OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: OBTAINING CONSULTS ON ADULT 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. An ENT consult for patients with inhalation injuries not currently mechanically ventilated, at the discretion of the Attending.

2. A Vascular surgery consult should be obtained for complex vascular injury due to severe burns, at the discretion of the attending.

3. An Ophthalmology consult for patients who have had a flash or other burn to the face. (eyebrows and eyelashes noted to be singed)

4. Nutrition consult-All burn patients are required to have a nutrition consult within 24 hours of admission.

5. Occupational/Physical Therapy consult: Consult is required for all patients within 24 hours of admission.

6. Ace Consult for:
   a. A Geriatric Burn Patient is any burn patient >65 years old.
   b. A Medically Complex Geriatric Burn Patient is any geriatric burn patient with a previous history of dementia or delirium or uncontrolled major medical condition (i.e. HTN with SBP > 160 after adequate pain control, DM with a hyperosmolar state).
   c. Any patient >85 will also be considered complex regardless of history.

7. Palliative Care: Palliative care consults for Adults will be made on patients who have a Baux score > than 100% or suspected anoxic injury.