

Burn referral pathway

August 2024

Burn unit (BU) referral criteria

- Dermal burn: adult >10% total body surface area (TBSA); child >5% TBSA
- Full thickness burn: >5% TBSA
- Burn with associated inhalation injury, concomitant trauma or pre-existing medical condition
- Priority areas involved, i.e. face, neck, hands, feet, perineum, genitalia and major joints
- Chemical or electric
- Circumferential burn
- Suspected non-accidental injury

Aboriginal patient presents to local Aboriginal health service or ED with burn injury

Triage and manage appropriately (including first aid and analgesia)

Medical/senior nursing staff assesses patient

Refer to appropriate burn unit (BU) or ambulatory care (AC)

Royal North Shore Hospital

BU ph: (02) 9463 2111 AC ph: (02) 9463 2110

Concord Repatriation General Hospital

BU ph: (02) 9767 7776 AC ph: (02) 9767 7775

The Children's Hospital at Westmead (all paediatrics < 16 yrs)

BU ph: (02) 7825 1114 AC ph: (02) 7825 1044

