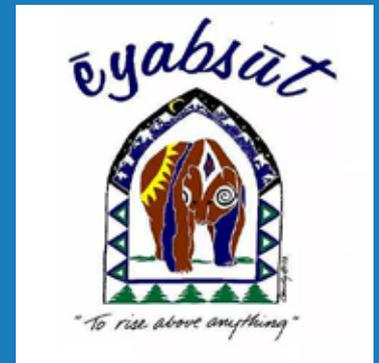




UW Burn Center Transition in Leadership

After 16 years, Dr. Nicole S. Gibran will be stepping down as the Medical Director of the UW Medicine Regional Burn Center (Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA) at the end of June 2018. Although she is leaving this leadership position, she will continue on in her position as the principal investigator for the Northwest Regional Burn Model System (NWRBMS). This is good news for all Burn Model System (BMS) investigators as Dr. Gibran has been a strong leader and advocate for this research program and future efforts. One such effort concerns the need to establish common data elements (CDEs) with other model system research programs (e.g., Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury) as well as other groups representing different injury populations.

From the entire UW Burn Center - THANK YOU Dr. Gibran for your many years of tireless service and guidance as this Center has continued to lead the way in promoting excellence in quality patient care.



Camp Eyabsut - July 15 - 21, 2018

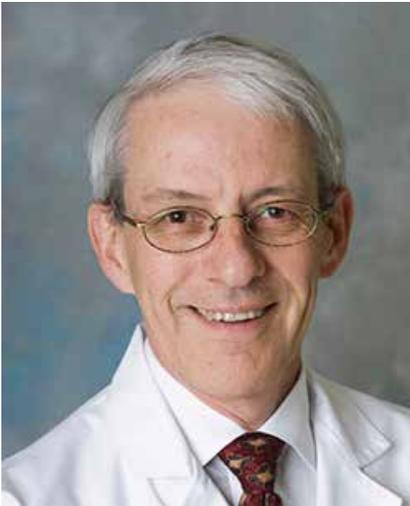
'To Rise Above Anything' - Camp Eyabsut's mission is to support, enhance and positively impact the quality of life for young burn survivors through team building, challenging activities and friendships in a fun and safe environment.

2018 promises to be a GREAT year - in fact it is the 31st year of this summer camp that provides an opportunity for campers to share their experiences with others in a supportive community.

To learn more please visit:
<https://www.campeyabsut.org/>

HARVEY STUART ALLEN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that past NWRBMS Investigator, Dr. Peter Esselman, was awarded the 2018 American Burn Association (ABA) Harvey Stuart Allen Distinguished Service Award at the most recent ABA meeting in Chicago. This award is given to an outstanding North American scientist for his/her contribution in the burn field. Congratulations Dr. Esselman and thank you for your many years of service to the burn survivor community!



You may have heard that for people with a burn injury, pigskin is one option that surgeons use to help burn patients heal their burns. That is true. Pigskin - also called xenograft - is used as a temporary (not permanent) cover to a burn wound. The skin really does come from a pig.

Here at the UW Burn Center, we also use pigskin as a biological dressing to protect grafted skin while it is healing. This cartoon was created by the child of a patient after she learned that pigskin was used to help her parent's wounds heal. We like her vision of the pig being a hero.

Injury Prevention Tip

Summer means outdoor barbeques (BBQ). Please be safe and consider the following injury prevention tips:

- Your grill should be placed well away from any structure (house, garage, tree branches).
- Only use propane or charcoal grills outdoors (never inside your home or garage).
- Clean your grill after each use. A build-up of grease can be a fire hazard.
- Use long-handled grilling tools.

Visit us online and social media

The NWRMBS maintains an active social media presence on both Facebook and Twitter. To follow/join us on Facebook, search "Northwest Regional Burn Model System". From Twitter, search "@NWRBMS" or go to <https://twitter.com/nwrmbms>.

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