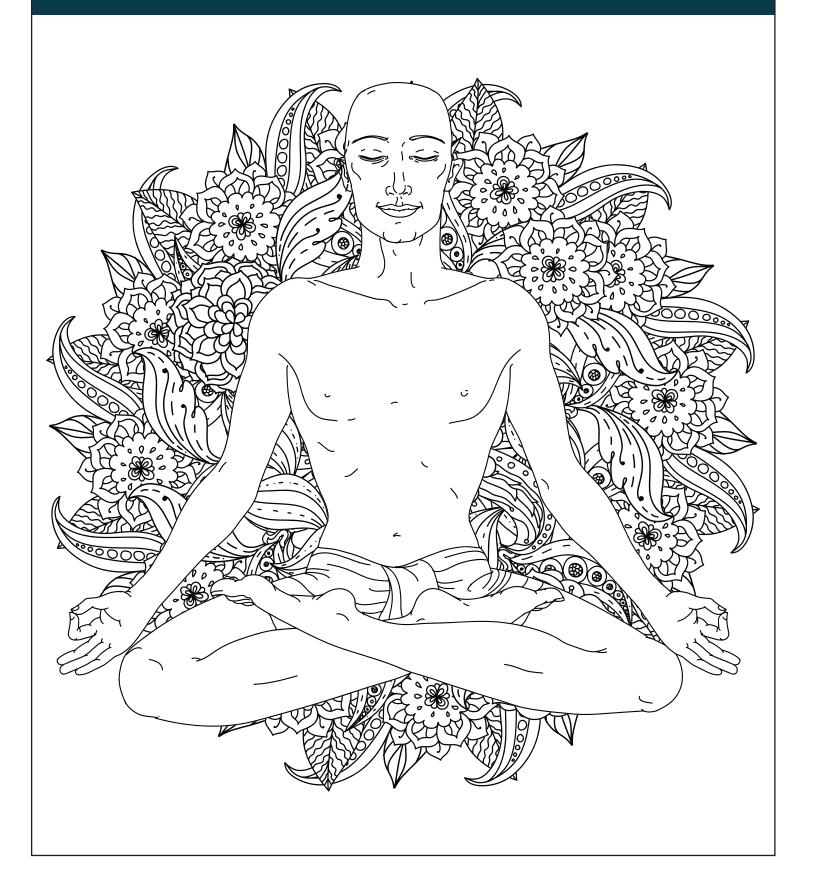


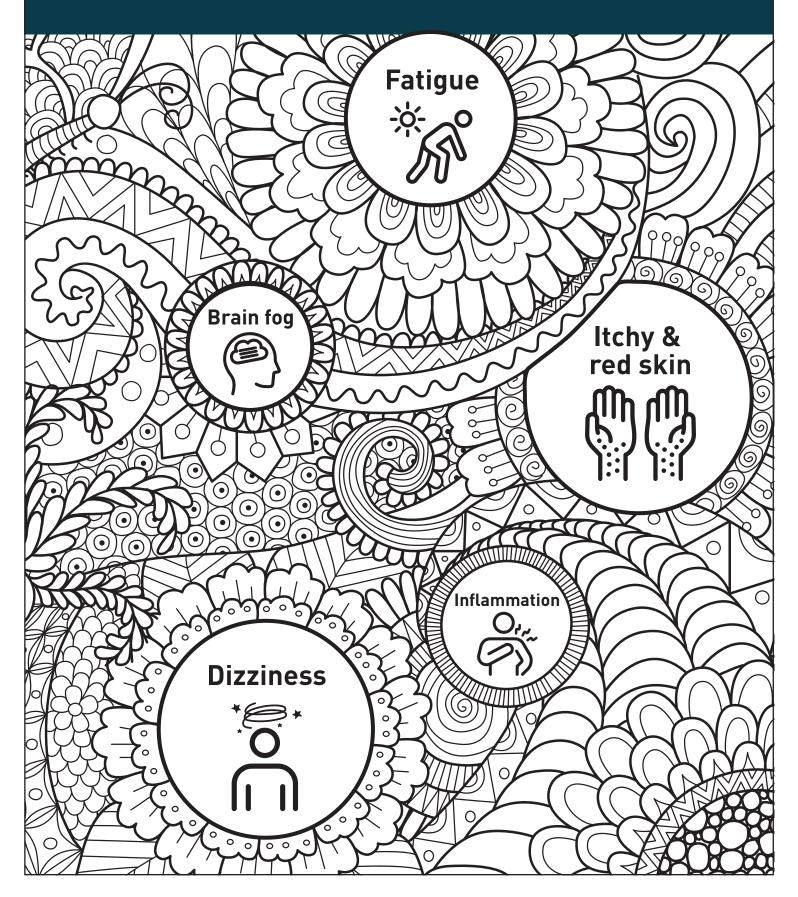
# Polycythemia Vera

Polycythemia Vera (PV) is a rare disease part of a group of conditions called myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs), which is a type of blood cancer | Causes bone marrow to make too many red blood cells | Makes blood thicker than normal | May lead to blood clots, heart attack and strokes | Carries a small risk of progression over time to bone marrow failure (myelofibrosis) and acute leukemia



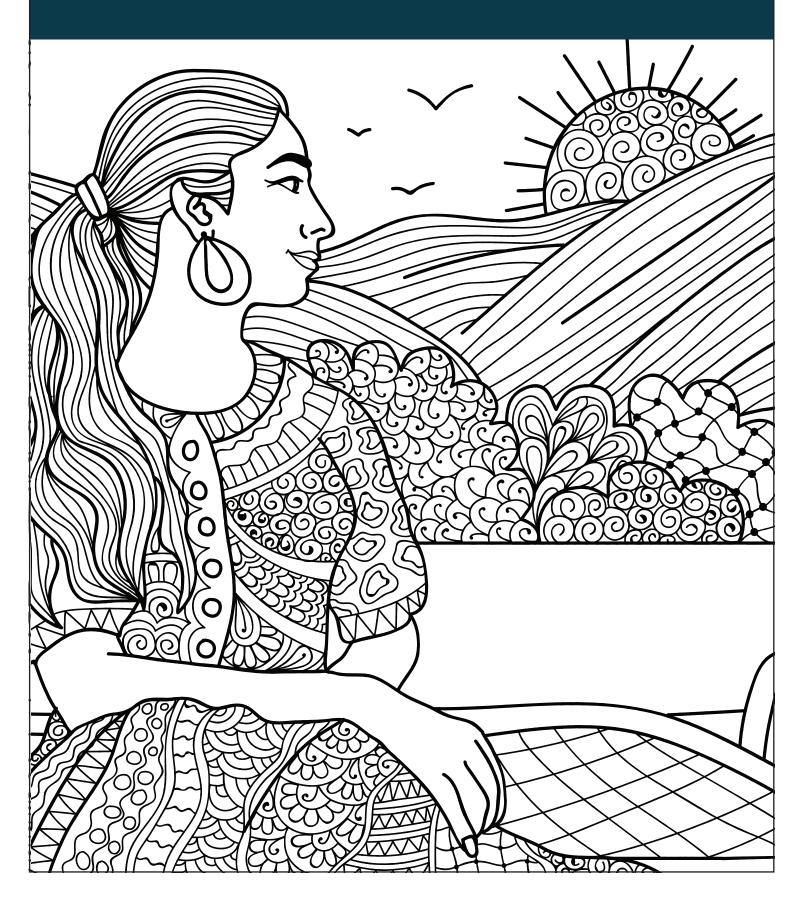
#### **Symptoms**

PV can cause a range of symptoms from fatigue to dizziness to itchy and red skin and even inflammation, making it challenging to diagnose and impacting quality of life.



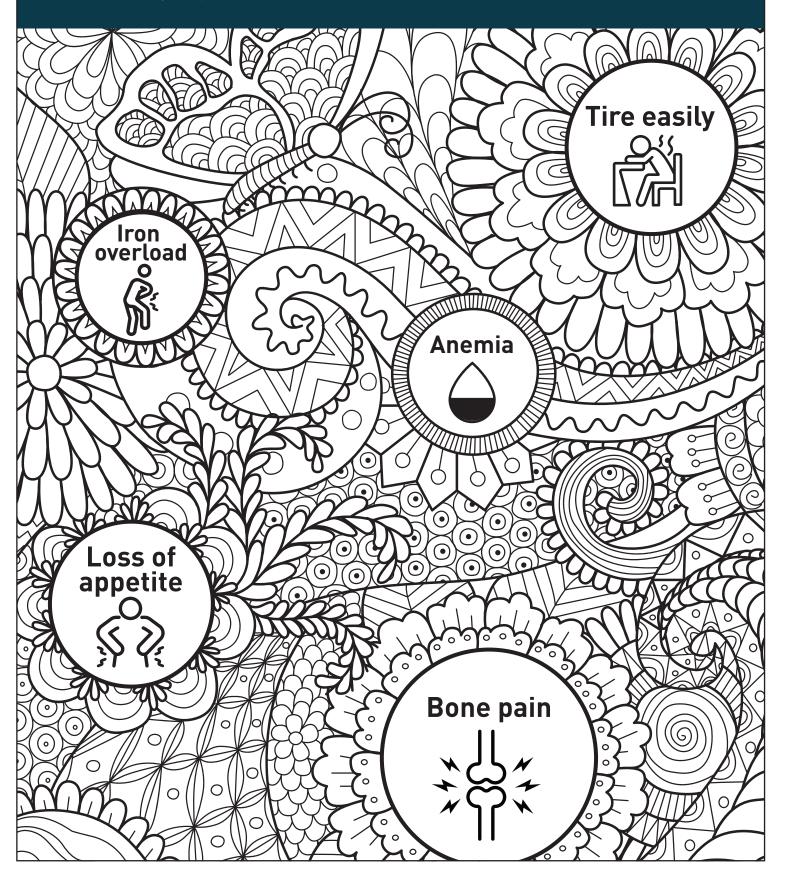
### **Thalassemia**

Thalassemia is inherited | Prevents a person's bone marrow from producing enough healthy red blood cells | Can vary in severity



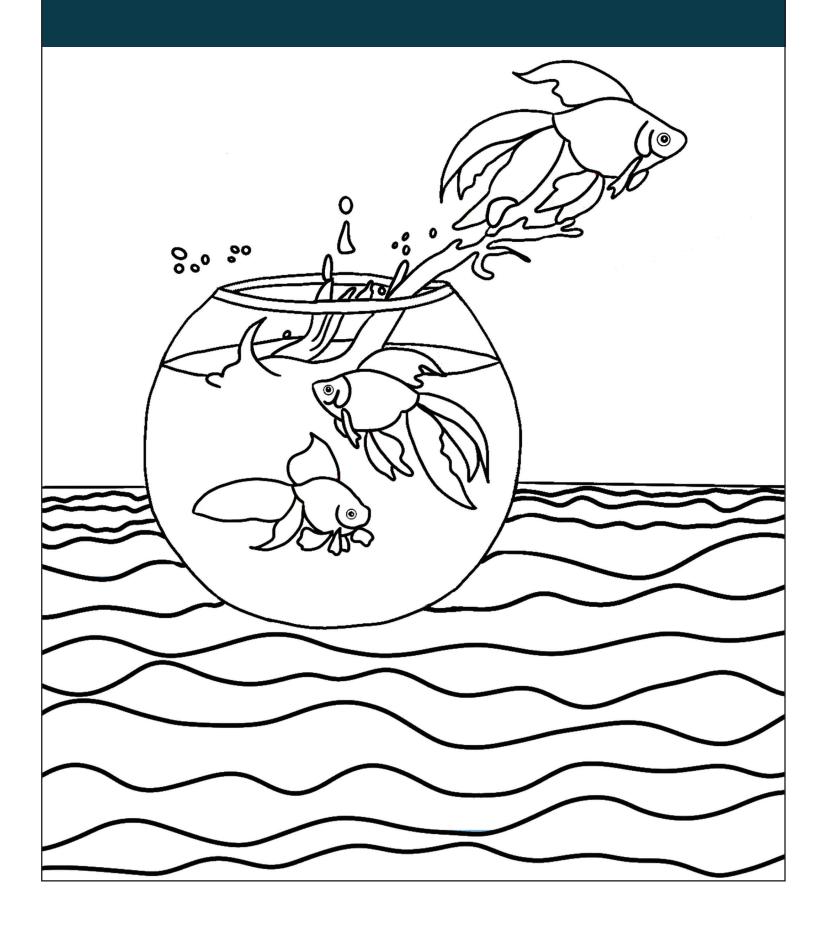
#### **Symptoms**

Current treatments can usually keep symptoms under control but often require regular appointments as well as blood transfusions requiring hours of time. This means children with thalassemia frequently have to take time off from school and adults have to take time off from work.



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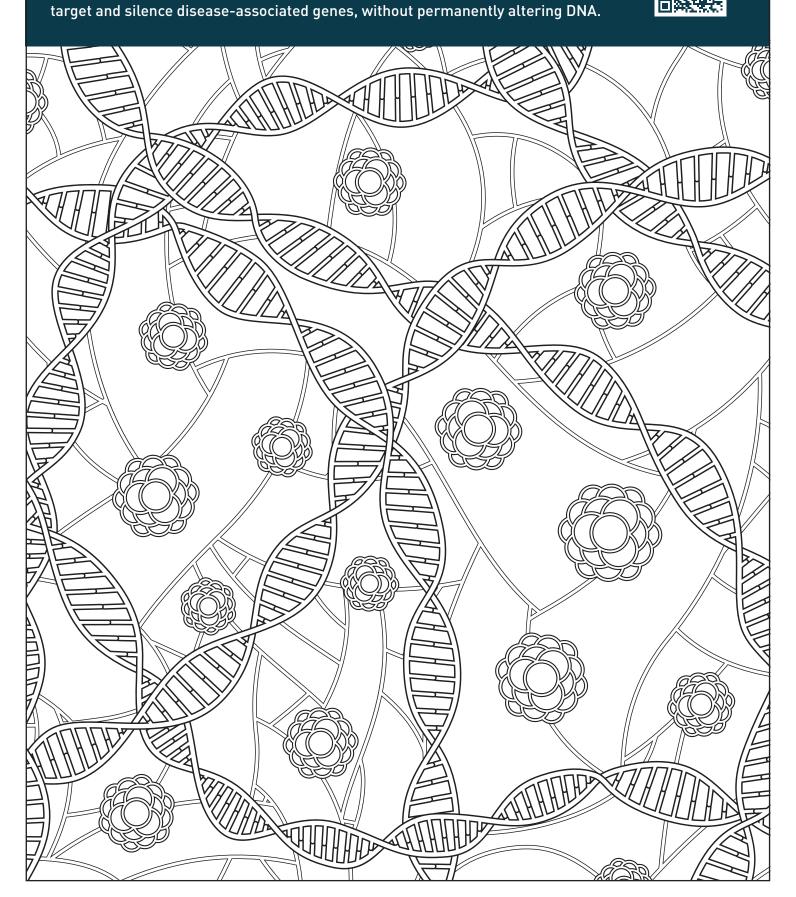


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