

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: PATIENT APPROPRIATENESS FOR ADULT BURN ADMISSIONS

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GUIDELINES:

The following are criteria/guidelines that need to be considered in admitting a patient to the Burn Unit:

1. All patients with the following thermal or chemical injuries
 - a. >10% full thickness burn
 - b. >20% partial thickness burn
 - c. Any circumferential burn of an extremity (full or partial thickness)
 - d. Deep second or third degree burns that involve critical areas of face, hands, feet, & perineum with discussion with manager or designee.
3. Documented or suspected inhalation injury:
 - a. Requiring mechanical ventilation or non-invasive mechanical support (BIPAP, CPAP)
 - b. Associated with a carboxyhemoglobin of >20% measured any time after the burn
 - c. With associated with hoarseness, stridor, carbonaceous sputum
 - d. Requiring bronchoscopy or laryngoscopy
4. Any patient sustaining thermal or chemical injury that meets the admission criteria
5. Thermal injury that are estimated to require > 10 liters of resuscitation fluid in the first 24 hours
6. Chemical burns
7. Electrical burns requiring monitoring for compartment syndrome, myonecrosis, or myoglobinuria
8. Patients who have pre-existing medical problems requiring special monitoring at the discretion of the Burn unit attending
9. Patients with other skin problems that need the special services of the Burn unit as described above but not limited to:
 - a. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
 - b. TENS >10%
 - c. Epidermolysis Bullosa