

# RECOO VERY

WITH PURPOSE

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Use your **experience** to **improve care** for  
the entire community of burn survivors.

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**ONE MILLION  
AMERICANS  
SUSTAIN BURN  
INJURIES  
EVERY YEAR.**

**45,000 ARE  
HOSPITALIZED.**

## THE MODEL SYSTEM OF

# BURN CARE

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The mission of the Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS) is to **improve the lives of burn survivors.**

We do this by promoting excellence in patient care, education and research.

There are only a few other programs in the entire country like ours. Our Burn Model System team includes dozens of experts from all across the Boston area. It is a partnership between Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston, Harvard Medical School and Boston University.

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### WHAT OUR MODEL SYSTEM DOES

#### CLINICAL CARE

- Emergency, acute and outpatient care
- Surgery and reconstruction
- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation
- Psychological support

#### RESEARCH

- Identify best practices in clinical care
- Define and measure recovery patterns
- Establish evidence that supports decisions
- Publish results to educate the entire community

#### RESOURCES

- Fact sheets and newsletters
  - Peer support
  - Community events
  - Websites and social media
  - Prevention
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# INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH. COMMUNITY RESULTS.

We use funds from the federal government to research and measure your recovery.

Why? Because studying the way you heal helps us provide high-quality care to others just like you.

**WE LEARN FROM PEOPLE WHO HEAL EASILY AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO DEAL WITH LONG-TERM ISSUES.**

This research improves our understanding of burn injuries in a big way. It helps clinicians, caregivers, burn survivors and their families make the best decisions about how to care for people with all kinds of burn injuries.

Our goal is to help you — and everyone — recover in the best way possible.

# A PERSONAL COMMITMENT.

We can learn a great deal from your answers, so we value your time and input.

Our research experts give you a survey about your life and health. The survey can be done in person, over the phone, by mail or online — whichever works best for you. You can answer whatever questions you are comfortable with.

We ask you to complete this survey a few times during your recovery: when you leave the hospital, and at 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, and then every 5 years after your burn injury.

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## WHAT OUR RESEARCH MEASURES

### MEDICAL

- Injury characteristics
- Complications
- Pain
- Itching
- Scarring

### FUNCTIONAL

- Mental health
- Physical abilities
- Sleep patterns
- Employment and education

### SOCIAL

- Satisfaction with life
  - Social activities
  - Family life
  - Relationships
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# CARING

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We invite you to become part of our caring community of burn survivors. We are all committed to improving the lives of burn survivors now and in the future.

Your experiences are valuable to our research. Our experts learn from you about the short-term and long-term outcomes after a burn injury. They translate this knowledge into the best standards of care possible.

# JOIN OUR MISSION FOR BETTER.

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Better **education**. Better **treatments**. Better **lives**.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME PART OF OUR MISSION.

Contact our team at [bostonharvardbims@partners.org](mailto:bostonharvardbims@partners.org). Visit [www.bh-bims.org](http://www.bh-bims.org) to learn more.

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