

Scoliosis and the Role of Individual Care



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Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine and exists in both congenital and idiopathic forms. Children who develop scoliosis are most commonly diagnosed between the ages of 10 and 12, during their first adolescent growth spurt. Girls are more likely than boys to develop idiopathic scoliosis.

Each case of scoliosis is different, and depending on the severity of the curve, auxiliary health concerns can occur. According to Dr. Jean Ouellet, "I often tell my families that Scoliosis is a condition; not a disease. As the curvature gets severe, it can affect the lungs. They can experience problems breathing."

After a diagnosis and progressive measurements, several treatment options are available based on how rapidly a curve is progressing. Dr. Ouellet states, "If the curves are relatively small, we often just observe and see if the curve is going to get worse or not. The curves that we assess as getting worse are often braced. If the curvature continues to progress, sometimes we have to operate."

Dr. Ouellet knows first hand that the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada is the best option for families that value a welcoming, patient-focused environment. In addition, with the construction of new facilities in Montreal, this hospital offers world-class treatment facilities for children from across the country and a faculty that values a unique personal approach when treating kids.



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with Dr. Ouellet, visit:

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