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School of Medicine surgeon to write off Oswalt family hospital bill

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The trauma surgeon who helped care for six-year-old Las Vegas Timothy Oswalt, Jr. says he will write off all charges incurred by the youngster and his father following a Jan. 25th motorcycle accident. H. Scott Bjerke, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, says he was motivated by recent news accounts of the financial difficulties faced by the Oswalt family.

Although Timothy Oswalt, Sr. was pronounced dead on arrival at the University Medical Center trauma center, there were still medical charges incurred, says Bjerke. The son sustained injuries to his skull, nerves and right hand. Dr. Bjerke says his portion of the bill, which includes charges for the senior Oswalt as well as admitting, daily visits and discharges for the son, amounts to approximately \$1,260.