

SUBJECT: **BURN PATIENT DESTINATION**

PURPOSE: To ensure the appropriate destination for Los Angeles County patients who sustain burn injuries.

POLICY:


- I. Paramedics should make base contact for patients who sustain burn injuries that meet criteria for Base Contact in Ref. No. 1200.2. and Ref. No 506, Trauma Triage.
- II. Determine the destination of burn-injured patients as follows:
 - A. Major / Critical Burns should be transported to the closest trauma center. If a recognized Burn Center, e.g., Los Angeles General Medical Center Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Hills Hospital and Medical Center, is more accessible than the Trauma Center, patient should be transported to the recognized Burn Center:
 1. Adult patients (15 years of age or older) with 2nd degree (partial thickness) and/or 3rd degree (full thickness) burns involving equal to or greater than 20% of Total Body Surface Area (TBSA).
 2. Pediatric patients (14 years of age or younger) with 2nd degree (partial thickness) and/or 3rd degree (full thickness) burns involving equal to or greater than 10% of TBSA.
 - B. Patients who meet other trauma or Pediatric Medical Center (PMC) criteria and/or guidelines should be transported to the appropriate trauma center or PMC.
 - C. Patients who do not meet criteria in Sections A or B above should be transported to the closest, most accessible medical receiving facility appropriate for their age.
 - D. In multi-casualty incidents, see Ref. No. 519, Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents, for destination.
- III. The receiving hospital should:
 - A. Provide appropriate stabilization of the patient
 - B. Arrange transfer to an appropriate burn center if necessary. Provide the burn center with the following information:
 1. Status of airway control

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2. Percentage, degree, and location of the burns
3. Type of burn (electrical, thermal, chemical, radiation)
4. Level of care the patient requires (ICU, med/surg)
5. Circulatory status (vital signs and perfusion of burned extremity if applicable)
6. Level of consciousness
7. Other injuries
8. Past medical history, pre-existing major systemic disease, and current medications
9. Treatment(s) already rendered and in progress

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 502, **Patient Destination**
Ref. No. 506, **Trauma Triage**
Ref. No. 510, **Pediatric Patient Destination**
Ref. No. 519, **Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents**
Ref. No. 1200, **Treatment Protocols**, et al.