



Burn Awareness Week Preventing Burn Injuries

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs

About the Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in burn care:

- Shriners Hospitals for Children demonstrated its commitment to advancing treatment of burns by opening burns centers in the 1960s.
- Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in burn care are located in Boston, Cincinnati and Galveston, Texas. A fourth hospital in Sacramento, Calif., treats burn injuries, as well as pediatric orthopaedics, and provides rehabilitative care for pediatric spinal cord injuries, and care for cleft lip and palate.
- Worldwide, more than 45,000 children have received burn care at Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- The survival rate for children with burns over 50 percent of their body surface has doubled since the first Shriners Hospital providing care for burns opened. Today, patients with burns over 90 percent of the body routinely survive and live happy, productive lives.
- At the Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in burn care, patients receive complete, personalized care through an interdisciplinary approach that is used in all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. The burn treatment team includes anesthesiologists, pediatricians, psychologists, plastic surgeons, nurses, therapists, child life specialists and nutritionists.
- There is no charge for any care or services provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Research:

- In order to provide the best, most up-to-date, innovative treatments, Shriners Hospitals for Children has a strong commitment to research in the burn-care field.
- More than 60 research studies involving aspects of burn injury and treatment are in process.
- Recent and ongoing areas of study include accelerated wound healing; the relationship between nutrition and recovery; the impact of exercise on recovery and the psychological implications of burn injuries.

Teaching:

- Shriners Hospitals for Children has a strong reputation for partnering with leaders in medical education.
- The Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in burn care have strong affiliations with Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Texas Medical Branch, University of Cincinnati and University of California–Davis.
- The emphasis on research and education is part of Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to providing the best care for children with burn injuries.

About Shriners Hospitals for Children:

Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment without financial obligation to patients or their families.

