

## MSH (Multicenter Study of Hydroxyurea) Patients' Follow Up Study

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### Synopsis:

Sickle cell anemia is a disease that passes from parent to child through genes. The results of the previous MSH research study indicated that Hydroxyurea can reduce the number of painful episodes in adults with sickle cell disease. Hydroxyurea might increase the risk of some cancers. Although this risk is not certain to exist and at most is small, doctors want to learn if this risk does exist.

This is an observational follow-up study and the purposes of this research study are to:

1. Find out if hydroxyurea has any bad effects in you that might happen after a long time.
2. Find out about all babies and pregnancies that MSH patients and their partners have had.