



<b>REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY</b>	Title: Burn Patient Destination
	Section: Transportation
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## BURN PATIENT DESTINATION

### I. PURPOSE

1. Identify patients with significant or complex burns and transport to a Burn Center.
2. Identify patients with burns and trauma and transport to a Level 1 Trauma Center or Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center.

### II. DEFINITIONS

**Burn Center:** Hospitals that provide high quality patient care to burn patients from the time of injury through rehabilitation.

### III. BURN PATIENT DESTINATION CRITERIA

- A. Patients with the following criteria should preferentially be transported to a Burn Center:
  1. Thermal Burns
    - a. Full thickness burns
    - b. Partial thickness burns with Total Body Surface Area (TBSA) 10% or more
    - c. Partial or full thickness burn involving the face, hands, genitalia, feet, perineum, or over any joints
    - d. Patients with burns and other comorbidities (including pre-existing medical condition)
    - e. Circumferential burns
  2. Inhalation injury
  3. Pediatric burns (age less than 16 years old)
  4. Chemical injuries
  5. Electrical injuries
    - a. High voltage ( $\geq 1000$  V) electrical injuries
    - b. Lightning injury
- B. Patients with the following criteria should be transported to most appropriate Level 1 Trauma Center:
  - a. Patients with burns and concomitant traumatic injuries
- C. For situations where there concern for an impending loss of the airway or worsening clinical condition, transport patient to the closest Emergency Department. Contact Online Medical Control (OLMC) as needed for destination questions.

### IV. HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION

- A. Online Medical Control is required for all burn patients.
- B. Document time of hospital notification.



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# BURN CENTERS

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County\*  
Loyola University Medical Center  
UChicago Medicine

\* Current status of Burn Capable

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