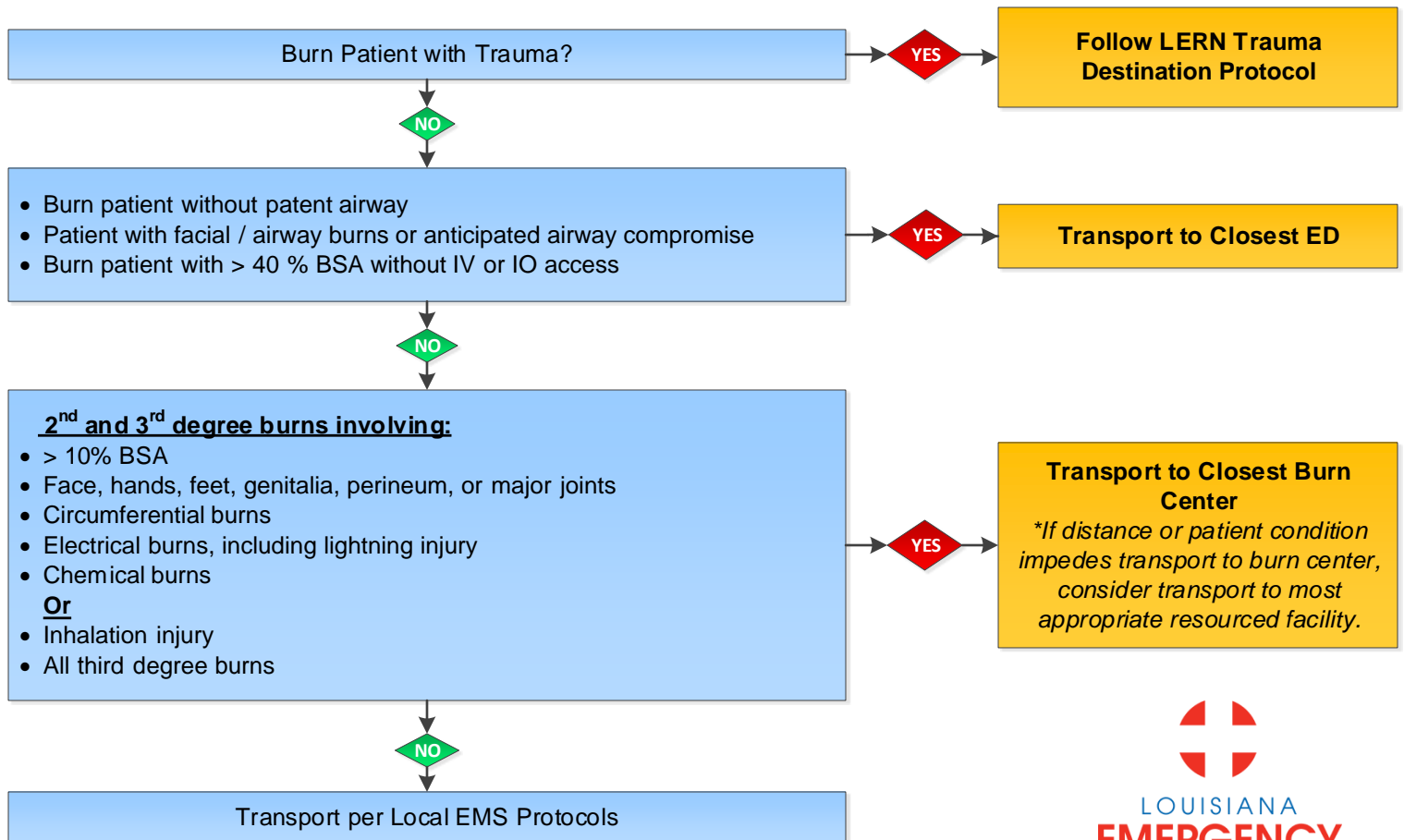
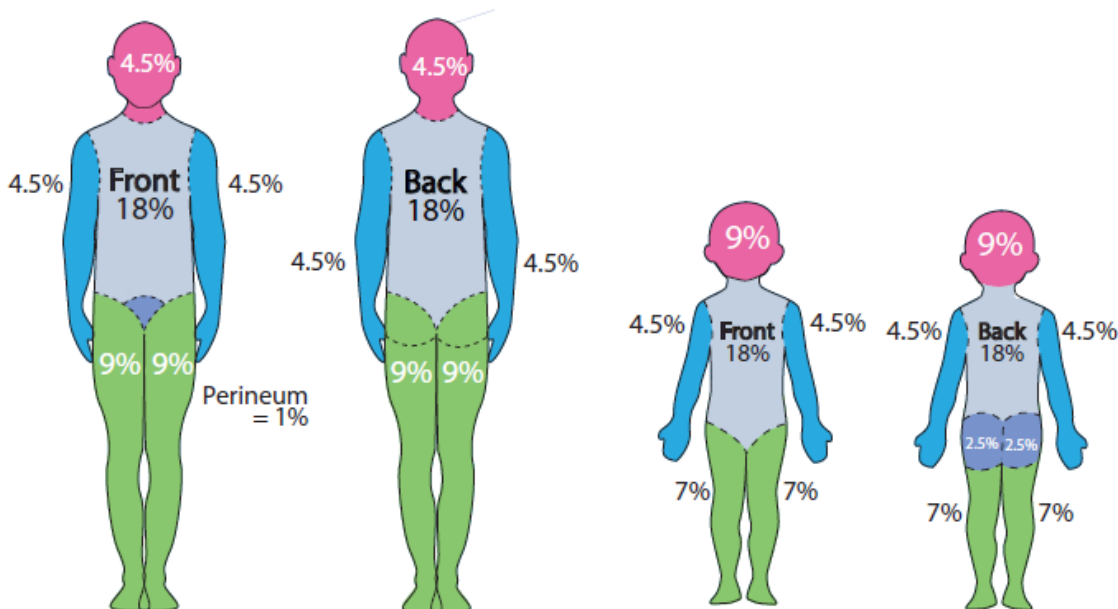


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**EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE  
NETWORK**

Destination Protocol  
**BURN**



- In the event of a burn disaster, each burn center should immediately contact LERN. LERN Call Center (LCC) will conduct a bed poll.
- In the event of a burn disaster and excess beyond capacity, the next geographically closest burn center should be alerted immediately by LERN.

# ED BURN CARE GUIDELINE

## SAFETY

- Assess safety of hospital staff and wear appropriate PPE
- Chemical Exposure: Brush off powder and irrigate with tepid water. Consider type of chemical, ocular involvement, duration of contact, & SDS sheet availability

## AIRWAY

If stridor, respiratory distress, soot-tinged sputum, or suspected airway injury → secure with definitive airway device

## BREATHING

History suspicious for inhalation injury → Start 100% FiO<sub>2</sub> & consider ABG & Carboxyhemoglobin if no delay in transfer

## CIRCULATION

**Access:** Obtain IV access preferably through unburned skin, peripheral IV or IO in burn PRN

**Resuscitation < 20% TBSA:** < 14 years weight based IV fluids and make NPO

≥ 14 years 125 cc/hr and make NPO

**Resuscitation ≥ 20% TBSA:** 5 years or younger LR at 125 cc/hr (<30 kg consider D<sub>5</sub> ¼ or ½ NS MIVF)

6-13 years LR at 250 cc/hr

≥ 14 years LR at 500 cc/hr

**Circumferential or Electrical Burn:** Check for distal pulse, elevate, consider urgent transfer

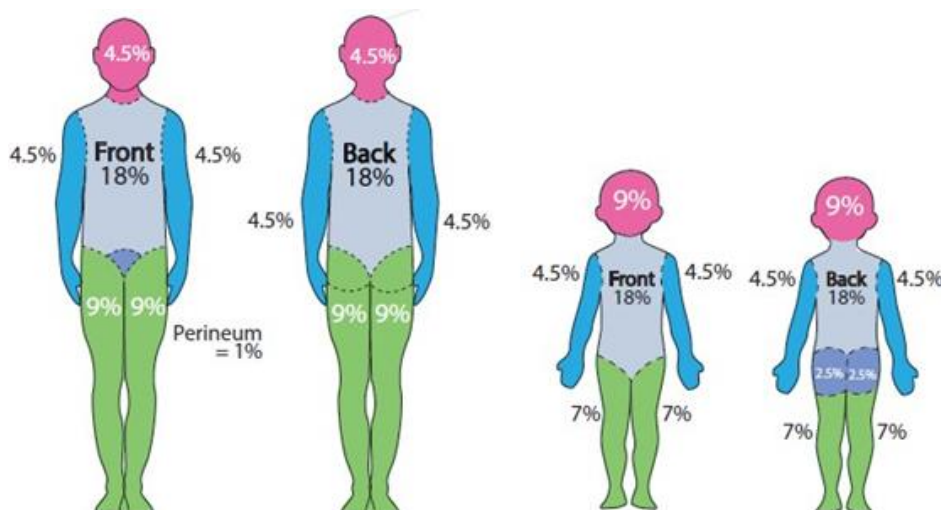
**Additionally:** Place urinary catheter for ≥ 20% TBSA or Electrical and consider IV pain medication

## DISABILITY, DEFICIT, DEFORMITY

Assess for neurologic impairment and if impaired, consider associated injury, carbon monoxide poisoning, substance abuse, hypoxia, or pre-existing medical conditions

## EXPOSURE, EXAMINE, ENVIRONMENT

- Assess severity of burn injury by calculating burn size using diagram
- Include only 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns (blisters, bullae, sloughing skin, white/brown eschar)
- Remove rings, jewelry, contacts if no delay
- Wounds for transferred patients can be dressed with DRY towels, washcloths, or gauze
- Avoid ice packs or cooling the burn and take precautions to prevent hypothermia



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