

# PRIAPISM

Sickle Cell disorder can cause a condition known as **Priapism**

Priapism is a painful prolonged erection of the penis

There are 2 types of **Priapism**

- ‘Stuttering Priapism’ - short self-limiting attacks lasting less than 4 hours.
- An acute major attack is prolonged (over 4 hours). Acute attacks can follow on from a stuttering attack. They may require medical or surgical treatment.

**Priapism** can be distressing or precipitate a painful crisis. Repeated attacks can lead to failure of erection (impotence) or sexual dissatisfaction.

There are various treatments for **Priapism**.

Some are self help methods you can easily do at home or treatments available from your doctor.

If you have such a problem and would like to talk about it, please contact the Consultant Haematologist / Nurse Clinician or the Sickle Cell Counsellor in charge of your care.