



Rare Birthmark gets Needed Surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children

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Nothing is more precious than a newborn baby. The Chesson family from northwest Ohio cherished their little girl, Seidona. She was cheerful and a delight to be around. As Seidona became a toddler, her mother, Mary soon noticed that the small pea-sized birthmark on Seidona's arm was growing. The birthmark was so troublesome; constantly sore and prone to infections, that Seidona stopped using her arm.

In search of medical answers, her parents traveled to some of the best known medical centers in the country. After multiple trips out of town, Seidona was diagnosed with a rare knix hemangioma. Hemangiomas are always present at birth, and are usually benign. Most get smaller and fade away on their own, but in rare cases, they may have permanent and disfiguring consequences.

Medical teams told Mary nothing more could be done for Seidona's birthmark. Frustrated and concerned, Mary continued to look for help. "I thought I was doing the best for my daughter, taking her to such well-known facilities," remembers Mary. "I just would not take no for an answer and then I found Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Just a few months after being seen by the medical team in Cincinnati, Seidona had surgery to remove the tumor. The Cincinnati hospital has expertise in many plastic surgery procedures, and in fact, the surgical staff has some of the most experienced and accomplished pediatric plastic surgeons in the area.

Knix hemangiomas have no established borders, so the team is following Seidona to make sure it doesn't grow back. But with surgery out of the way, Seidona is back to using her arm, happily drawing horses, attending school, and playing with friends.



Conditions Treated at the Cincinnati Hospital

BURN CARE

- Burn injuries
- Inhalation injuries
- Burn reconstruction & rehabilitation

PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE CONDITIONS

- Congenital ear deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks)
- Cleft lip and palate
- Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities)
- Congenital hand malformations
- Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys)
- Congenital breast deformities
- Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder)
- Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

COMPLEX WOUND & SKIN CONDITIONS

- Purpura Fulminans
- Necrotizing skin infections & Necrotizing Fasciitis
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis
- Port wine stains

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