

BURNS CENTRE CONSULTATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines are meant to facilitate consultations and/or transfer to a Burns Centre and should be applied using clinical judgement. Final decision to transfer remains at the discretion of the referring and receiving physicians.

The decision to transfer should be made within 1 hour.

For ALL paediatric and adult burns, contact CritiCall Ontario for consultation and potential referral to a Burn Centre

All consultations should be coordinated through CritiCall: 1-800-668-4357

Systems Criteria

Any patient with a major burn injury (without other traumatic mechanism) requiring consultation or who requires more care than can be provided at the referring centre based on the assessment of the ED physician. A major burn injury with traumatic mechanism should be transferred to the regional Lead Trauma Hospital.

Physiological Criteria

CONSIDER TRANSFER TO MAJOR BURN CENTRE

- $\geq 20\%$ TBSA partial and/or full thickness at any age
- $\geq 10\%$ TBSA partial and/or full thickness for ages ≤ 10 and ≥ 50
- Full thickness burns $\geq 5\%$ TBSA at any age
- Burns to hands, face, feet, joints, genitalia, perineum
- Electrical burns
- Chemical burns
- Inhalation injury
- Burns with comorbidity
- Burns with patients who require special social, emotional, or rehabilitation care

CONSIDER TRANSFER TO MINOR BURN CENTRE

- Burns $>10\%$ but $<20\%$ TBSA in adults

REMAIN AT BASE SITE

- Burns $<10\%$ TBSA in adults who do not require transfer but seek medical advice or an ambulatory burns clinical referral for assessment

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

High risk considerations which may warrant transfer at a lower clinical threshold. These considerations include:

- ≥ 50 years of age
- Anticoagulation
- Immunosuppression
- Pregnancy
- Diabetes
- Other significant medical problems

For any considerations, consult with on-call physician through CritiCall.

Refer to ABA (American Burn Association) Burn Centre Referral Criteria