

Referral Criteria for tertiary burns unit assessment

Patients may be referred to the Adult Burns Service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) by a variety of sources, including:

- > General practitioners
- > Specialists
- > Internal clinics
- > Emergency Departments
- > Medical Officers within the hospital
- > Private rooms
- > Other hospitals
- > Other agreed health care professionals as per the hospitals guidelines.

The referral criteria for tertiary burns unit assessment includes:

- > Adult Burns > 10%
- > Full thickness burns of any size
- > Burns of special areas – face, neck, hands, feet, developing breasts, genitalia, perineum
- > Electrical Burns
- > Chemical Burns
- > Circumferential burns of neck, chest or limbs
- > Burns at extremes of age e.g. children, the elderly
- > Burns with concomitant medical illness e.g. diabetes, paraplegia
- > Burns with concomitant trauma e.g. inhalation injury, fractures
- > Burns with concomitant psychiatric illness
- > Any other burn that the referring department is not confident to send home

Burns referrals will be triaged by the Burns Consultant, Burns Fellow, Burns Clinical Practice Consultant/Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Service Coordinator/Senior Registered Nurse.

For more information

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