

Current Practices in Pediatric Burn Care

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Burns by the numbers

Over 250,000 children are treated for burn injuries annually

300 treated daily in EDs

CNMC:

2014: 2000 burn visits

2015: 1881 burn visits

2016: 1992 burn visits

2017: **2005** burn visits



Areas of Service for Burn Care

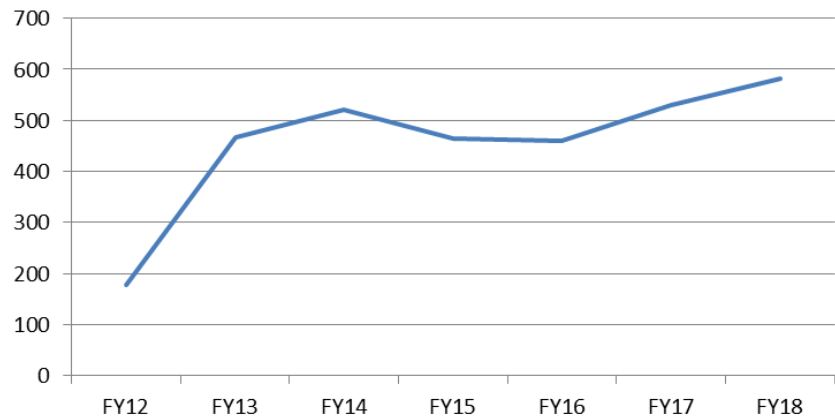


Initial Burn Visits FY18

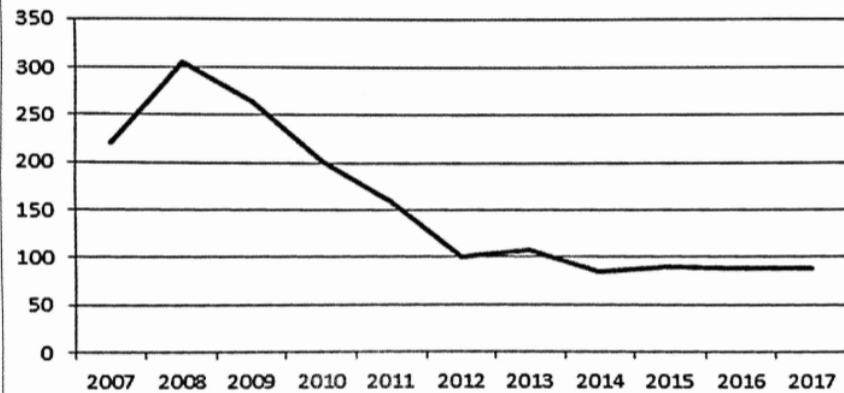
Washington DC	217
Maryland	386
Virginia/West VA/other.....	289

ED Discharges

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Burn Admissions



Key Components of Burn Assessment

Mechanism of Injury

Intensity & duration

Time from Injury

Location of Injury

(TBSA)

Depth Assessment



Mechanism of Injury

Thermal Burns



Chemical



Electrical Burns





What hot liquid is associated with the deepest scald burn?

Contact Burns

Second most common cause of pediatric burns



32%

Flame Burns

Associated with teenagers/older patients

Invincibility
Playing with matches
Grills/campfires



Associated with more burn deaths due to smoke inhalation
Tip: inhalation injury only occurs in enclosed spaces

Chemical Burns

Neutralizing agents are CONTRAINDICATED

Flush with copious amount of water

Call poison control



Electric Burns: Low Voltage Injuries

Healthy Children exposed to common household currents (≤ 240 V):

- Do **NOT** need an ECG
- Do **NOT** need CPK or Urine Myoglobin
- Very low risk for developing cardiac arrhythmias
- Discharge to home from the ED
- Treat cutaneous injury, f/u only as needed





Electric Burns

- Updated algorithm

What not to put on a burn...

Intensity and Duration

How hot was the source?

- Fresh tea or had it been sitting for awhile
- Was the iron on? or off? cooling when touched?



Time from Injury

When did the incident occur?

Important for:

- Fluid resuscitation

- Identifying burn progression

- Identifying whether care was sought appropriately



Location of the Injury



Estimating Burn Size: Palm Method

Palm of patient = 1% TBSA

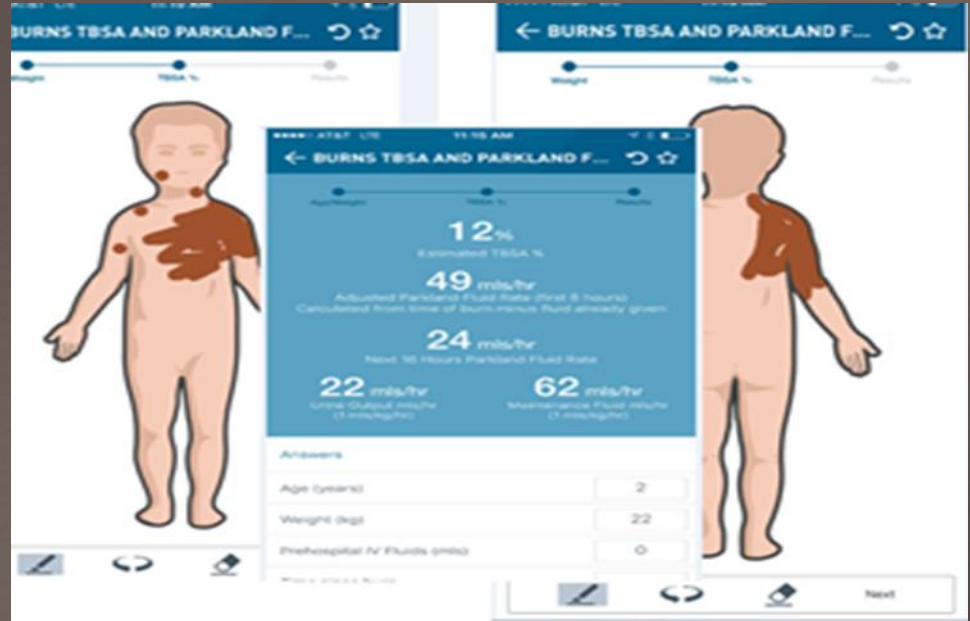
Quick and Easy to Use



New Tool for Assessment

NSW Trauma

smart phone app
(Free download)



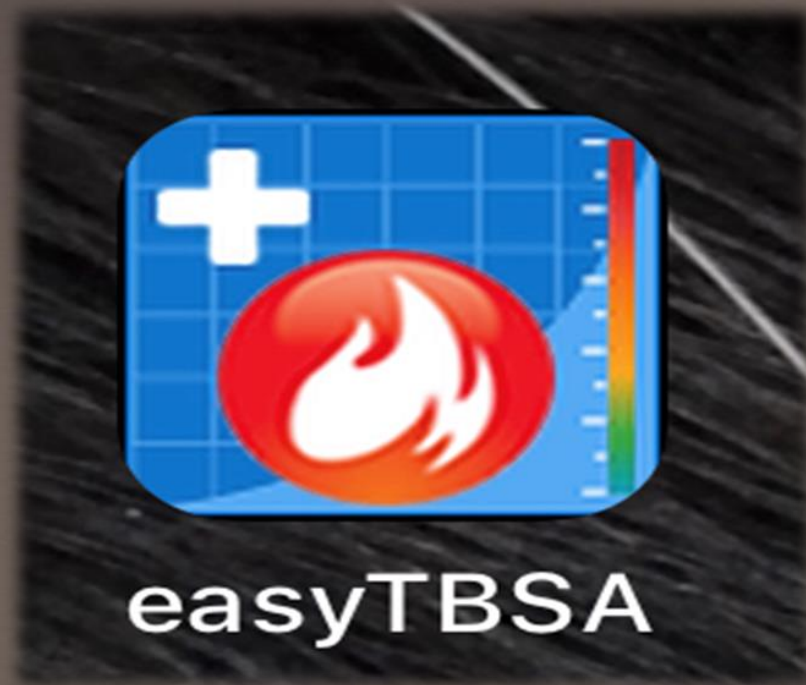
Importance of Estimating Burn Size

>25% leads to a Trauma Activation

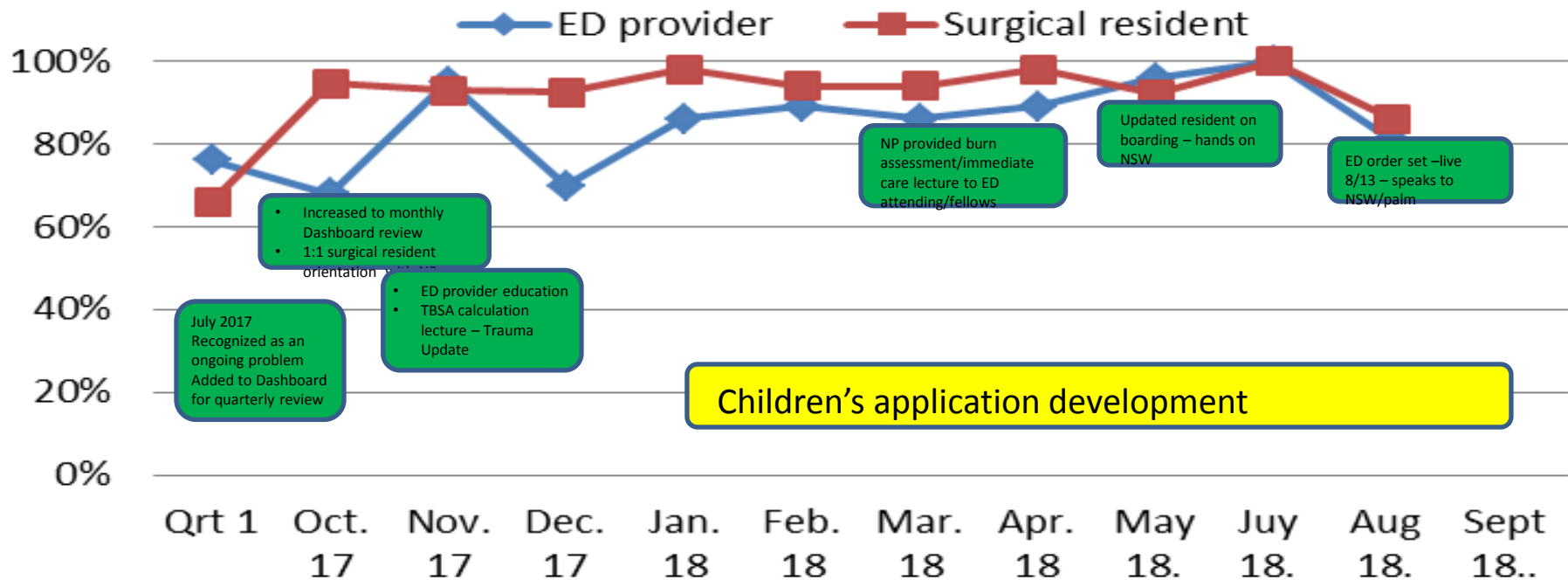
>40% leads to Burn Attending Presence in Trauma Bay



Coming Soon....



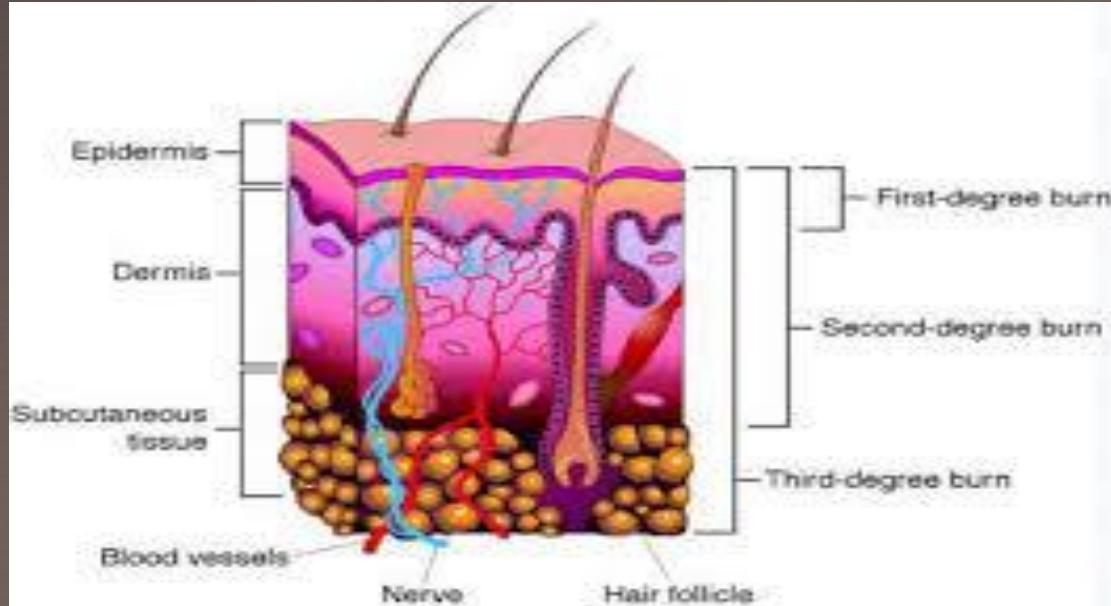
TBSA Agreement



TBSA agreement among ED providers improved from 74% to 92%.

TBSA agreement among surgical residents improved from 65% to 94%.

Burn Classification



Superficial Burn

Erythema and Blanching

Painful

Heal spontaneously within 1 week



Superficial Partial Thickness

Pink

Blanching

Moist, blisters present

Intense pain

Heal within 1-3 weeks

Minimal scarring, hypopigmentation



Deep Partial Thickness

Red, can be pale/yellow

Less painful

Heals in 3-6 weeks +

Will have residual scarring
and hypopigmentation



Full Thickness

No blanching

Ivory, brown, black (dry eschar)

Minimal to no pain

May require skin grafting



What to do?



New Guidelines for ED burn management

Partial Thickness burns <5% managed in ED unless burn is involving:

Airway/eyes

Genitalia

Palmar crease of the hand

Sole of the foot

-OR-

Concern for NAT

Is caused by a treadmill

Minor-Moderate Burns

- Ensure adequate analgesia (pre-procedure and for home/follow up appts)
- Debride with gauze/wound cleanser
- Dress (mepilex), kerlix, tubifast
- Follow up:
 - Parent to call **(202) 476-2150** within 24 hours of d/c from ED for a burn clinic appointment.

Please also email npsurgery@childrensnational.org

Burn Dressings



Moderate/Major (>5-10%)

Large burns (> 10 %):

Petroleum or dry dressing **no wet dressings

Pain medication, do not debride



EZ Derm (porcine xenograft)

- Provides wound coverage
- Minimizes painful dressing changes
- Decreased hospital LOS







Fluid Resuscitation

Burns less than 15% TBSA

Maintenance IV Fluid

Burns greater than 15% TBSA

1.5x Maintenance IVF

Then Parkland Formula in ICU only.

Goal: ED to PICU <1 hour



Pain Control-Initial Debridement

Minor/Moderate Burns:

IN Fentanyl

Morphine IV

Ketamine

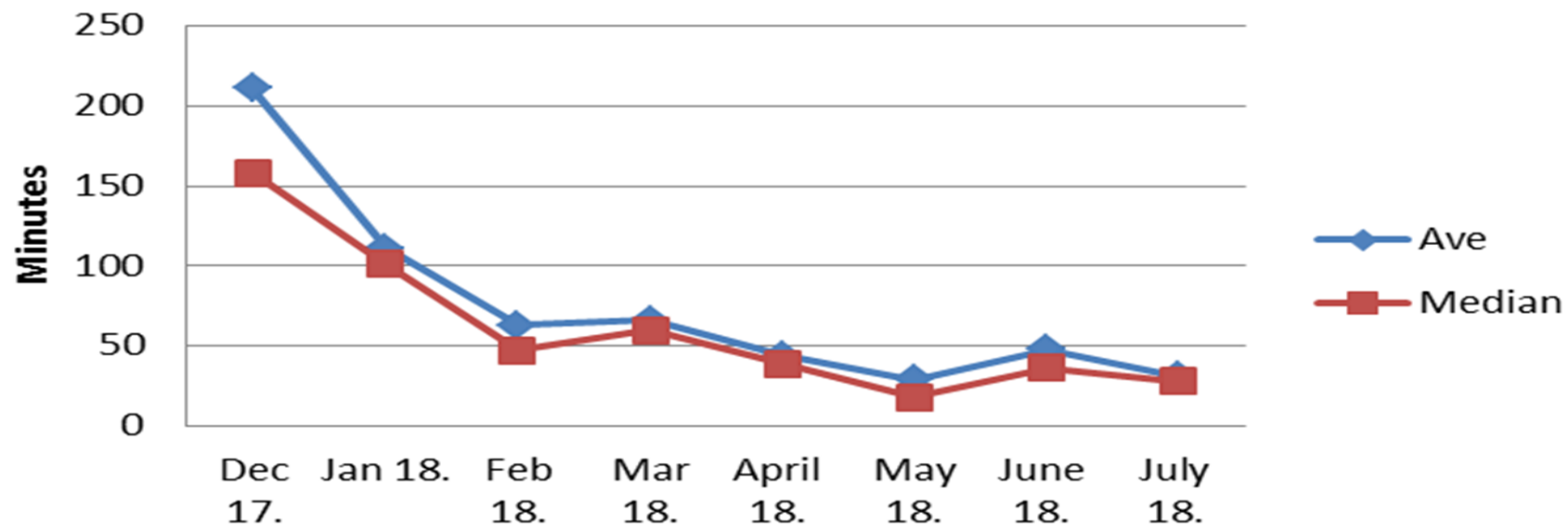
Anesthesia

Major Burns >15% TBSA:

Debridement in PICU/OR



Door to Initial Pain Med Pain Score 2-10



Special Cases: Treadmill Injuries



NAT

Burn Center Referral

TBSA burned >10%

Full thickness injury

Hands, feet, genitalia, perineum involved

Suspicion of inflicted injury

Circumferential injury

Other comorbid diseases

Social concerns

Electrical injury

Inhalation



Complications following burn injury

- Fever
- Immunosuppression
- Infection (rare)
- Staph/HSV rash
- Dehydration
- Wound conversion
- Feed intolerance-STOP feeds



Services Provided at CNMC

Experience

CNMC has over 2500 burn patient visits/year

A dedicated team and growing team of burn care experts

Burn Surgeons, Plastic Surgeons, Intensivists, Trauma/Burn NPs, Forensic Pediatricians, Occupational/Physical Therapists, Nutritionists Child Life, Social Work, Case Management, and burn RNs

Access to long acting wound care

Rehabilitation services

Scar management techniques

- steroid therapy
- laser treatments



Burn OR 14

Dedicated OR time every weekday morning for IP/OP procedures



Outpatient clinic support

- Dedicated burn psychologist
- Child life presence all clinics
- PT
- OT
- Scar clinic
- Compression



Sun shirt initiative

Protective clothing! Ultraviolet Protection (UPF) 30-50+.
Blocks 96-98% of the sun's harmful rays.



*look for us next year! Buy a shirt and help support a burn patient!

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In Summary

PRIORITIES IN CARE

- Assessment of TBSA/depth
- Pain Control
- Wound Coverage
- Follow up
- Minor burns: debride and refer
- Mod-major or special considerations: admit











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