

STANDARDS

BC.1 Qualified director is responsible for managing the clinical services in the burn care unit.

BC.1.1 The clinical services in the burn care unit are led by a qualified plastic surgeon with interest/experience in burn care.

BC.2 The burn unit is covered by qualified medical staff.

- BC.2.1 The care is provided by consultant burn care five days a week during working hours.
- BC.2.2 The care is supplemented by sufficient qualified surgeons twenty four hours a day, seven days a week (plastic surgeon or general surgeon who has completed initial stage training in plastic surgery).
- BC.2.3 The unit has access to consultant burn care twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

BC.3 Clinical staff members have appropriate qualifications.

- BC.3.1 Clinical staff members in the burn care unit are qualified in the care of burn patients.
- BC.3.2 Clinical staff who participate in providing care for burn patients are certified in advanced life support for the different age groups.
- BC.3.3 On every shift, clinical staff are present on site or at least one certified professional is assigned for the burn unit.

BC.4 Qualified nurse manager is responsible for supervising nursing services in the burn unit.

BC.4.1 The nurse manager in charge of the burn unit is a qualified registered nurse with training, education, or experience in burn care.

BC.5 The burn unit has adequate nursing coverage.

BC.5.1 Nursing staffing plan is based on patient volume and patient acuity and ensures adequate coverage twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

BC.6 The burn unit has admission and discharge criteria.

- BC.6.1 The burn unit has admission and discharge criteria consistent with evidence-based practice.
- BC.6.2 The criteria are collaboratively developed by the unit medical and nursing staff.
- BC.6.3 The admission and discharge criteria are implemented.

BC.7 Services provided in the burn unit are coordinated with other services to meet the needs of patients.

BC.7.1 Medical services are readily available and accessible including, but are not limited to:

- BC.7.1.1 Critical care services.
- BC.7.1.2 Anesthesia services.
- BC.7.1.3 Social services.
- BC.7.1.4 Pharmaceutical care.