

SAINT FRANCIS BOTHIN BURN CENTER RECEIVES RE-VERIFICATION Only Verified Burn Center in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2, 2005 -- The renowned Bothin Burn Center at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital has received its official re-verification from the American Burn Association/American College of Surgeons. The verification letter verifies the Bothin Burn Center for both adult and pediatric patients and commends Saint Francis for "its continued commitment to excellence, and its commitment to provide quality burn care to its patients."

Facts about the Bothin Burn Center and the verification process:

- The Bothin Burn Center is the only verified burn center in San Francisco.
- There are approximately 140 burn centers in the U.S., but only about 40 are verified.
- Burn center verification is conducted by a joint team from the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.
- Verification is a two-day process that requires several weeks of gathering and preparing data for review, including patient population, census, and quality indicators relating to physicians and nursing staff. The process includes a site visit, a chart review, and certifying that the center offers multi-disciplinary services (therapy, nutrition, burn education, psychiatry, etc.).
- Burn centers are verified every three years. The Center was one of the first burn centers in the country to receive the prestigious certification of verification. This is the third time the Bothin Burn Center has been verified.

About the Bothin Burn Center:

Established in 1967, the Bothin Burn Center at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco is the largest tertiary service, acute burn care facility in the Bay Area.

About Saint Francis Memorial Hospital:

Celebrating 100 years of caring for San Francisco, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital meets the health care needs of the community with a wide spectrum of programs and services. Saint Francis is renowned for orthopedic specialties in sports medicine, spine injuries and joint replacement as well as comprehensive burn and wound care, occupational health, emergency medicine and cancer care. For more, visit www.saintfrancismemorial.org.

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