

Burn Referral Guidelines: Criteria for Referral

Adults and children with the following injuries should be discussed with the local Burn Service

Cause

- Inhalation injury
- Deep dermal and full thickness
- Electrical
- Chemical
- Burns with trauma

Affected Area

- Face, hands, genitals, feet, joints, scalp, ears
- Circumferential

Size

- >1% Total Body Surface Area [TBSA] in children
- >3% TBSA in adults

Age

- Neonates (<28 days old)

Wound

- Not healed within 2 weeks
- Infected

DISCUSS

- Suspected non accidental injury, mental health history or self-harm
- Progressive non burn skin loss conditions (TENS, SSSS, Necrotising Fasciitis)
- Significant co-morbidity (eg diabetes) or immunocompromised patients
- Friction burns with full thickness skin loss
- Cold burns with full thickness skin loss
- Older people (60+)
- Children "unwell" with a burn (see below) *
- Any other case that causes concern

* Toxic Shock Syndrome /Burns Sepsis Syndrome

Seek early advice from local Burn Service

Consider treating with fluid resuscitation, IV antibiotics +/- FFP

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Any patient
Any size burn
Any of these symptoms

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Risk of Toxic Shock Syndrome



- Temperature > 38°C
- Rash
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- General malaise
- Not eating or drinking
- Tachycardia/tachypnoea
- Hypotension
- Reduced urine output

CONTACT DETAILS



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If in doubt, seek early advice from local Burn Service

Telephone support and advice on initial care of any patient with a burn injury is available at all times