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**Speak Up For Scoliosis during Scoliosis Awareness Month**

*Scoliosis Research Society recognizes**June as Scoliosis Awareness Month*

*Milwaukee, WI -- (June 1, 2022) –*  Scoliosis is a condition that causes the spine to abnormally curve sideways. Although many people have not heard of the condition it is surprisingly common, impacting infants, adolescents and adults of all races, classes, and all genders.

Approximately [one out of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis](https://www.srs.org/patients-and-families/conditions-and-treatments/parents/scoliosis/syndromic-scoliosis) will have a curve that requires active treatment, sometimes involving surgery. Early diagnosis is the key to taking important first steps to providing treatment that may prevent more serious problems.

Every June, [National Scoliosis Awareness Month](https://www.srs.org/patients-and-families/additional-scoliosis-resources/scoliosis-awareness-month) highlights the growing need for education, early detection and awareness about scoliosis and its prevalence. The campaign also unites scoliosis patients, families, physicians, clinicians, institutions, and related businesses in collaborative grassroots networking throughout the month.

Only two-thirds of states mandate or recommend scoliosis screening in schools, so it is important that friends and family members learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of the condition and know that help from their doctor is available. It is often parents or primary care providers who first identify the issue. Fortunately, an examination and X-ray can confirm the diagnosis and an expert can recommend treatment, if necessary.

As part of our advocacy effort for the month, SRS sends requests to all US governors asking them to [proclaim June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month.](https://www.srs.org/patients-and-families/additional-scoliosis-resources/scoliosis-awareness-month) We also invite all scoliosis patients, family members and advocates to support SRS’s request for proclamations [by sending letters of support](http://www.srs.org/UserFiles/file/Support_SAM_Letter.docx). Let your voice be heard in your state and take action to support those with spinal conditions.

**About Scoliosis Research Society**

The Scoliosis Research Society is a non-profit, professional organization, made up of physicians and allied health personnel. Our primary focus is on providing continuing medical education for health care professionals and on funding/supporting research in spinal deformities. Founded in 1966, SRS has gained recognition as the world's premier spine deformity society. Please visit [www.srs.org](http://www.srs.org/) for further information. Also follow us on LinkedIn, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SRS_org), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ScoliosisResearchSociety), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/srs_org), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/srs_org/).