

# **BURNS TRAUMA**

# Facial burns management Immersive scenario

Facilitator resource kit





#### **Queensland Trauma Education**

The resources developed for Queensland Trauma Education are designed for use in any Queensland Health facility that cares for patients who have been injured as a result of trauma. Each resource can be modified by the facilitator and scaled to the learners needs as well as the environment in which the education is being delivered, from tertiary to rural and remote facilities.

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# About this training resource kit

This resource kit provides healthcare workers with knowledge and skills to effectively manage a patient with thermal facial burns.

# National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards













# Target audience

Emergency department medical and nursing clinicians.

## **Duration**

60 minutes (setup, scenario, debrief).

# **Group size**

4-6 participants (or team composition applicable to local area).

# Learning objectives

By the end of this session the participant will be able to:

- perform a structured assessment of a patient presenting with thermal burns
- understand the clinical features and risks associated with airway and inhalational injury secondary to thermal burns
- demonstrate the decision-making to effectively initiate management of a patient with thermal facial burns and associated inhalational injury.

# **Facilitation guide**

- 1. Facilitator to provide participant resource kit to the participants.
- 2. Facilitator to discuss the pre-simulation briefing and deliver the immersive scenario on thermal facial burns.
- 3. Utilise the supporting documents to maximise the learning throughout immersive scenario.
- 4. Utilise the debriefing guide to evaluate participant performance and provide feedback.

# **Supporting resources**

- Structured assessment: ANZBA: Initial Management of Severe Burns
- Specific management

# Overview of facial burns

Injury following a burn can be complex, with significant variation in both the aetiology and severity requiring prompt clinical assessment and management. As per any trauma presentation, patients who have sustained a burn injury are best managed systematically, with a thorough primary and secondary survey, including a focus on burn injury patterns, characteristics and mechanisms to ensure optimal patient management.

Facial burns pose a significant risk of airway and inhalational injury which carries higher rates of patient morbidity and mortality. In particular, the treatment of facial burns often requires specialist care.

Knowledge of the initial management strategies for large and severe burns (>20% total body surface area and full thickness burns) and using a consistent, standardised approach in determining burns severity and depth assessment and recognising potential complications is critical for patient survival.

# **Further reading**

The airway in inhalational injury: diagnosis and management			
Publication	tion Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters		
Link	Link https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5446904/		

Inhalation injury from heat, smoke, or chemical irritants			
Organisation	Organisation UpToDate		
Link	https://www.uptodate.com/contents/inhalation-injury-from-heat-smoke-or-chemical-irritants		

Australian and New Zealand Burn Association	
Link	https://anzba.org.au/

Victorian Adult Burns Service at the Alfred	
Link	https://www.vicburns.org.au/

### **QLD Statewide Burns Referrals**

RBWH Bur	WH Burns Referral and Transfer Form	
Link	https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/rbwh/wp- content/uploads/sites/2/2017/06/burns-patient-referral-transfer.pdf	

Online RBWH Burns Referral Form	
Link	https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/rbwh/healthcare-services/burns/new-burns-referral-form

RBWH Burns Referral Criteria	
Link	https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/specialist_service/refer-your-patient/burns

# **QLD Statewide Patient Fact Sheet**

Department of Health Emergency Department fact sheet: Burns (15yrs and above only	
Link	https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf_file/0010/621001/ed-burns.pdf

# Structured assessment ANZBA: Initial management of severe burns

# **Initial Management** of Severe Burns

For burn injuries in adults >20% TBSA and children >10% TBSA or who meet the ANZBA transfer criteria, consider early consultation with retrieval service and burn centre



### Specific points to note in the primary survey with respect to burn injury:



Assess for history of burn in enclosed space, signs of upper airway oedema, sooty sputum, facial burns, respiratory distress (dyspnoea, stridor, wheeze, hoarse voice).

If any of the above present, airway is at risk. Consider need for intubation and secure airway as required. Maintain spinal precautions as required especially with explosion or electrical burns.

#### **BREATHING**



Assess breathing and support as required.

Assess adequacy of breathing where circumferential burns on chest wall -consider escharotomy. Administer humidified 100%FiO2.

Establish baseline ABGs and SaO2 (goal: >95%).

#### **CIRCULATION**



Assess circulation: colour, refill, HR, BP.

Insert 2 large bore peripheral IV lines. If unable consider central or intraosseous access.

#### Specific points to note in the secondary survey and initial management of burn injury:

#### **FLUID RESUSCITATION**

Guide fluid resuscitation with Parkland formula/Ambulance protocol Insert urinary catheter. Titrate fluid resuscitation to urine output goals: Adults: 0.5- 1.0 ml/kg/hr (30-50 mls/hr)

Paediatrics <30kgs: 1ml/kg/hr Maintain accurate fluid balance chart

#### **ANALGESIA**

Assess pain score to determine analgesic requirements **Adults:** 2-5mg Morphine IV repeat every 5 minute

Paediatrics: IV Morphine 0.1mg/kg repeat every 5 minutes. Maximum 0.3mg/kg Re-assess pain score (goal: Adult VAS pain score <4) and adjust analgesia accordingly. Consider Morphine Infusion for ongoing pain relief

#### MANAGING WOUND

Assess extent of burn using Rule of Nines Clean then cover the wound (see below)

## **CIRCUMFERENTIAL BURNS**

Elevate limbs where circumferential burns present.

Assess perfusion distal to burn: capillary refill, pulse, warmth, colour.

Liaise with burn service if escharotomy required (cool to touch, weak or no pulse distally).

#### **OTHER**

Cover the patient to prevent heat loss.

Insert nasogastric tube for burns >20% TBSA adults and 10%TBSA paediatrics. Keep nil orally.

Administer tetanus immunoglobulin if required.

Investigative tests as indicated.

## Wound care for transit

# Fluid resuscitation

First aid: cool running H2O -≥20 mins Clean the wound: Normal saline or 0.1% Chlorhexidine

Remove small loose dermis or blisters Assess: Extent and depth of burn injury and for circumferential injury Cover: Cling wrap longitudinally if immediate transfer (<8hrs). Paraffin

gauze or silver dressing if T/F delayed

#### Parkland formula:

#### 3-4mls IV fluid X %TBSA X kg/24hrs

1/2 fluid in 8/24 post injury 1/2 fluid in 16/24 post injury

Hartmann's solution Paediatric maintenance fluids: 5% Dextrose in 1/2 Normal Saline

Up to 10kgs: 100mls/kg/day 10-20kgs: 1000mls + 50mls/kg>10kgs/day 20-30kgs: 1500mls +20mls/kg >20kgs/day

Adapted from the Victorian Burn Service

- ✓ Airway secure
- ✓O2 insitu
- ✓ IV access established & secure
- √ Fluid resuscitation commenced √ Urinary catheter inserted & secure
- ✓ Pain controlled
- √ Wounds are covered &Patient is warm
- ✓ Elevate burnt area as appropriate
- √ Tetoxid if indicated √ Nasogastric insitu as necessary
- √ Retrieval Services aware
- ✓ N.O.K. aware
- √ History & relevant documentation copied

Source: http://anzba.org.au/assets/Initial-Management-of-Severe-Burns-2014.pdf

# **Specific management**

- 1. Assessment of facial burns: risk of airway and inhalational injury.
- 2. Management of airway burns.
- 3. Use of specific burns resuscitation fluid management.

# **Simulation event**

# This section contains the following:

- 1. Pre-simulation briefing poster
- 2. Immersive scenario
- 3. Resource requirements
- 4. Handover card
- 5. Scenario progression
  - a. State 1: Initial assessment
  - b. State 2: Ongoing management / secondary survey
  - c. State 3: Further deterioration / intubation
- 6. Supporting documents
- 7. Debriefing guide

Pre-simulation briefing

Establishing a safe container for learning in simulation



- Introductions
- Learning objectives
- Assessment (formative vs summative)
- Facilitators and learners' roles
- Active participants vs observers



# Maintain confidentiality and respect

- Transparency on who will observe
- Individual performances
- Maintain curiosity



## Establish a fiction contract

Seek a voluntary commitment between the learner and facilitator:

- Ask for buy-in
- Acknowledge limitations

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# Conduct a familiarisation

- Manikin/simulated patient
- Simulated environment
- Calling for help

Note: Adjust the pre-simulation briefing to match the demands of the simulation event, contexts or the changing of participant composition.

# Address simulation safety

Identify risks:

- Medications and equipment
- Electrical or physical hazards
- Simulated and real patients

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# **Immersive scenario**

Туре	Immersive scenario		
Target audience	Emergency department medical and nursing clinicians		
Overview	Martin is a 57-year-old male, BIBA suffering thermal burns whilst trapped in an enclosed space during a house fire. He is at risk of airway and inhalational burns injury and deteriorates soon after arrival to ED. Prompt recognition of airway risk and decision-making is required to effectively manage the patient.		
Learning objectives	By the end of this session the participant will be able to:  • perform a structured assessment of a patient presenting with thermal burns  • understand the clinical features and risks associated with airway and inhalational injury secondary to thermal burns  • demonstrate the decision-making to effectively initiate management of a patient with thermal facial burns and associated inhalational injury.		
Duration	45 minutes, including debrief.		

# **Resource requirements**

# **Physical resources**

Room setup	Resus bay in emergency	
Simulator/s	Simman 3G, Simman ALS, ALS Advanced	
Simulator set up	<ul> <li>All clothing was removed pre-hospital, patient covered with a sheet.</li> <li>Moulage: normal patient         <ul> <li>Facial burns - singed facial hairs, soot around nose and mouth.</li> <li>Truncal - burn moulage to anterior chest and abdomen.</li> <li>Limb burns - anterior surfaces of upper limbs (non-circumferential)</li> </ul> </li> <li>High flow O2 applied (15L NRB mask)</li> </ul>	
Clinical equipment	<ul> <li>Intubation medication and equipment</li> <li>Intubation checklist</li> <li>Rule of Nine burns size assessment tool</li> <li>ANZBA Initial Management of Severe Burns infographic</li> </ul>	
Access	1 x IVC setup in R ACF	
Other	ED chart and relevant paperwork (optional)	

# **Human resources**

Faculty	2 facilitators (doctor/nurse with debriefing experience) to take on roles of scenario commander and primary debrief
Simulation coordinators	1 simulation coordinator for manikin set up and control
Confederates	Ambulance officer (if available)
Other	1 nurse and 1 doctor in room to receive handover

### Handover card

Handover from ambulance officer

This is Martin, he is a 57-year-old man.

He was involved in a house fire tonight. He was pulled from the building by the Fire Service and was reportedly unconscious initially. We do not think he was thrown or sustained a blast injury but was trapped in the building for at least 15 minutes prior to the Fire Service getting him out. This was approximately 1.5 hours ago.

On our arrival he was awake and talking, with mild stridor and finding it hard to breathe, his respiratory rate was 28. We applied oxygen via a NRB and his saturations are now 96%. We did not check his saturations prior to applying oxygen. Other vitals ok - HR 120, BP 100/80mmHg, afebrile. As you can see, he has sustained burns to his face, anterior chest/abdomen and both upper limbs, these are not circumferential.

Martin is otherwise well. He is a smoker, and we think that is how the fire started. He has no regular medications, and no allergies.

We were worried about him so came straight here. He had limited cooling performed en route to hospital and has not had 20 minutes in a shower yet.

He has received 100mcg IV fentanyl. He has an 18G cannula in his R ACF.

# Scenario progression

STATE 1: INITIAL ASSESSMENT				
Vital sign	S	Script	Details	Expected actions
ECG	ST	Martin "I am in pain" *moaning*	Manikin: bilateral lung sounds – crackles (quiet)	Commence primary survey  Recognise airway involvement
HR	120	"I am in pain" *moaning*.  Obvious distress, sitting forward.	o Upper: fac	
SpO <sub>2</sub>	96% 15L NRB		Primary survey results  A: Speaking in short sentences, soot around nares, singed facial hair, unable to phonate 'E', hoarse voice	<ul> <li>Lower: crepitations and hypoxia</li> <li>Recognise need for large bore IV</li> </ul>
BP/ART	110/80		B: crepitations to both lung fields	access
RR	28		i uciicio	_
Temp	37.4			<ul><li>Call for help early given respiratory compromise</li></ul>
BGL	5		chest/abdomen and upper limbs	<ul> <li>Recognise risk to airway and discuss management options with</li> </ul>
GCS	15			team

	STATE 2: ONGOING MANAGEMENT / SECONDARY SURVEY							
Vital signs		Script	Details	Expected actions				
ECG	ST	Martin	Manikin: bilateral lung sounds – stridor	Secondary survey				
HR	120	"It's so painful"  One word responses.  *Breathlessness, stridor*		☐ Estimate burn size (TBSA) = use of attached Rule of Nines chart				
SpO <sub>2</sub>	94% 15L NRB		Secondary survey results  Head: No signs of TBI/traumatic injuries	(moulage to approx. 20%)  Investigations				
BP/ART	110/80		Abdo: soft, non-tender, burn area non-circumferential.	☐ Arrange CXR, VBG and other bloods (other bloods can be taken				
RR	32		Long bones: NAD	but results will not be available)				
Temp	37.4		Back: no areas of burn  Eyes: nil fluorescein uptake	Management				
BGL	5		Results CXR: bilateral patchy infiltrates VBG: respiratory acidosis, hypoxic	<ul><li>Continue high flow O2 therapy</li><li>Provide further analgesia</li></ul>				
GCS	14 (eyes closed)			Decision making				
Other: stridor present but minimal			TDC. Toophatory addactic, hypoxic	<ul><li>Liaise with team regarding plan for management</li></ul>				

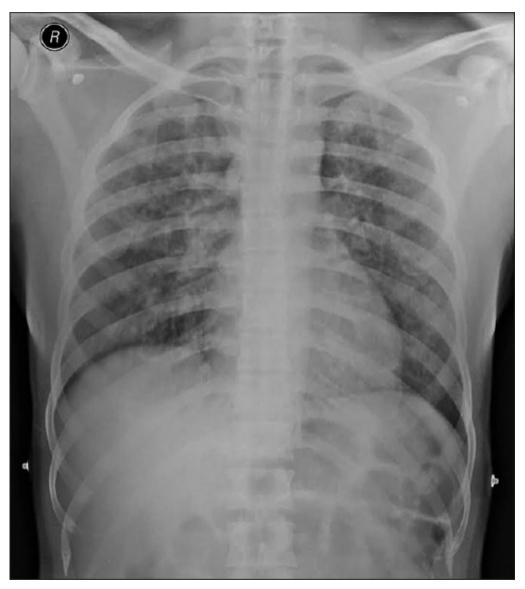
	STATE 3: FURTHER DETERIORATION / INTUBATION							
Vital signs		Script	Details	Expected actions				
ECG HR SpO <sub>2</sub> BP/ART RR Temp BGL	ST  120  90% 15L NRB  110/80  32  37.4  5  13 (eyes closed,	Martin  Able to interact but breathlessness worsening.  Ongoing complaints of pain.	Further deterioration if failure to initiate intubation (SpO2 decrease to 88%, HR increase to 130, BP decrease to 95 systolic).	Assessment  Recognition of potential inhalational injury Progressive worsening of saturations  Decision making Discuss need to progress to intubation Discuss plan for intubation (role allocation, plan A & B) Ensure adequate personnel resources available for intubation				
GCS	opening to pain)			<ul> <li>Escalate care if junior participants and require help with patient management</li> <li>Management</li> <li>Can trial NIV with nil improvement.</li> <li>Plan for and progress to successful intubation (airway is secured with plan A)</li> <li>Discuss burns referral/RSQ notification.</li> <li>Commence fluid resuscitation based on Parklands formula.</li> </ul>				

# **Supporting documents**

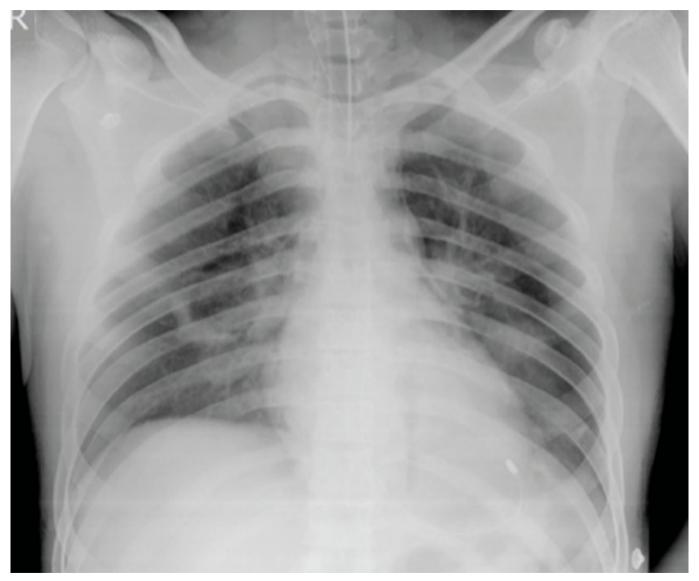
The following supporting documents are provided for this case discussion:

- 1. Radiology: CXR: Pre-intubation
- 2. Radiology: CXR: Post-intubation and OGT insertion
- 3. Pathology: Venous Blood Gas (pre-intubation)
- 4. ANZBA Referral Criteria
- 5. VIC Burns Rule of Nine
- 6. ANZBA: Initial Management of Severe Burns

# Radiology: CXR: Pre-intubation



# Radiology: CXR: Post-intubation and OGT insertion



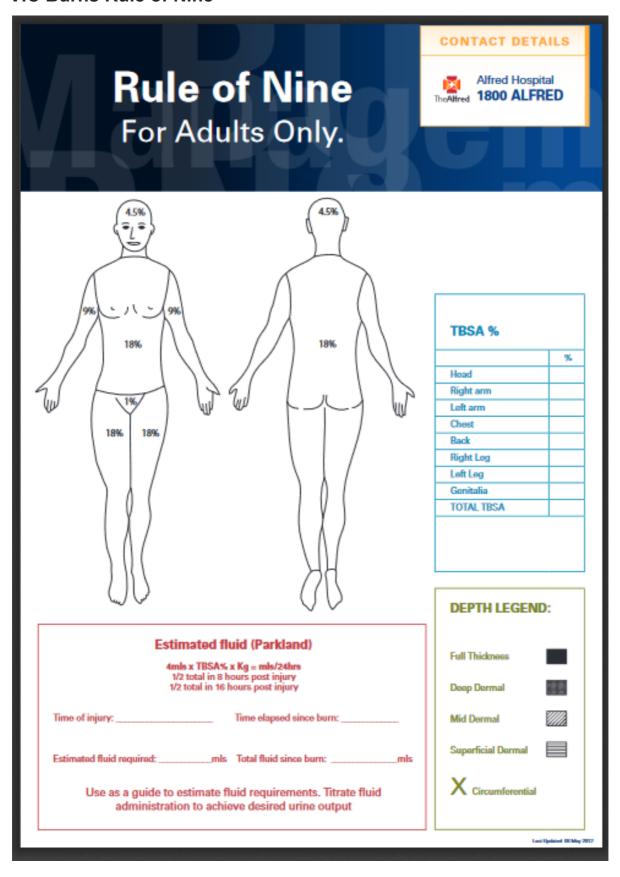
# Pathology: Venous Blood Gas (pre-intubation)

ABL837 RH~RB PATIENT REPORT	Syringe – S 250uL		Sample #	16538		
Identifications	1					
Patient ID	959612					
Patient Last Name	McPherson					
Patient First Name	Martin					
Sample type	Venous					
T	36.7					
FO2(l)	1.0					
Operator	C. Brown					
Blood Gas Values						
рН	7.16		[ 7.350 – 7.450 ]			
pCO2	53	mmHg	[ 35.0 – 45.0 ]			
pO2	41	mmHg	[ 75.0 – 100 ]			
cHCO3~(P)c	22	mmol/L	[ 21.0 – 27.0 ]			
cBase(B)c	-2.6	mmol/L	[ -3.0 - 3.0 ]			
P50c		mmHg	_			
Baro.		mmHg				
Oximetry Values						
a02		%				
ctHb	141	g/L	[ 105 – 135 ]			
Hct		%				
FO2Hb		%	[ 94.0 – 98.0 ]			
FCOHb		%	[ 0.0 – 1.5 ]			
FMetHb		%				
FННb		%	[ - ]			
Electrolyte Values						
cNa+	136	mmol/L	[ 135 – 145 ]			
cK+	4.6	mmol/L	[ 3.2 – 4.5 ]			
cCl-		mmol/L	[ 100 – 110 ]			
cCa2+		mmol/L	[ 1.15 – 1.35 ]			
AnionGap,K+c		mmol/L	[ - ]			
Metabolite Values						
cGlu	5.0	μmol/L	[ 3.0 – 7.8 ]			
cLac	2.5	μmol/L	[ 0.7 – 2.5 ]			
cCrea	75	μmol/L	[ 36 – 62 ]			
ctBll		μmol/L	[ - ]			
Temperature Corr	ected Values					
pH(T)	7.16					
pCO2(T)	53	mmHg				
pO2(T)		mmHg				
Notes						

# **ANZBA Referral Criteria**

- Burns greater than 10% Total Body Surface Area (TBSA)
- Burns greater than 5% TBSA in children
- Full Thickness burns greater than 5% TBSA
- Burns of Special Areas Face, Hands, Feet, Genitalia, Perineum, Major Joints and circumferential limb or chest burns
- Burns with inhalation injury
- Electrical burns
- Chemical burns
- Burns with pre-existing illness
- Burns associated with major trauma
- Burns at the extremes of age young children and the elderly.
- Burn injury in pregnant women
- Non-accidental burns

# **VIC Burns Rule of Nine**



Source: https://www.vicburns.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/poster3-wallace-rule-of-nine-adults-only.pdf

# **ANZBA: Initial Management of Severe Burns**

# Initial Management of Severe Burns

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#### Specific points to note in the primary survey with respect to burn injury:

#### **PRIMARY SURVEY**

#### **AIRWAY**



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#### MANAGING WOUND

Assess extent of burn using Rule of Nines Clean then cover the wound (see below)

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#### **OTHER**

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Investigative tests as indicated.

#### Wound care for transit

#### Parkland formula:

# Transfer checklist ✓Airway secure

First aid: cool running H2O -≥20 mins Clean the wound: Normal saline or 0.1% Chlorhexidine

3-4mls IV fluid X %TBSA X kg/24hrs ½ fluid in 8/24 post injury ½ fluid in 16/24 post injury

✓ IV access established & secure
 ✓ Fluid resuscitation commenced
 ✓ Urinary catheter inserted & secure

√O2 insitu

Remove small loose dermis or blisters **Assess:** Extent and depth of burn injury
and for circumferential injury **Court:** Cling wrap longitudinally if

Hartmann's solution Paediatric maintenance fluids:

✓ Pain controlled ✓ Wounds are covered &Patient is warm

Cover: Cling wrap longitudinally if immediate transfer (<8hrs). Paraffin gauze or silver dressing if T/F delayed

5% Dextrose in ½ Normal Saline Up to 10kgs: 100mls/kg/day ✓ Elevate burnt area as appropriate ✓ Tetoxid if indicated

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# **Debriefing guide**

## Scenario objectives

- Perform a structured assessment of a patient presenting with thermal burns.
- Understand the clinical features and risks associated with airway and inhalational injury with thermal facial burns.
- Demonstrate the decision-making to effectively initiate management of a patient with thermal burns and associated inhalational injury.

# **Example questions**

# **Exploring diagnosis**

- How do you differentiate between upper airway and an inhalational burn injury?
- What history is important when considering the risk for inhalational burns?
- What other clinical assessment features would make you worried about blast injury/chemical exposure (cyanide or other toxins)?
- What options for burns size estimation can you use?
- Does the presence of inhalational burn change the TBSA%?
- How do you differentiate between superficial, partial thickness and full thickness burn depth?

# Discussing management

- What other resources are available for a high-risk intubation scenario in your centre?
- How do you prioritise the airway management with burn first aid (cooling)?
- In which patients does fluid resuscitation need to be mitigated against inhalational injury?

## Discussing teamwork / crisis resource management

- How do you allocate roles for the intubation in your facility?
  - → Who can you call to help (local vs RSQ resources)?
- Where should this patient be managed?
- How do you contact/make referrals to the burns service?

#### **Key moments**

- Early recognition of significant burn with airway and inhalational involvement.
- Use of structured assessment tool for the estimation of burn size.
- Appropriate fluid resuscitation calculations and ongoing management.
- Referral pathways and burns resources.

# **Acronyms and abbreviations**

Term	Definition	
TBSA	total body surface area	
PT	partial thickness	
FT	FT full thickness	
ANZBA Australia and New Zealand Burns Association		

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