



New Zealand National Burn Service

Referral Pathway to Regional Burn Units

Referral procedure to a Regional Burn Unit / Plastic Surgery Unit:

- Contact the Plastic Surgical Registrar for your Regional Burn Unit (RBU) / Plastic Surgery Unit

Auckland Region: Counties Manukau District Health Board

Phone: 021 784 057 or 09 2760000 (on-call Plastic Surgery Registrar)

Waikato Region: Waikato District Health Board

Phone: 07-839-8899 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call)

Wellington Region: Hutt Valley District Health Board

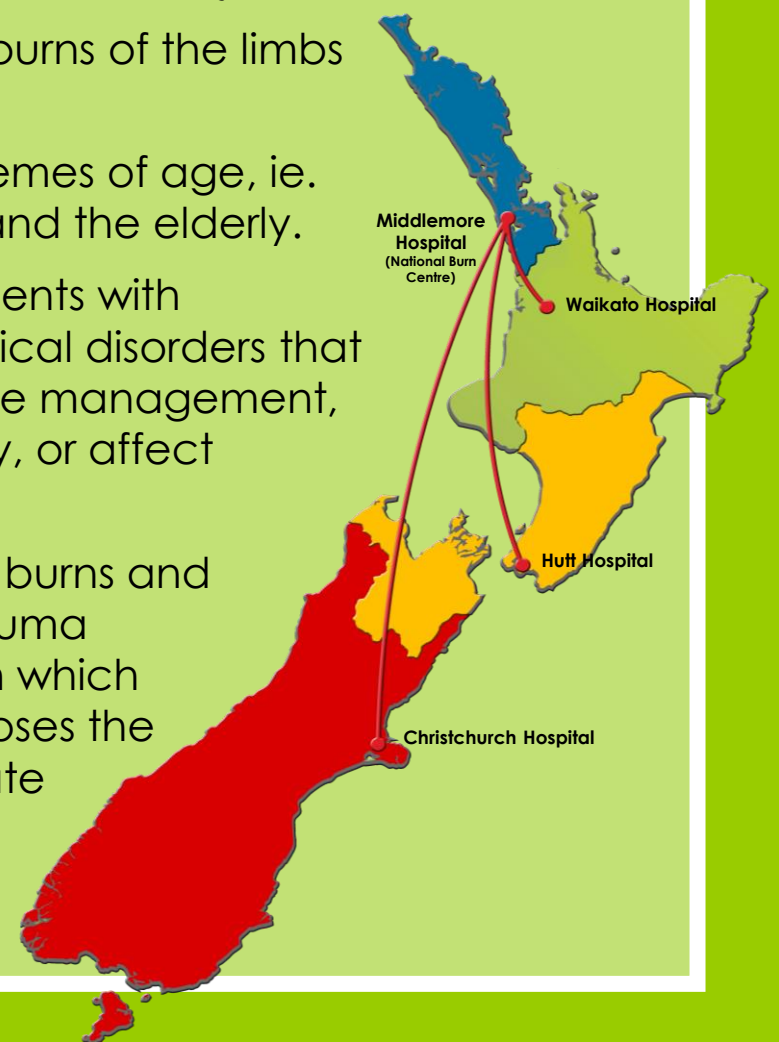
Phone: 04 570 9999 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call)

Christchurch Region: Canterbury District Health Board

Phone: 03-364-0640 or 0272127346 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call)

Referral criteria for Regional Burn Unit:

- Burns greater than 10% total body surface area (TBSA) or 5% in a child.
- Burns of special areas, eg. the face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum and major joints.
- Full thickness burns greater than 5% TBSA.
- Electrical burns (including lightning injury).
- Chemical burns.
- Burn injury with inhalation injury.
- Circumferential burns of the limbs or chest.
- Burns at the extremes of age, ie. young children and the elderly.
- Burn injury in patients with pre-existing medical disorders that could complicate management, prolong recovery, or affect mortality.
- Any patient with burns and concomitant trauma (e.g. fractures) in which the burn injury poses the greater immediate risk of morbidity or mortality.



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