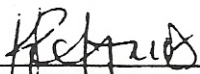


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS
Burns

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Assume airway/respiratory involvement in chemical burns and fires in closed spaces.
 - C. Stop the burning process.
 - D. Search for associated injuries.
 - E. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.
 - F. Transport.

- II. Burns
 - A. Assure rescuer safety. Remove patient to a safe area.
 - B. Ensure patent airway.
 - C. Stop the burning process: Remove contact with agent unless adherent (e.g. hot tar, plastics, etc.).
 - D. Brush off chemical powders then flush copiously with cool water.
 - E. Apply cool soaks to the wounds.
Caution: Large surface areas covered with cool soaks may lead to hypothermia; in those situations, keep soaks on only long enough to stop the burning process. Watch closely for signs of hypothermia (shivering).
 - F. Assess for other injuries. Provide appropriate treatment to any injuries underlying the burns.
 - G. Administer oxygen per Oxygen Administration Policy. Be prepared to support ventilation with appropriate airway adjuncts.
 - H. Protect the burned area:
 - 1. Do not break blisters.
 - 2. Cover with sterile or clean dressings or sheets.
 - 3. Remove restrictive clothing/jewelry, if possible.
 - 4. Do not remove adherent materials; cool the material with water.
 - G. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.
 - H. Transport.

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