

# BURNS

## UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

Small Burns < 15% TBSA

Cover with moist sterile dressings using normal saline or a commercial water gel burn dressing

Large Burns > 15% TBSA

Cover with moist sterile dressings using normal saline or a commercial water gel burn dressing and then cover with dry dressings to prevent hypothermia

- Reassure/calm patient
- Position of comfort
- Obtain vital signs
- Assess/ treat other injuries (radiation/electrical)
- Treat for shock
- Monitor airway closely for swelling

### Special Considerations

- Chemical Burns
  - Remove patient's clothing
  - Remove contaminants with large quantities of water except for lime, metallic sodium, or lithium exposure
- Consider carbon monoxide or other toxic exposures