

reasons is long term vision. Maybe that's one reasons we are all here, because of the vision and work of men before us but guess what? It's our turn, actually our obligation, to help build the solid foundation for Ahmed Shrine to prosper. Not for us but for those who come after us. *Chris Hokenson*



Parents can now check their child's spine for possible signs of scoliosis with the new app **SpineScreen** developed by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Available for free on the App Store and Google Play, **SpineScreen** detects curves as the cell phone is moved along a child's back, giving parents a quick, informal way to regularly monitor their child's spine. Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that can restrict movement and in some cases lead to other serious medical conditions. It is most commonly diagnosed between 10 and 15 years of age, when children grow rapidly. Some cases, however, can go undetected. At this point in a child's life, fewer vaccinations are required, so they may see a doctor less often. Since

early detection is crucial, Shriners Hospitals physicians encourage parents to download the free **SpineScreen** app and check kids as part of their back-to-school routine each year.

"Because there is often no known cause, monitoring for scoliosis is an important part of a child's ongoing health care," says Amer Samdani, M.D., chief of surgery for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He adds, "It is a progressive condition, so early detection is key. At Shriners Hospitals, our care ranges from routine monitoring to some of the most advanced treatments for scoliosis. The earlier we see a child, the more options we have available."

Shriners Hospitals created the app as part of a broader initiative to highlight the importance of regular screenings and to educate parents on the signs of scoliosis and treatment options.

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