COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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POLICY/PROCEDURE/PROTOCOL

SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL - BURNS

DATE: 07/01/2015

BLS

- Move patient to a safe environment
- Break contact with causative agent
- Ensure patent airway, O_2 and/or ventilate prn
- O_2 Saturation prn
- Treat other life threatening injuries
- Carboxyhemoglobin monitor prn, if available

ALS

- Monitor EKG
- IV/IO SO adjust prn
- Treat pain as per Pain Management Protocol (S-141)

For patients with ≥20% partial thickness or ≥5% full thickness burns and ≥15 yo:

- 500 ml fluid bolus IV/IO then TKO SO

In the presence of respiratory distress with bronchospasm:

- Albuterol 6 ml 0.083% via nebulizer SO. MR SO

BURN CENTER CRITERIA

Patients with burns involving:
- ≥20% partial thickness or ≥5% full thickness of BSA
- Suspected respiratory involvement or significant smoke inhalation in a confined space
- Injury of the face, hands, feet or perineum or circumferential
- Electrical injury due to high voltage (greater than 120 volts)

Disposition:
Consider Hyperbaric chamber for suspected CO poisoning in unconscious or pregnant patients.

Note: Base Hospital Contact and Transport (S-415) will be made to UCSD Base Hospital for patients meeting burn center criteria.