

Burn Surgeon On Call Activation criteria:

Objectives: The purpose of these practice guidelines are to guide of when to call the on call burn surgeon.

1. Daytime coverage 7 am – 4pm
 - A. RED activations
 - a. Any red trauma activation that is a burn will follow trauma protocol in conjunction with the burn team and the on-call trauma team.
 - b. The trauma attending will discuss the need for further trauma assistance with the resuscitation and management of the patient.
 - B. Yellow activations
 - a. All yellow burn activations will follow trauma activation protocol and will be evaluated by the on-call trauma team.
 - b. The burn team will be activated and will see the patient if not currently in the operating room or with a critical patient.
 - c. To ensure optimal care of the patient a phone call between the trauma and burn team will be made if the burn team is with a critical patient or in the operating room.
 - C. Green activations/Consults
 - a. All green activations/ consultations will be made directly to the burn team.
2. Overnight call coverage 4 pm-7 am
 - A. Red activations
 - a. Any red trauma activations that are a burn will follow trauma activation protocol. These will be initially managed but the trauma team and trauma attending.
 - b. If the following criteria are met the burn surgeon will be expected to be present within 30 minutes and will lead management upon arrival with the trauma team.
 - i. Any second and third degree burn greater than 20 % TBSA
 - ii. Any electrical injuries with EKG changes, organ failure or mummification of any extremity
 - iii. Concern of threatened limb that may require an escharotomy or fasciotomy.
 - iv. Hemodynamically unstable pediatric patient
 - v. Hemodynamically unstable geriatric patient
 - c. Yellow/ green consults:
 - i. At the discretion of the trauma attending, a call can be made to the burn surgeon to discuss management if the following criteria are met.
 1. Any burn with concerns of inhalation injury
 2. Chemical burns
 3. Any pediatric burn
 4. Any geriatric burn patient
 - d. Yellow Green Consults

- i. Any consultation after 5:30 pm will be covered by the overnight on call trauma team and will be signed out to the burn resident or NP the following morning.
3. All burn patients regardless of team and location of admission will be added to the burn list.