Surgical Procedures for Sickle Cell Disease

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En Español (Spanish Version)

For Treating Complications

Surgical procedures that may be necessary to treat complications of sickle cell disease include:

- **Splenectomy** — to remove a spleen destroyed by sickle cell disease or to try to prevent recurrent sickle cell crises (the evidence that this can help is still incomplete)
- **Hip replacement** — to treat a hip destroyed by avascular necrosis
- **Gall bladder surgery** — to remove a gall bladder that isn’t functioning properly
- **Laser eye surgery** — for complications affecting your vision

REFERENCES:


Sickle Cell Disease Association of America website. Available at: http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/.