

When should you refer a patient?

Step 1

Assess the burn, refer if any of the following:

Size: Any size of burn in those aged 15 or under with a TBSA \geq 1%

Depth: All full thickness burns

Site: Burns to face, hands, perineum and/or chest
Circumferential burns or involving a major joint

Mechanism: Chemical, electrical, friction or cold injuries
Suspected non-accidental injury or neglect

Co-morbidity: Inhalation injury

All children with child protection concerns

Other: Any children 'unwell' shortly after a burn injury of any size
Any burn injury not healed within 2 weeks

Step 2

If any of these issues exist, complete an online referral form
<https://nww.mdsas.nhs.uk/burns/> attaching photos if possible

Step 3

Contact the Children's Burn Centre 0117 923 0000 (Bleep 6780) to discuss
the wound and receive advice on treatment

Still not sure?

Please feel free to discuss with a member of the Burns Team at the
Bristol Royal Children's Hospital
Daisy Ward - 0117 342 7900 (24hrs) Burns Centre Office (8am – 4pm) – 0117 342 7910

Unwell child with a burn

If a child presents with any of the following symptoms following a burn injury, a full re-assessment is required at the Burns Centre

- ◆ High Temperature ($>38^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- ◆ A rash
- ◆ Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- ◆ Tachycardia/Tachypnoea
- ◆ General malaise – not eating or drinking, lethargy, irritability

Children aged 16+ need to be referred to the Adult Burn Unit at
Southmead Hospital, Bristol Tel : 0117 950 5050