

Today's Research is Tomorrow's Care



Since it first entered the burn care field in the 1960s, Shriners Hospitals for Children® has made a firm commitment to burn research. The Shriners Hospitals specializing in burns have

been instrumental in developing the advanced techniques used today to treat burn injuries. New ways of preventing and fighting infection - a serious threat to patients with burn injuries - are among the many issues being investigated at Shriners Hospitals.

Researches at Shriners Hospitals have been significant contributors to the development of revolutionary techniques, such as cultured skin and improved wound healing



techniques for severe burns. Many techniques developed at Shriners Hospitals have become primary treatments for burn patients around the world.



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The International Shrine Clown Association's Sneaker Fund

Supporting burn research at Shriners Hospitals for Children

The Sneaker Fund

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Many of us know Shrine Clowns for their merry entertaining personalities. But there is a serious side to these men with funny faces.



Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.

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, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Clowns belonging to the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) are dedicated to supporting Shriners International official philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The association also operates a very special program called "**The Sneaker Fund**," which directly supports research being conducted at the *Shriners Hospitals* specializing in providing burn care.

Recognized as leaders in pediatric burn care, *Shriners Hospitals for Children®* operates four hospitals specifically dedicated to treating children with burn injuries.

Because of strides made in both research and clinical care since the mid-1960's a burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled.

Clowns belonging to the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) are dedicated to helping the children in our hospitals.

"The Sneaker Fund" contributed thousands of dollars each year to the vital research programs underway at *Shriners Hospitals*. Since its inception in 1973, the *Sneaker Fund* has raised more than \$5 million for research aimed at finding improved treatments and techniques for children with burn injuries.



The Sneaker Fund was established by the Northeast Shrine Clown Association for the purpose of purchasing sneakers for patients at the **Boston Shriners Hospital**.

Doctors recommended that patients with burn injuries wear sneakers because of the comfort and sturdiness they provide.

To raise funds to buy sneakers, clown units in the Northeast used a large plastic sneaker to collect donations during their performances.

Other Shrine Clown units became involved in the program, and as contributions substantially increased, the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) decided to direct its efforts toward supporting burn research. Today, all donations raised through "**The Sneaker Fund**" benefit burn research programs.



The original plaster sneaker is on display at the Boston *Shriners Hospital*, and clown units now use large red-and-white canvas sneakers to collect funds during performances.



"The Sneaker Fund"

program is approved annually by the Imperial Council as a fundraising project for the *Shriners Hospitals* specializing in burn care, but each Potentate has the option of authorizing the fundraiser to be organized by his temple.

The *Shriners Hospitals for Children®* that specialize in providing burn care:



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