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## THE ROLE OF THE CHILD CARE WORKER IN THE TREATMENT OF SEVERELY BURNED CHILDREN

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**ABSTRACT.** Experience with 57 children suggests that the physical and psychological rehabilitation of severely burned children is promoted in a positive and child-oriented environment. It has also suggested that the child care worker, functioning as an integral member of the burn team, can help establish a more peaceful relationship between the child and his environment and insulate him, by means of repeated positive encounters, from the

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**T**HE complex problems which severely burned children must overcome and the adjustments which they and their families have to face have been described in the past 12 years by surgeons, pediatricians, psychiatrists, nurses, and social workers.<sup>1-11</sup> This communication deals with the experiences of a new professional, the child care worker, functioning as an integral member of a burn team in a large metropolitan teaching hospital.

