Appendix 3: Burn Transfer Flow chart

### Medical Retrieval
- Intubated patient
- Inhalation injuries
- Head and 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
- Electrical conduction injury
- Significant chemical e.g. hydrofluoric acid

### Referral
- >5% children, >10% adults
- Burns to the hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, and major joints
- Chemical burns
- Electrical burns including lightning injuries
- 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

Minor burns are treated in consultation with the referring doctor as an outpatient; either locally (at original place of care) or on referral to an ambulatory care burns clinic for assessment.

### Contact
- AMRS adults: 1800 65 0004
- NETS children: 1300 36 2500
- Set up conference call with receiving Burn Unit and ICU (if required), facilitates communication with primary referral site

### CHW:
- Surgical Registrar on-call notified Tel. 9845 0000 then page Surgical Registrar on call for burns

### CRGH:
- Burns Registrar on-call notified
- Tel 9767 5000 then page Burns Registrar

### RNSH:
- Burns Registrar on-call notified
- Tel 9926 7111 then page Burns Registrar

### AMRS/NETS will coordinate transfer between primary hospital and the receiving hospital

### 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.

### Contact Burn Ambulatory Care
- CHW: 9845 1850 (b/h) 9845 1114 (a/h) kdsburns@chw.edu.au
- CRGH: 9767 7775 (b/h) 9767 7776 (a/h) crghburns@email.cs.nsw.gov.au
- RNSH: 9463 2108 (b/h) 9463 2111 (a/h) burnsconsult@health.nsw.gov.au

### Not referred to Service

### Referred to Service

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