

Paediatric Burns Clinical Priority Access Guideline

Please note this is a guideline for referral only and does not replace clinical judgement

When to contact the Burns Fellow in hours/General Surgical Registrar On-Call

The following list of burns require *immediate consultation* with the Burns Fellow during hours or the General Surgical Registrar on-call via switch board 81617000 who will determine if emergency presentation is required.

The following conditions are examples and not an exhaustive list:

- > Burns greater than 5% Total Body Surface Area (TBSA)
- > Burns to face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, major joints
- > Full thickness burns
- > Electrical burns
- > Chemical burns
- > Inhalation injury
- > Circumferential burns
- > Burn injury with pre-existing medical disorders known to effect wound healing
- > Burns with associated trauma
- > Burn injury with suspicion of non-accidental injury

The above criteria are based on the Australian and New Zealand Burn Association (ANZBA) transfer guidelines for Burn Service Referrals (2007)

It may be necessary to send imaging for review to childrensburns@health.sa.gov.au to assist with the triaging process

Priority and anticipated waiting times for appointments

Priority will be based upon the information provided in the referral and will be triaged according to the clinic process by the Burns Advanced Clinical Practice Consultant

URGENT	SEMI-URGENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All burns from the ANZBA list that did not require emergency presentation after consultation with the Burns Fellow/General Surgical Registrar. > Any burn if the referral service does not have the specialised dressings required. > Moderate risk of permanent damage if assessment and treatment is delayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All other burns that the referral service doesn't not have the service to follow them up – e.g. Metropolitan Emergency Departments > Slight risk of permanent damage if assessment and treatment is delayed
<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minor hand burn that was able to have initial treatment at referral service > Minor burn with temporary non adhesive covering 	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minor burn initially treated at local hospital
<p><i>We aim to see these patients as soon as possible within 1 – 3 days</i></p>	<p><i>These patients will be given the next appropriate appointment within 7 days</i></p>