

## ADULT TRAUMA AT-03

## **BURNS**

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

## 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
<ul> <li>Remove from the burn source</li> <li>Remove jewelry and restrictive clothing</li> <li>Brush off any powdered chemical</li> <li>Irrigate chemical burn site with water, if appropriate to chemical</li> <li>O<sub>2</sub> via most appropriate method</li> <li>Treat underlying injuries</li> <li>Dress burns as follows         <ul> <li>TBSA &lt; 15% use wet bandage</li> <li>TBSA &gt; 15% use dry sterile dressing or burn sheet</li> </ul> </li> <li>Keep the patient warm after removing burn source and possibly contaminated clothing</li> </ul>	