Burn transfer flowchart

Retrieval
- intubated patient
- inhalation injuries
- head/neck burns
- >10% in children
- >20% in adults
- burns with significant comorbidities
- associated trauma
- significant pre-existing medical disorder
- circumferential burn to limbs or chest that compromises circulation or respiration
- significant electrical including lightning injuries
- significant chemical, e.g. hydrofluoric acid

Contact retrieval service
Adults: ACC 1800 65 0004
Children: NETS 1300 36 2500
Set up conference call with receiving burn unit and ICU (if required), facilitates communication with primary referral site.
CHW ICU: 9845 1171
CRGH ICU: 9767 6404
RNSH ICU: 9463 2600
AMRS/NETS will coordinate transfer between the primary hospital and the receiving hospital.

Referral
- >5% children, >10% adults
- burns to the hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, or major joints
- chemical burns
- electrical burns
- burns in patients with pre-existing medical conditions
- suspected non-accidental injury including children, assault or self-inflicted
- pregnancy with cutaneous burns (RNSH 2nd & 3rd trimester)
- extremes of ages

Contact registrar on-call for burns
CHW: 9845 0000, then page registrar on-call for burns
CRGH: 9767 5000, then page registrar on-call for burns
RNSH: 9926 7111, then page registrar on-call for burns
The on-call registrar will offer advice and arrange a bed in liaison with bed management and the burns unit. They are responsible for receiving the patient. The referrer will make the ambulance booking.

Minor burns
Burns that do not fit the criteria for retrieval or referral and can be managed in a non-burn unit hospital or clinic, including appropriate management for wounds and pain.

Minor burns can be treated, in consultation with the referring clinician, on an outpatient basis; either locally (at original place of care), or on referral to an ambulatory care burn clinic for assessment.

Contact burn ambulatory care
CHW: 9854 1850 (b/h)
9845 1114 (a/h)
kidsburns@chw.edu.au
CRGH: 9767 7775 (b/h)
9767 7776 (a/h)
slh-concordburnsunit@health.nsw.gov.au
RNSH: 9463 2108 (b/h)
9463 2111 (a/h)
NSLHD-burnsconsult@health.nsw.gov.au

Treated locally. Referred to burn unit.