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BURN PATIENT CRITERIA

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1. INTRODUCTION -The intent of this policy is to transport patients with critical burns, who have a manageable airway, directly to a facility that is staffed and equipped to care for the medical needs of the patient, bypassing other receiving facilities
2. BURN PATIENT CRITERIA (from the American Burn Association – Burn Unit Referral Criteria)
  - 2.1 Partial thickness burns greater than 10% total body surface area
  - 2.2 Burns that involve the face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, or major joints
  - 2.3 Full thickness burns in any age group
  - 2.4 Electrical burns, including lightning injury
  - 2.5 Chemical burns
  - 2.6 Inhalation injury
  - 2.7 Burn injury in patients with preexisting medical disorders that could complicate management, prolong recovery, or affect mortality
3. DESTINATION
  - 3.1 Adult patients who meet burn patient criteria 2.1-2.7 may be transported directly to an out-of-county to a burn center (see #5 below) Minor to moderate burn patients will be transported to the closest, most appropriate receiving hospital
  - 3.2 Pediatric patients may be transported to Children's Hospital or to a closer out-of-county burn center
  - 3.3 Exceptions:
    - 3.3.1 Unmanageable airway - transport to the closest basic ED. The patient requires intubation and the paramedic is unable to intubate; and/or, an adequate airway cannot be maintained with B.V.M. device
    - 3.3.2 Patient meets Critical Trauma Patient Criteria - "Physiologic" or "Anatomic" - transport to the closest most appropriate designated trauma center
4. BASE CONTACT - Base Physician contact is required:
  - 4.1 If the patient meets "Burn Patient Criteria" (2.1 - 2.7) but the paramedic is requesting transport to a basic ED
  - 4.2 During an MCI if more than 2 critical burn patients are being transported to a burn center to verify bed availability
  - 4.3 If the patient requires medical treatment not covered in policy
  - 4.4 Any time patient care would benefit from consultation with the Base Physician

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**5. OUT-OF-COUNTY TRANSPORT**

- 5.1 Do not transport to an out-of-county hospital without first confirming bed availability. This can be done through the appropriate dispatch center or via land-line from the field
- 5.2 Contact the Base Physician if medical consultation is needed
- 5.3 Consider EMS Aircraft transport for land transport times greater than 45 minutes
- 5.4 Give a brief report to the receiving facility including ETA

Out-Of County Burn Centers:

| FACILITY                          | LOCATION                        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| UC Davis Medical Center           | 2315 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento |
| Santa Clara Valley Medical Center | 751 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose    |
| St. Francis Memorial Hospital     | 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco  |