

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: OBTAINING CONSULTS ON PEDIATRIC BURN PATIENTS

GUIDELINES: To provide guidance and understanding in the necessary consults for patients with burn injuries.

NOTE: Patients with suspected trauma, follow the recommendations of the trauma consults guidelines in addition to burns.

1. ENT consult for patients with inhalation injuries not currently mechanically ventilated, at the discretion of the Attending.
2. PICU consult for pediatric patients that will need to be admitted to the PICU. (Admitted under Burn service).
3. NAT Referral- All children suspected of non-accidental trauma will be referred to Pediatric surgery.
4. A Vascular surgery consult should be obtained for complex vascular injury due to severe burns, at the discretion of the attending.
5. An Ophthalmology consult for patients who have had a flash or other burn to the face. (eyebrows and eyelashes noted to be singed)
6. Nutrition consult-All burn patients are required to have a nutrition consult within 24hours of admission.
7. Occupational/Physical Therapy consult: Consult is required for all patients within 24 hours of admission.
8. Social Work consult is required for burn patients on admission.
9. Spiritual Care consult is required for burn patients on admission.
10. Speech Language Pathologist: for patients with deep facial burns and/or prolonged intubation. At the discretion of the attending.
11. PM&R consults are to be placed for patients with a TBSA >20
12. Palliative care consults are required for patients who have a Baux score > than 100% or suspected anoxic injury.