

Burns Referral and Transfer

Acronyms

- AMR (Aeromedical Retrieval)
- AT (Ambulance Tasmania)
- LGH (Launceston General Hospital)
- RHH (Royal Hobart Hospital)
- NETS (Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport Service)
- TBSA (Total Body Surface Area)

Retrieval criteria

Urgency	Criteria	Contacts
Time critical (RHH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults with burns greater than 20% TBSA • Children with burns greater than 10% TBSA • Intubated patients • Inhalation injury • Trauma associated with burns • Head and neck burns at risk of airway compromise • Deep dermal or full thickness circumferential chest, abdomen or limb burns • Significant chemical burns with or without systemic effects (e.g. hydrofluoric acid) • High voltage electrical burns (including lightning injuries) 	<p>Patients at the LGH will be assessed by the Plastics Consultant on call and discuss with the RHH Burns/Plastics Consultant prior to transfer.</p> <p>Interfacility Transfer Request AMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1300 558 329 (request a conference call) <p>Switchboard: (03) 6166 8308</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHH Burns/Plastics Consultant • Adult or paediatric RHH intensivist • Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport (NETS)
Non-time critical (RHH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults with burns greater than 10% TBSA • Children with burns greater than 5% TBSA • Extremes of age (less than 2 years old or over 65 years old) • Significant pre-existing medical conditions • Pregnancy with cutaneous burn • Suspected non-accidental burns (e.g. assault or self-inflicted) • Full thickness burns greater than 5% TBSA • Burns to face, hands, feet, perineum, genitalia, major joints that require specialist expertise • Superficial to mid dermal circumferential burns to limbs or chest 	<p>Patients at the LGH will be assessed by the Plastics Consultant on call and discuss with the RHH Burns/Plastics Consultant prior to transfer.</p> <p>Interfacility Transfer Request AMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1300 558 329 <p>Switchboard: (03) 6166 8308</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHH Burns/Plastics Consultant • Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport (NETS)
Interstate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults with burns greater than 60% TBSA • Children with burns greater than 40% TBSA • Children with associated trauma or inhalation injury and burns greater than 20% TBSA • Tasmanian Burns Unit unable to receive further patients • Mass casualty situations 	<p>The decision will be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT Medical Retrieval Consultant • RHH Burns/Plastics Consultant (with or without RHH Intensive Care Consultant) • The Alfred Hospital or Royal Children's Hospital Burns Consultant on call
Scheduled referral and discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low voltage electrical burns • Minor burns to face, hands, feet, perineum, genitalia, major joints not discussed in previous criteria • Full thickness burns less than 5% TBSA • Burns in patients with pre-existing medical conditions which may complicate management • Chemical burns 	<p>South (RHH)</p> <p>Switchboard: (03) 6166 8308</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHH Burns/Plastics Registrar <p>Burns Nurse Practitioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 0428 370 714 • Email: burnstas@ths.tas.gov.au • Fax: 03 6173 0202 <p>North and North West (LGH)</p> <p>Switchboard: (03) 6777 6777</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGH Plastics Registrar
Statewide minor burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Burns that fulfil the burns referral criteria or when additional advice is required • Ongoing management of patients within their local community • Referral to RHH Burns Outpatients or LGH Plastics specialist clinics if required • Referral to local allied health for acute and scar management 	<p>BURNSTAS Clinic</p> <p>Telehealth and digital imaging review. This clinic can be contacted from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays.</p> <p>Burns Nurse Practitioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 0428 370 714 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) <p>Burns Clinical Nurse Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 0499 830 698 (Wednesday only) <p>Referrals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: burnstas@ths.tas.gov.au • Fax: 03 6173 0202 <p>MEDTASKER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHH Plastics, Burns and Reconstructive Unit <p>After hours if urgent review/advice contact as per above</p>

Additional resources including forms and guidelines are available for staff on the [Department of Health intranet](https://doh.health.tas.gov.au/intranet) (doh.health.tas.gov.au/intranet)
 For more information please email burnstas@ths.tas.gov.au