



Shriners Hospitals
for Children™

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR TREATMENT:

The form must be completed by a parent or legal guardian of the child needing treatment. Please fill out as much information as you can. *We will need complete information for the child and complete information for the parent(s) or guardian, including names and addresses, in order to proceed with the application process. If there is a family situation that prevents including complete information for both parents, please indicate this on the application.*

If you have questions regarding the form, please call our patient referral line weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time at 1-800-237-5055 in the United States or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada.

What is a “Legal Guardian”?

A legal guardian is a person appointed by a court or with legal authority to act in the place of a child’s parent. If there is a legal guardian, please fill out this section of the form completely, including name and address. Please have the legal documentation with you at your first visit to Shriners Hospitals for verification.

What is “Additional Relations”?

The “additional relations” field is for the name and address of a responsible adult who we can contact in the event we cannot reach a parent or guardian.

What is “Sponsoring Temple and Shriner”?

In many cases, Shriners assist families with obtaining care at a Shriners Hospital for Children. If a Shriner is not assisting your family, this area does not need to be completed. If a Shriner is assisting your family and you do not know his name, please indicate this on the form.

What is a “Referring Physician”?

A referring physician is the medical professional who referred you to Shriners Hospitals for Children. In many cases, the referring physician is your primary care provider. If the referring physician is not your primary care provider, please include the first and last name and address of the medical professional who referred you to Shriners Hospitals. If you were not referred by a physician or other medical professional, please indicate this on the form.

Is providing my insurance/health plan information necessary?

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides their services at no charge. However, in some cases, necessary medical services not normally provided by Shriners Hospitals may need to be obtained from an outside medical facility. In these instances, Shriners Hospitals for Children will handle the referrals and cover any deductible or co-payments required by your insurance plan.

Will my primary care provider be kept up-to-date with my child’s treatment?

A primary care provider is defined as a person who provides your family comprehensive medical care. The provider can be a physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner.

Yes. Shriners Hospitals for Children works with your primary care provider and keeps him/her informed about your child’s treatment progress. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a partner in care with your family doctor. Please be sure to provide



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us with your primary care provider's first and last name, address and phone number. If you do not have a primary care provider, please indicate this on the form.

Where do I return the application?

Please mail the application to the nearest hospital that specializes in the type of condition for which you seek treatment (spinal cord rehabilitation, orthopaedics, burn injury or cleft lip and palate). A list of the hospitals by specialty can be found on our homepage at [www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/ Hospitals for Children](http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Hospitals_for_Children) in our "links" section.

I am outside the United States, Canada or Mexico. Can Shriners help my child?

When submitting an application from a country outside the United States, Canada and Mexico, please include a letter, in English, explaining the child's medical condition and the reasons why the child cannot receive treatment in your home country. In addition, copies of the child's medical records (translated into English) must be sent with the letter and completed application to:

Dr. Peter F. Armstrong
Director of Medical Affairs
Shriners International Headquarters
2900 North Rocky Point Dr.
Tampa, FL 33607

If accepted, the family will be responsible for transportation to Shriners Hospitals from their home country, as well as housing while in the United States.

Please note that Shriners Hospitals for Children cannot accept patients from other countries with the following conditions: spina bifida (myelodysplasia), cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, myelomeningocele, multiple limb deficiencies, scoliosis or other chronic conditions requiring long-term care.