

# 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  $\leq 10$  and  $\geq 50$
- 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:

- $\geq 50$  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