

# Shriners Hospitals For Children 20 Questions



1. **What is the total Shrine membership?**  
Approximately 400,000.
2. **How many Shriners temples are there?**  
There are 191 Shriners temples, or chapters, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.
3. **What was the first Shriners chapter?**  
Mecca Shriners, organized in New York City in 1872.
4. **When did the first Shriners Hospital open, and where is it located?**  
In 1922, in Shreveport, La.
5. **Where are the Shriners Hospitals located that provide burn care?**  
Galveston, Texas, (opened in 1966); Cincinnati (opened in 1968); Boston (opened in 1968); and Sacramento, Calif., (opened in 1997).
6. **Where are the Shriners Hospitals located that provide spinal cord injury care?**  
Philadelphia (opened in 1980); Chicago (opened in 1983); and Sacramento, Calif., (originally opened in San Francisco in 1984).
7. **What is the purpose of Shriners Hospitals for Children?**  
1) TREATMENT: To provide the highest quality care, encouraging the best recovery possible; 2) RESEARCH: To conduct research in orthopaedics, burns and spinal cord injury, leading to improvements in quality of care and life; 3) EDUCATION: To train medical professionals in the treatment of orthopaedic disabilities, spinal cord injuries and burns.
8. **What does it cost for a child to receive care at a Shriners Hospital?**  
Nothing. All care and services at Shriners Hospitals are provided totally without charge to the patient or family.
9. **Where does the money come from to operate the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**  
Gifts, bequests, income from the endowment fund, hospital fundraising events and the annual assessment paid by every Shriner.
10. **What is the total 2007 budget for Shriners Hospitals for Children?**  
\$721 million. The 2007 operating budget is \$655 million, including \$37 million for research. The capital expenditures budget is \$66 million.
11. **How much of the 2007 Shriners Hospitals operating budget is used directly for patient care and research at the hospitals?**  
Approximately 93 percent.
12. **To date, how much money has been spent operating the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**  
Approximately \$8.2 billion.

13. **To date, how much has been spent on construction costs for the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**  
Over \$1.76 billion.
14. **To date, how many children have been helped at the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**  
Approximately 835,000.
15. **In 2006, how many admissions were made to the orthopaedic hospitals?\***  
\*23,832
16. **In 2006, how many admissions were made to the burn hospitals?**  
3,973
17. **In 2006, how many outpatient, outreach and telemedicine clinic visits were recorded at the 22 hospitals?**  
296,859
18. **Up to what age are children admitted to Shriners Hospitals for Children?**  
Up to their 18th birthday.
19. **What is the average length of stay at the orthopaedic hospitals?**  
4.12 days
20. **What is the average length of stay at the burn hospitals?**  
4.26 days

*All figures, unless otherwise noted, are through Dec. 31, 2006.*

*\* 7Includes N. California hospital*

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