

Community Resources for Children

Founded in 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care. Patients receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the ability to pay.

In 1924, Shriners opened a hospital in St. Louis, helping children from Missouri and surrounding states achieve more than they ever thought was possible. The hospital's medical staff is drawn from a faculty of physicians at Washington University School of Medicine. This partnership has led to a close relationship with both the university and St. Louis Children's Hospital during the last nine decades.

As a result, the hospital is included in St. Louis Children's Hospital listing in US News and World Report as one of the top 10 pediatric orthopedic hospitals in the nation.

19 of the 22 Shriners hospitals are equipped and staffed to care for children afflicted with orthopedic problems. Some of the common problems treated at Shriners include:

- Clubfoot
- Hand disorders
- Limb deficiencies/discrepancies
- Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease and other hip disorders
- Scoliosis (curvature of the spine)
- Osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease)
- Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- Orthopedic problems associated with cerebral palsy and spina bifida

Three other Shriners hospitals are equipped and staffed to care for children afflicted with burn complications, including:

- Acute burns
- Patients needing reconstructive or restorative surgery as a result of healed burns
- Severe scarring

For more information on Shriners Hospitals, visit:
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org or call 800-361-5055.