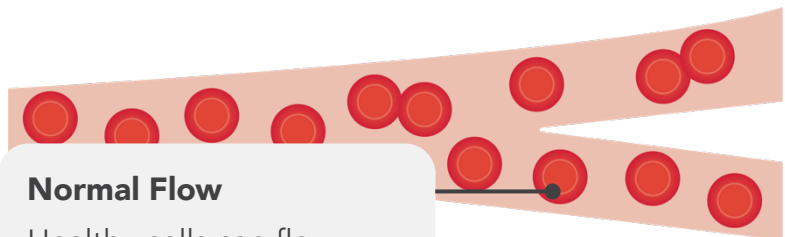


Key Point

Red blood cells flow throughout the body which is why vaso-occlusion can cause pain anywhere.

Normal Flow

Healthy cells can flow without issue



Vaso-Occlusion

Sickle cells clump in the blood vessels

