

BURNS

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- Second or third degree burns (contact with caustic material, electricity or fire) involving 15% or more of body surface area or those associated with respiratory involvement

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Consider early intubation for severe facial burns
- Burns with trauma mechanism need to be transported according to the Marin County Trauma Triage Tool

TREATMENT

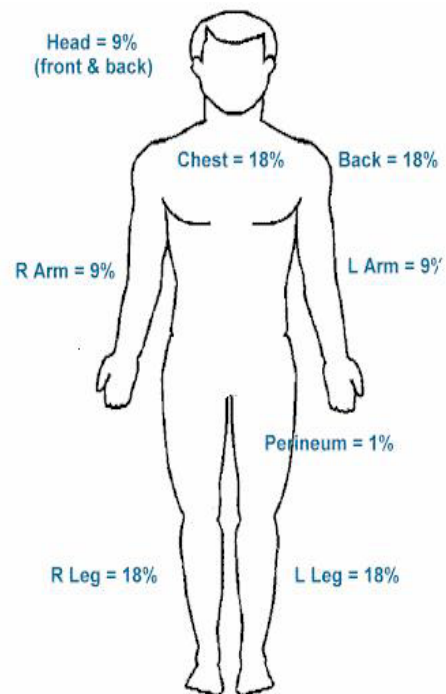
- ALS RMC
- Thermal/Electrical:
 - Remove patient to safe area
 - Eliminate source and stop the burning process (water may be used in the first few minutes to stop the burning process)
 - Remove all clothing/ jewelry
- Chemical:
 - Brush away any dry chemicals
 - Attempt to identify chemical; flush affected area with copious amounts of water unless contraindicated
- Support ventilation with high flow oxygen
 - If wheezing, consider bronchodilator therapy- **Albuterol** 5 mg in 6 ml NS HHN
 - Re-evaluate airway frequently
- Expose affected area and apply clean dry sheet
- Keep patient warm to avoid hypothermia
- IV **NS** wide open; reassess VS after one liter
- Pain management as indicated
- Transport by ground. If there is respiratory involvement, transport to the time closest ED by air or ground.

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Estimated body surface area percentage affected

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Adult Pain Management ATG 2
- Bronchospasm/ Asthma/ COPD R 4
- Destination Guidelines GPC 4
- Marin County Trauma Triage Tool



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