

Viewing Guide for “My Blood”

While you watch this episode of *The Weekly*, answer the following questions to track new information about sickle cell, how it affects people, and efforts toward a cure.

Why does Haylee say she is telling this story—what is newsworthy about it?	
How do people with sickle cell describe the way the disease makes them feel? Write down one person’s answer.	
How many people have sickle cell in the U.S.? How many people have it worldwide?	
What group of people has the highest rate of sickle cell disease?	
What “switch” does Dr. Stuart Orkin hope to “flip” in order to cure sickle cell?	
Haylee’s sickle cell was cured by a bone marrow transplant from her brother, Ryan. Why wouldn’t the same solution work for Helen?	
What are some forms of discrimination sickle cell patients report facing?	
What concern about access to gene therapy does one family express?	
How long will Boston Children’s Hospital continue to study Helen?	