



**Burns**

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**Information Needed**

- Type/source of burn: chemical, electrical, thermal, steam
- Complicating factors: concomitant trauma, exposure in enclosed space, total time of exposure, drug or alcohol use, smoke or toxic fumes, delayed resuscitation, compartment syndrome of extremities, chest, or abdomen.

**Objective Findings**

- Evidence of inhalation injury or toxic exposure (i.e., carbonaceous sputum, hoarseness/stridor, or singed nasal hairs).
- Extent of burn: full or partial thickness and body surface area (BSA) affected.
- Entrance or exit wounds for electrical or lightning strike or trauma from an explosion, electrical shock or fall.

**Transport Notes**

- All pts suffering from an electrical burn shall be transported for evaluation.
- Contact the closest base/modified base hospital for destination consultation on pts with any of the following:
  - Full thickness (3°) burns of the hands, feet, face, perineum, or >2% of any BSA
  - Partial thickness (2°) burns >9% of BSA
  - Significant electrical or chemical burns

**BLS**

- O<sub>2</sub> at appropriate rate, consider BVM early for altered LOC or respiratory distress
- Assess V/S, including SpO<sub>2</sub>
- Remove wet dressings and cover with dry, clean dressings

**LALS**

- Cardiac monitor (**AEMT II**)
- Consider EtCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring/trending (**AEMT II**)
- Consider early advanced airway if evidence of inhalation injury or compromised respiratory effort
  - ① The likelihood of airway compromise is increased in burn pts receiving IV/IO fluid administration
  - ① Airway compromise/occlusion is likely for pts with burns >25-30% BSA, regardless of location of burns

**IV/IO (AEMT IO use authorized for pediatric pts only) – NS/LR TKO (in non-burned extremity)**

- For 2° & 3° burns >9% BSA, facial burns, or if IV/IO pain management is necessary
- Administer 1000 mL fluid bolus for adult pts or 20 mL/kg fluid bolus for pediatric pts with 2° or 3° burns >9% BSA or signs of hypovolemia (note increased airway compromise warning above & closely monitor)

**Albuterol (if wheezes are present)**

- 5 mg in 6 mL NS via HHN, mask or BVM

Destination Per  
General Trauma  
Mgmt. Protocol  
(T-1 LALS)

Does pt meet  
trauma triage  
criteria?

Pain  
management  
necessary?

Go to Pain  
Mgmt. Protocol  
(M-8/M-8P  
LALS)



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Burn Chart

