

## Management of Major Burns

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- ABCDE + C- Spine
- If signs of **inhalation injury** (singed eyebrows, sore throat, black sputum, hoarse voice, stridor, wheeze, signs of carbon in oropharynx) **involve ED senior/anaesthetist at an early stage**
- Assess for other life threatening injuries
- IV access, Bloods: FBC, U&E, Glucose, G&S, Clotting, CK
- Analgaesia IV morphine may be required
- Start IV fluids using formula below
- Consider Tetanus prophylaxis
- Measure and maintain core temperature > 36°C
- Assess TBSA and type/depth of burn
- Apply clingfilm for transfer
- Refer to regional burns centre and transfer within 8 hours

# Adjusted Parkland formula for fluid resuscitation in major burns >20% TBSA

### 2-4ml/hr Hartmann's x Weight(kg) X %TBSA

#### Check calculations and discuss 'CATCH UP' fluid with accepting Burns Unit

Fluid Balance Chart - Please complete with ACTUAL volumes given for each hour								
Burn Time	Hour 1	Hour 2	Hour 3	Hour 4	Hour 5	Hour 6	Hour 7	Hour 8
Hartmann's (mls)								
Other fluids (mls)								
Oral fluid (mls)								
Urine output (mls) (aim 0.5 - 1ml/kg/hr)								

#### Prior to transfer

- Ensure all jewellery removed
- Send with copy of ED assessment details
- Photographs of wounds/Medical illustration (do not delay transfer for this)