#### A Commitment to Children

At Shriners Children's, patients and families find hope, compassion and advanced care for complex medical conditions, as well as common sports and play injuries. Every day at our locations throughout North America, we are improving lives and helping dreams become realities.

Our highly trained physicians, surgeons, nurses and therapists have the expertise to help children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate have the fullest lives possible.

Our innovative research and outstanding medical education programs enable us to carry our mission even further. Shriners Children's research on burns, orthopedic, musculoskeletal and neurological injury and disease aims to improve the care for children with these conditions and challenges. In addition, Shriners Children's maintains relationships with medical teaching facilities and prioritizes high-level, pediatric specialty training for all clinical staff.

## **A Focus on Education**

Shriners Children's understands that being away from school for prolonged periods can bring many challenges. Some of our facilities offer in-house educational services to children who are receiving longer-term care. Many others offer re-entry programs to assist children as they return to their schools and communities. The programs facilitate a patient's return to school by educating the patient's teachers and peers, who, along with the school nurse and other staff, become an essential part of the process, supporting a healthy, supportive, and positive transition. Shriners Children's provides specialty care for orthopedic conditions, sports injuries, burns, cleft lip and palate, spinal cord injuries, and colorectal, gastrointestinal and rheumatic conditions for children from birth to age 18. Our care and services are provided regardless of the family's ability to pay or insurance status. Our medical teams work with families to develop a comprehensive and personalized treatment plan for every child. Treatments and services may vary by location. Please contact a specific location for more information.

To view our full range of specialties, please visit **shrinerschildrens.org** or call: **800-237-5055** in the U.S. or **800-361-7256** in Canada.

### **Shriners Children's Locations**

Shriners Children's has locations throughout the United States, and in Canada and Mexico.



Scan the QR code to find a location near you.

Shriners Children's **Resources for School Nurses** 

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# Partnering with School Nurses

School nurses are the leaders who bridge healthcare and education, helping children stay healthy, safe and ready to learn. Our commitment to partnering with school nurses is a natural extension of our mission to provide compassionate, innovative care. Together, we can help prevent injuries and improve the health and safety of all children through the sharing of knowledge and resources.

Shriners Children's makes access to specialty care easy with locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. As strong advocates for your students' healthcare needs, when you refer them and their families to Shriners Children's for care, you provide a resource that makes a difference in children's lives.

#### **Resources for School Nurses**

Shriners Children's is pleased to provide resources to help school nurses improve the health and quality of life of your students. We offer educational information and materials on a variety of health and safety topics, including some that can be downloaded or ordered.

- Burn awareness and prevention: Every day, children are taken to emergency rooms with burn or scald injuries that could have been prevented. Our burn awareness educational materials can help keep families and children safe.
- Backpack safety: Backpacks that are too heavy or carried incorrectly can cause pain and injuries over time. We provide information and activities on the safe and correct use of backpacks.
- Sports related injuries: Sports injuries are on the rise, especially for teenage athletes.
  Because children are not simply "small adults," the treatment of these injuries requires the expertise of medical teams specially trained and experienced in caring for kids and teens.

Scoliosis: We provide information on the importance of early detection, and a resource that explains how to conduct postural screenings.

- Spinal cord injury: Thousands of children and adolescents sustain spinal cord injuries every year. We offer tips on precautions that can help prevent these potentially devastating conditions.
- Summer safety: For many children, summer means it is time to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. Unfortunately, playground fun and other outdoor activities can lead to a higher risk of injuries. Learn more about ways these injuries can be prevented.

We want to ensure that you have the resources and support you need to best care for your students. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to your nearest Shriners Children's location. Simply ask to be connected to the outpatient clinic, where you can speak with a knowledgeable member of our healthcare team.

We are here to assist you and are more than happy to provide resources and education to support you in your vital role as school nurses.

> To learn more about these education and awareness efforts, please visit: shrinerschildrens.org/nasn.