



SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Excellence in Pediatric Specialty Care

Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, the health care system has improved the lives of more than 1.5 million children by providing excellent pediatric specialty care. Today, Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a unique health care system with a reputation for finding answers and giving families hope. At our locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, children receive quality care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

LEADING THE WAY IN ORTHOPEDICS

The first Shriners Hospital was opened primarily to help children who had contracted polio. Now, the majority of our Shriners Hospitals for Children locations are staffed and equipped to handle virtually all pediatric orthopedic problems, including sub-acute trauma.

We provide treatment for clubfoot; Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease and other hip disorders; hand disorders; limb deficiencies and discrepancies; scoliosis (curvature of the spine); osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease); juvenile idiopathic arthritis; and orthopedic difficulties related to cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other neuromuscular conditions.

Shriners Hospitals for Children offers a range of multidisciplinary services, including physical, occupational and recreational therapies, as well as orthotics and prosthetics. We also provide a wide variety of programs that focus on the overall needs and well-being of each patient.

PIONEERING BURN CARE AND RESEARCH

Shriners Hospitals for Children has been a leader in burn care, research and education since entering the burn care field in the mid-1960s. Thanks to the innovative medical care offered at our locations that provide burn care, every year countless children have a greater chance of surviving all types of burn injuries. Some of the advances made through our research efforts include improved survival rates, creation of pressure garments to minimize scarring, and development of engineered skin and better wound-healing techniques.

Shriners Hospitals provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative care for all degrees of burn injuries. Each state-of-the-art facility offering burn care provides

treatments for acute and sub-acute burns; healed burns; scarring that has caused contractures or limited mobility; smoke inhalation; facial scarring or deformities; and other skin conditions.

DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN SPINAL CORD INJURY REHABILITATION

Shriners Hospitals for Children was the first health care system in the country to develop spinal cord injury rehabilitation programs specifically for children. We offer innovative therapies, emotional support, and training in independent living skills. In addition, we emphasize exercise and activity-based rehabilitation. These activities increase strength and stamina and enhance social interaction, confidence and independence.

PROVIDING EXPERTISE IN CLEFT LIP AND PALATE CARE

Cleft lip and palate occurs when the tissue that forms the upper lip and roof of the mouth fail to join together before birth.

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, patients with a cleft lip and/or palate are treated by a multidisciplinary team that works to improve the child's appearance and ability to eat, breathe and communicate. Each patient's unique treatment plan may include surgery, orthodontics, and hearing, speech and psychological therapies. Our goal is to help each child achieve optimal function, improve facial appearance to the fullest extent possible and build self-esteem.

To learn how to refer a child, please visit shrinershospitalforchildren.org or call the patient referral line at 800-237-5055 in the U.S., or 800-361-7256 in Canada.



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