



I am thrilled to announce a new Chief of Staff and new burn surgeon for Shriners Children’s Ohio! This puts our patients and staff first while further strengthening our care model as the system’s only hospital-within-a-hospital.

Dr. Sara Higginson, FACS, comes to us from the University of California San Francisco – Fresno, where she served as Director of the Leon S. Peters Burn Center. She’s a member of the American Burn Association and serves on the Quality and Burn Registry Committee.

Dr. Higginson has ties to Ohio. She earned Medical Doctorate and Post Baccalaureate Program at The Ohio State University. Prior to earning her MD, Dr. Higginson earned a BS in Biological Sciences at UCLA and joined the United States Navy as a helicopter pilot. After serving in the Navy, she joined MedFlight of Ohio as an EMS pilot and discovered her passion for medicine, specifically trauma patients.

Dr. Higginson will be supported by Dr. Alice (Ali) Fagin, FACS. Dr. Fagin is familiar with Shriners Children’s as she completed one of her burn and trauma critical care fellowships at Shriners Children’s Northern California. She earned her BS in Biology and Society from Cornell University and attended the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine for her M.D.

Ohio hospital staff and the Board of Governors welcomed Drs. Higginson and Fagin at a special ceremony where they were presented with their new white coats, proudly embroidered with Shriners Children’s Ohio.

Our new Chief of Staff and burn surgeon reflect our commitment to providing the best warp-around care for children recovering from burns or complex wound and skin conditions. We are partnering this with our expanded craniofacial and cleft lip and palate program to be one of the top destinations for both burn and pediatric specialty surgery.



I’m especially grateful to make this announcement as we head into the holiday season. Your generosity of time, talent and financial support means more children and families can access our care, regardless of their ability to pay. Shriners Children’s truly provides the Most Amazing Care Anywhere.

Sincerely,  
  
Dennis Hewatt



If you know a child we can help, go to ***shrinersohio.org*** or call: **855-206-2096**

Shriners Children’s™ Ohio is one of only four Shriners hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians’ experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Children’s Ohio a first choice for care.

**Conditions Treated**

- Burns
- Cleft Lip & Palate
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Complex Wounds & Skin Conditions

*All services provided regardless of the family’s ability to pay.*