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

**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

**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 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.

**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.

**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) slhd-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.

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