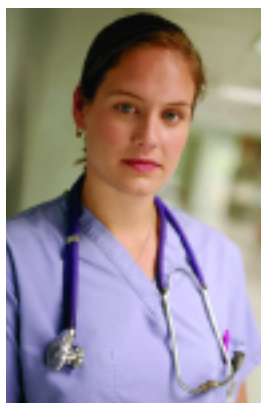


Burn Unit Referral Criteria

- Partial thickness burns greater than 10% total body surface area
- Burns involving the face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum or major joints
- Third-degree burns in any age group
- Electrical burns, including lightning injury
- Chemical burns
- Inhalation injury
- Burn injury in patients with preexisting medical disorders that could complicate management, prolong recovery or affect mortality
- Any patient with burns and concomitant trauma in which burn injury poses the greatest risk of morbidity or mortality
- Burn patients (children and adults) that need access to equipment and services available at a Level 1 trauma center
- Burn injury in patients who will require special social, emotional or long-term rehabilitative intervention



Characteristics of Burns

First Degree

- Minor damage to the skin
- Color – pink to red
- Painful
- Skin is dry without blisters

Second Degree

- Skin is moist, wet and weepy
- Blisters are present
- Color – bright pink to cherry red
- Lots of endema
- Very painful

Third Degree

- Skin may be very bright red or dry and leathery, charred, waxy white, tan or brown
- Charred veins may be visible
- Area is insensate – the person is unable to feel touch in areas of full thickness injury

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