

BURN PATIENT CRITERIA (# 7010)

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 –**

- **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.
- **Pediatric patients** may be transported to Children's Hospital or to a closer out-of-county burn center.

3.1 **Exceptions:**

- 3.1.1 **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.
- 3.1.2 **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

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