



# St. Joseph Regional Burn Center

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## Making a difference—together

Welcome to the first issue of St. Joseph Regional Burn Center's newsletter. The newsletter was designed as a communication tool to keep you, our colleagues, informed of what is happening at the center, as well as in the world of burn care.

This issue contains ABA criteria for referral to a burn center and Advanced Burn Life Support class information. Please take a moment to re-familiarize yourself with the referral criteria, because as you know, time is of the essence for a patient who has

been severely burned. I would also encourage you to consider taking the ABLS class. It offers valuable information on initial care for burn patients that can truly impact outcomes.

If the burn team can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call. We are eager to work with you to make sure burn patients in our region continue to receive the best possible care. Together, we will continue to make a difference for burn patients and their families in the communities we serve.

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YOUR RESOURCE FOR BURN PATIENT CARE, 24/7.

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St. Joseph Regional Burn Center is part of Lutheran Health Network. Its critical care transport team includes Lutheran Air and the Mobile Intensive Care Units.

approx.  
**225**

burn patients are treated at St. Joseph Regional Burn Center (inpatient) each year.

# 874

burn patients were treated at St. Joseph Regional Burn Center's **Outpatient Clinic** in 2006.

St. Joseph Regional Burn Center is **NATIONALLY VERIFIED** by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons.

St. Joe is the **ONLY** center in northeastern Indiana and among only **46** such centers **IN THE U.S.**

## MEDICAL DIRECTORS



Kevin Berning, MD



John Mancoll, MD

KEVIN BERNING, MD, AND JOHN MANCOLL, MD, ARE THE CO-MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF THE ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL BURN CENTER. They oversee direct patient care, which includes nonsurgical and surgical medical management, and educate staff as well as the general public on the center and its services. In addition, both physicians are currently involved in the expansion of St. Joe's burn and wound care service lines. Both physicians are practicing plastic surgeons at Summit Plastic Surgery.

**Dr. Berning** earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University in 1991. He later earned a medical degree from Northwestern University in 1996. Dr. Berning worked in general surgery at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1996—1999 and completed a plastic surgery residency at Butterworth and Blodgett hospitals in 2001. Dr. Berning completed advanced training in hand/microvascular surgery at the Buneke Clinic in San Francisco in 2002, the same year he joined Summit Plastic Surgery.

**Dr. Mancoll** received a bachelor's degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., in 1986, and later earned his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Vir., in 1991. He completed an internship (1992) and a residency (1994) in general surgery at Eastern Virginia School of Graduate Medicine. He also completed a residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at University of Texas Medical Research Branch in Galveston in 1997. Dr. Mancoll joined Summit Plastic Surgery in 1999.

**43%** of burns occur in the home.  
(17% street/highway accidents, 8% at work, 32% other)

source: Statistics on Admissions to Burn Centers, 1995–2005 (www.ameriburn.org)



## JORDAN'S STORY

In July 2004, when he was just 15, Jordan Long was burned over 48 percent of his body. He underwent several surgeries and several weeks of rehab.

Today, Jordan is well on his way to recovery, thanks to the experienced and compassionate staff at St. Joseph Hospital's Regional Burn Center, the region's only verified burn center.

"The care at St. Joe was second to none, and everyone treated me and my parents like family. This entire experience has changed my life in a lot of ways. But I wouldn't even be here today if it weren't for the doctors and staff at St. Joe. They gave me back my life," said Jordan.

*Jordan, now 17, volunteers at the St. Joseph Regional Burn Center to help other survivors by talking about his experience and giving them hope. He also participates in the monthly support groups.*



### ABLS CLASS OFFERED AT ST. JOE

This eight-hour Advanced Burn Life Support class is designed to provide firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, nurses, nurse practitioners, therapists, physician's assistants and physicians with the ability to assess and stabilize patients with serious burns during the first critical hours following injury and to identify those patients requiring transfer to St. Joseph Regional Burn Center. The course is not designed to teach comprehensive burn care, but rather to provide information that will enable those who only rarely treat burn patients to provide the care needed by a burn patient in the first 24 hours after injury. Case studies and simulation are included in the class.

For a current class schedule, contact Michelle McCarty, RN, at 260-425-3573.

Patient's admitted to a burn center have a survival rate of **94.4%**  
source: www.ameriburn.org



### SCHEDULE A SPEAKER FOR YOUR TEAM

St. Joseph Regional Burn Center physicians and nurses are available to talk to your team about:

- Burn care and treatment
- Initial management of burns
- Burn prevention

If you have another topic in mind, let us know. To schedule a speaker, contact Michelle McCarty, RN, at 260-425-3573.

The American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons recommend the following

## CRITERIA for burn center REFERRALS:

1. Partial thickness burns greater than 10% TBSA
2. Burns that involve the face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum or major joints
3. Third-degree burns in any age group
4. Electrical burns, including lightning injuries
5. Chemical burns
6. Inhalation injury
7. Burn injury in patients with pre-existing medical disorders that could complicate management, prolong recovery or affect mortality
8. Any patient with burns and concomitant trauma (such as fractures) in which the burn injury poses the greatest risk of morbidity or mortality. In such cases, if the trauma poses a greater immediate risk, the patient may be stabilized in a trauma center before being transferred to a burn center. Physician judgment is necessary in such situations in conjunction with the regional medical control plan and triage protocols.
9. Children who are burn patients in hospitals that do not have qualified personnel or equipment to care for children.

**?** Does your facility need a burn-care protocol sheet? Give us a call.