

Midwest patient receives successful stem cell transplant to cure sickle cell disease

Chicagoan Ieshea Thomas is the first Midwest patient to receive a successful stem cell transplant to cure her [sickle cell disease](#) without [chemotherapy](#) in preparation for the transplant. University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System physicians performed the procedure using medication to suppress her immune system and one small dose of total body radiation right before the transplant.

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