

ADULT TRAUMA AT-03

BURNS

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History and Physical:	
Historical Findings	Physical Findings
■ MOI	Tissue injury from direct contact with:
	o Heat source
	o Chemical
	o Inhalation
	Electrical/lightning
	Inhalation injuries/burns

Assessment:

- Trauma Assessment
- Rule of Nines (refer to appendix)
- Inhalation injuries: evaluate for respiratory distress and inspect mouth/nose for soot, singed nasal hairs, or other signs of swelling

Clinical Management Options:		
Interventions	Pharmacology	
 Remove from the burn source Remove jewelry and restrictive clothing Brush off any powdered chemical Irrigate chemical burn site with water, if appropriate to chemical Oxygen therapy as appropriate Vascular Access as indicated Fluid Bolus Maintain systolic > 90 or MAP > 65 Treat underlying injuries 	Pharmacology O Pain Management O Nausea/vomiting management	
 Dress burns as follows TBSA < 15% use wet bandage TBSA > 15% use dry sterile dressing or burn sheet Keep the patient warm after removing burn source and possibly contaminated clothing 		

Consult:

DSI for respiratory/inhalation burns

Considerations:

- Consider cyanide toxicity and/or carbon monoxide toxicity if patient is altered or comatose
- Appropriate destination: Hermann Hospital-TMC:
 - o For Inhalation/Hands
 - > 30% TBSA 2nd degree and/or higher or <12 and > 65 years of age