

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a Leader in Pediatric Burn Care



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Burn care can include surgeries, continuous internal feeding, innovative infection control measures and scar reconstruction. Aggressive rehabilitation techniques may include positioning, range of motion, and use of garments, splints and other orthotic appliances to achieve improved functional and cosmetic results. In addition, the hospitals offer programs to assist patients and families with the sometimes difficult re-adjustment to their communities and schools.

The medical staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children are renowned for their understanding of the critical care that can help save a severely burned patient's life – such as fluid resuscitation, early excision and skin grafting, and management of increased metabolism.

Since Shriners Hospitals for Children entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. In addition, today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive, and go on to lead full, productive lives.

The respect for Shriners Hospitals for Children among those working in burn prevention and treatment is indicated by the leadership positions held by hospital staff. These include memberships on the boards of trustees of the American Burn Association (ABA) and The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, two national organizations dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by burn injuries.

In order to provide the best, most up-to-date, innovative treatment to patients with burns and burn-related injuries, Shriners Hospitals for Children has a strong commitment to research in burn care. Currently, approximately 60 research studies involving different aspects of burn injury and treatment are in process

and are being funded by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Examples of these include developing cultured skin; understanding the relationship between nutrition and recovery; finding ways to accelerate wound healing; realizing the impact of exercise on recovery; and becoming more aware of the psychological implications of burn injury. Shriners Hospitals for Children is involved in many externally funded burn-related research efforts as well, bringing the total number of research efforts in this field to approximately 200.

Shriners Hospitals for Children shares its expertise in burn care and research through academic affiliations at noteworthy nearby institutions and through various medical outreach programs. In addition, Shriners Hospitals for Children offers residency and fellowship programs, as well as opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers.

The emphasis on research and education, in addition to excellent treatment, is additional evidence of Shriners Hospitals for Children's total commitment to providing the best care for children with burn injuries.

While the health care system provides this expert care without any financial obligation to patients or families, the organization depends on the generosity of donors to support its mission of caring for children. To learn how you can help, please visit www.donate2SHC.org.

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