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.

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