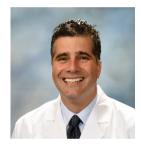
Seeking Under and Uninsured Pediatric

Surgery Patients

University Health is excited to announce a partnership with Fresh Start Surgical Gifts to provide nocost surgeries to un-or underinsured children in South Texas. The partnership is seeking patients who need procedures (surgeries, dental, interventional radiology). Patient candidates can apply to be evaluated for surgery at <u>www.freshstart.org</u>. They are screened regardless of insurance status, residency or citizenship. Physicians and staff volunteer their time on a weekend. Our first surgery date is June 24th and will be for outpatient or overnight stay patients. All surgical costs are covered by Fresh Start. Patients and families pay nothing out of pocket for these procedures.

Many children in South Texas need care but have slipped through the cracks, may not be able to afford care even if they have insurance, or their procedure is not covered by their insurance. University Health and Fresh Start hope to make a difference for these kids and families!

If you have patients that may benefit from this program, or can help us get the word out, please contact us at Fresh.Start@uhtx.com. To learn more about how the Fresh Start program works, please visit <u>https://www.freshstart.org</u>.



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