UI Burn Treatment Center

Burn Patient Transfers and Consultation

Follow these steps:

1. Call 319-356-2496.
2. Ask to speak to the charge nurse about a burn patient transfer/consultation.
3. Provide:
   - estimated body surface area of burn
   - age of patient
   - status of airway
   - other trauma injuries
   - proposed method of transport

Burn Center Referral Criteria

- Partial thickness burns >10% TBSA
- Burns involving face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, or major joints
- Third-degree burns in any age group
- Electrical burns, including lightning injury
- Chemical burns
- Inhalation injury
- Burns in a patient with medical history that could complicate management or prolong recovery
- Burns with associated trauma
- Burned children
- Burns in patient requiring special social, emotional, or long-term rehab intervention
- Frostbite injury

Emergency Burn Care: see back of card

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Emergency Burn Care

A - Airway
1. Assess airway
2. Establish airway

B - Breathing
1. 100% high flow O2

C - Circulation/C-spine immobilization
1. Initiate two peripheral IVs (greater than 10%)
2. LR for fluid resuscitation
3. Spine precautions as needed

D - Disability
1. Glasgow Coma Scale
2. Assess for neurological deficit

E - Evaluate Burn
1. Estimate percent of burn (see chart)
2. Expose and examine
3. Note circumferential areas
4. IV analgesia
5. Remove jewelry

F - Falling Temperature
1. Plastic wrap on wounds
2. Warm, dry blankets
3. Warm fluids

G - GI and GU Tract
1. Nothing by mouth
2. Nasogastric tube
3. Foley catheter

H - Head to Toe History
S. Signs and symptoms, mechanism of injury
A. Allergies
M. Medications
P. Past medical history
L. Last meal
E. Events leading to injury
T. Tetanus status

I - Irrigate Chemical Injuries
1. Flush eyes/skin
2. Dry dressings
RULE OF NINES
Estimate % burn for each body part according to age

1 Year of Age
5 Years of Age
Adult

Estimating Percent of Burn: (adult)

Estimating Percent of Burn for Child or Infant: see back of card
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Estimating Percent of Burn: (child or infant)

RULE OF NINES
Estimate % burn for each body part according to age

1 Year of Age
- 14
- 9
- 9

5 Years of Age
- 16
- 36
- 16

1 Year of Age
- 18
- 9
- 36
- 14
- 14