

# Colby Whetstone

Age 7



## Maryland

Johns Hopkins Children's Center  
Burn Patient

Colby Whetstone is an energetic boy who loves “*Star Wars*” and wants to be a racecar driver. And when other children ask him about the uneven colors on his face, his reply is simple: “Oh, I just got burned.”

When Colby was 3 years old he was caught in a flash fire in his father's basement, which caused serious burns on his face, hands and from the waist down. Nearly half of his body was burned.

Today, Colby has little memory of his treatment with the pediatric burn unit at Johns Hopkins, but multiple surgeries and months of rehabilitation were required to save his life. Colby's treatment also included harvesting skin for grafting, stretching his legs to prevent tightening and consuming more than 4,000 calories daily to grow new skin. Colby and the talented team at Hopkins Children's fought hard and achieved success—the only noticeable sign that he was burned is uneven pigmentation on his face.

Colby is facing future surgeries to remove residual scars, but right now he's concentrating on playing soccer and video games.