Trauma Burn Center



Internationally recognized leader in patient care, research, injury prevention, and rehabilitation

- Founded in 1959, The University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center (TBC) was one of the first dedicated burn units in the United States.
- The TBC is verified as both a Burn Center and a Level-1 Trauma Center by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons. To become verified, a center must demonstrate leadership in research, education, outreach and prevention, system planning, and the ability to care for the most severely injured patients.
- Each year, we admit an average of 1,400 patients suffering from multiple traumatic injuries or burns.
- Our expert team provides multidisciplinary care and services from admission through rehabilitation.

Pioneer in the creation of prevention programs

- Our programs address preventable injuries to children, adolescents, and adults as well as the medical, legal, social, and financial consequences of injury and disability.
- We are committed to community education on prevention, consequences, and treatment of traumatic injury.



Straight Talk: Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program

A family-oriented program targeting youth 8 - 17 who exhibit behaviors associated with the misuse of fire (playing with matches or lighters, using accelerants, firesetting, fireworks, bottle bombs, arson, etc.). It is also for youth who have observed others playing with fire or who are at risk for experimentation. Social workers, firefighters, arson police, burn survivors, and medical personnel teach the medical, social, legal, and financial consequences associated with the misuse of fire. Youth/families receive interactive education and techniques to promote a safe home environment and prevent injuries. Straight Talk is available to families and has been nationally recognized and scientifically proven as an exemplary prevention and intervention program.



Burn Camp for Children

A special week designed for children who have survived a burn injury. Recovery from a burn is a life-long journey that requires dealing with many difficult physical, emotional, and psychological issues such as peer- and self-acceptance. Burn camp offers a safe, nurturing, and fun environment to share emotions and stories with other kids who have experienced similar injuries. Contact the Trauma Burn Center for more details on this opportunity.



Phoenix SOAR

Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery (SOAR)

A no-cost program intended to assist past and present patients and their families in adapting to a burn injury through the support of others with similar experiences. Designed by the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors and a national committee of experts, the SOAR training program empowers volunteers with information and skills needed to provide appropriate forms of guidance to others.



Trauma Burn Pre-Hospital Education

Continuing pre-hospital education is vital to improving patient outcome and provides an excellent opportunity to review and refine patient pre-hospital care initiatives. Topics are presented by experts in the fields of trauma and burns, injury prevention, workplace safety, and emergency medicine. www.traumaburn.org/prevention/conference



International Center for Automotive Medicine (ICAM)

ICAM combines the exceptional medical, engineering, and educational resources of U-M with the unmatched automotive, technical, and industrial resources in Michigan. Our mission is to foster synergistic research between medical specialties, biomedical, and automotive engineering to develop new technologies, medical treatments, education, and policies that prevent injuries and improve care. For online continuing education: www.crashedu.org

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Leland Gayheart Prevention Award

As a tribute to a firefighter who lost his life to a burn injury, the Leland Gayheart Prevention Award was created to encourage prevention programs within local fire departments. An honorarium is awarded annually to fire departments whose innovative efforts have demonstrated a statewide, countywide, or citywide impact on fire safety and prevention. This award is presented in joint effort by the Gayheart family and the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center: www.traumaburn.org/prevention/leland



State of Michigan Burn Coordinating Center

Designated as the State Burn Coordinating Center for Michigan, the Trauma Burn Center is responsible for training first responders and medical personnel throughout the state to properly respond to catastrophic burn-related events and injuries. This training ensures that a highly-coordinated response is executed in Michigan and its surrounding region for burn mass casualty incidents. To access online training modules: www.michiganburn.org



Sean's Story: A National Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Toolkit

Fire misuse behaviors (firesetting, arson, playing with lighters, experimenting with bottle bombs, igniting aerosols, etc.) are associated with devastating costs, injuries, and life-changing consequences. This unique intervention tool enables community educators to lead discussions on methods to halt fire misuse behaviors and is available at no cost to fire departments, police departments, schools, social service agencies, juvenile courts, hospitals, and other JFSI specialists. To learn more about the Sean's Story toolkit, visit www.traumaburn.org/Seans-Story



Returning to Education and Continued Healing (REACH)

This school reintegration program provides information and tools necessary for parents, school personnel, and health professionals to positively support a child returning to their school and community after a serious illness or burn injury. This no-cost web-based tool features self-learning modules, video clips, testimonials, handouts and more. Additional program materials will be available by Spring 2018. Learn more at: www.reach.traumaburn.org



Customized Injury Prevention and Outreach Education Available

Upon request, we also provide educational programs to older adults, schools, medical professionals, first responders, youth programs, firefighters, and other interested groups in our community. To request a presentation, email us at traumaburn@umich.edu

Save the Date!

The Burn Survivor and Family Workshop will take place virtually on Saturday, June 5, 2021 and is open to all burn survivors, their family members, medical professionals, and fire service 18 years of age and older. This workshop is hosted by the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, and Detroit Medical Center's Burn Centers.

Also, we get it – virtual fatigue is a real thing. But you don't want to miss this opportunity to connect with your community. It will refresh your spirit, renew your sense of belonging, and inspire you to stay connected, and take the next step in your journey.

Watch for updates on www.traumaburn.org

Program Support

We are able to provide our programs through generous donations from organizations, corporations, and individuals. For more information on how your gift will make a difference or to make a donation visit www.traumaburn.org/giving

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