

Trivia and Information on Shriners Hospitals for Children

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When was the first Shrine temple established?

Mecca Shriners was organized in New York City in 1872.

When was the Imperial Council established?

The Imperial Council was established June 6, 1876.

How many Shrine temples are there?

There are 191 Shrine temples located throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.

When did the first Shriners Hospitals for Children open, and where is it located?

The first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, in Shreveport, LA, and focused exclusively on treating orthopaedic conditions.

What are Shriners Hospitals for Children' care disciplines today?

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides treatment for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Some Shriners Hospitals offer care for more than one specialty.

What are some examples of orthopaedic conditions treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Shriners Hospitals treat a full range of orthopaedic conditions. Some of the most commonly treated conditions are clubfoot, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, scoliosis (curvature of the spine), osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease), juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and orthopaedic problems related to spina bifida, cerebral palsy, dwarfism and muscular dystrophy.

When did Shriners Hospitals for Children begin providing burn care?

The Shriners Hospitals specializing in burns have been leaders in burn care and research since opening in the mid-1960s. Treatment is provided for burn injuries and related scarring, along with physical and emotional rehabilitation.

When did Shriners Hospitals for Children begin to provide care for spinal cord injuries?

In the early 1980's, Shriners Hospitals opened the nation's first spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers specifically designed for children and teens.

What criteria determine a child's eligibility for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children if, in the opinion of our physicians, there is a reasonable possibility they can benefit from the specialized services available. Acceptance is based solely on a child's medical needs. A family's income or insurance status are not criteria for a child's acceptance as patient.

How does someone apply for care or refer a patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Call the toll-free national patient referral line at 800.237.5055 in the U.S. or 800.361.7256 in Canada, or download an application for treatment online at www.shrinershospitals.org.

What does it cost for a child to receive care at Shriners Hospitals for Children?

There is no charge for any care or services provided within Shriners Hospitals for Children facilities.

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