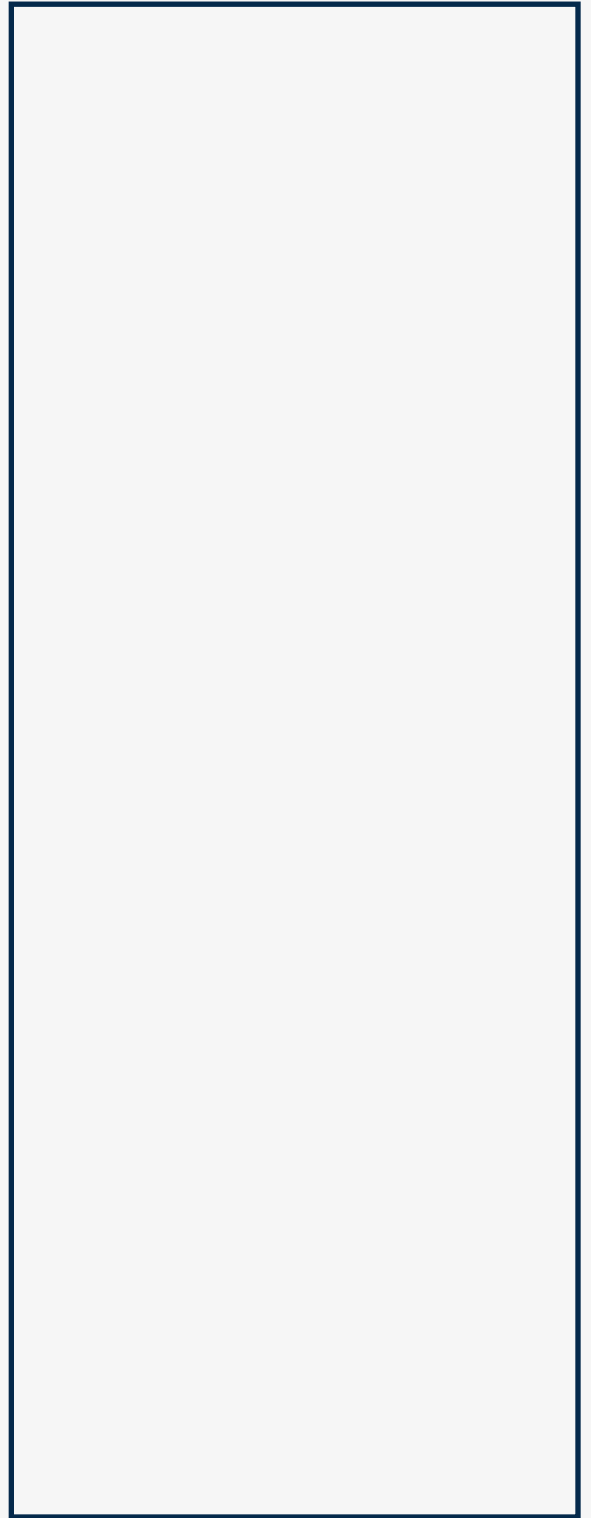


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: Paula Tanabe
: Lombard, Illinois
: Thin crust Chicago
pizza
: Spending time with my husband and re-
laxing
: Hilton Head

: I am working on several grants to improve the health care services for individuals living with sickle cell disease (SCD). My primary focus is on improving the treatment of vaso-occlusive crisis, or severe painful episodes which often require treatment in emergency departments (ED) with opioids. While evidence-based guidelines exist, they are typically not followed as patients with SCD, and are often perceived to be addicted to opioids, vs. seeking pain relief. I work closely with the North Carolina and national Emergency Nurses Association, as well as the American Society of Hematology to advocate for improved ED management.

: N902 – Quantitative
Research Methods in the PhD program

: Durham Sickle Cell Support
Group and Community Care North Carolina

: Interacting with patients and healthcare providers that have a passion for improving the health and

