



## New Zealand National Burn Service

# Referral Pathway to Regional Burn Units

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

1. Referral form to be completed (<http://www.nationalburnservice.co.nz/pdf/referralform.pdf>)
2. 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 09 276 0000 locator 938017 (on-call plastic surgery registrar)  
Fax: 09 276 0114

### Waikato Region:

Waikato District Health Board

Phone: 07 839 8899 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call) Fax: 07 839 8725

### Wellington Region:

Hutt Valley District Health Board

Phone: 04 570 9999 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call) Fax: 04 570 9239

### Christchurch Region:

Canterbury District Health Board

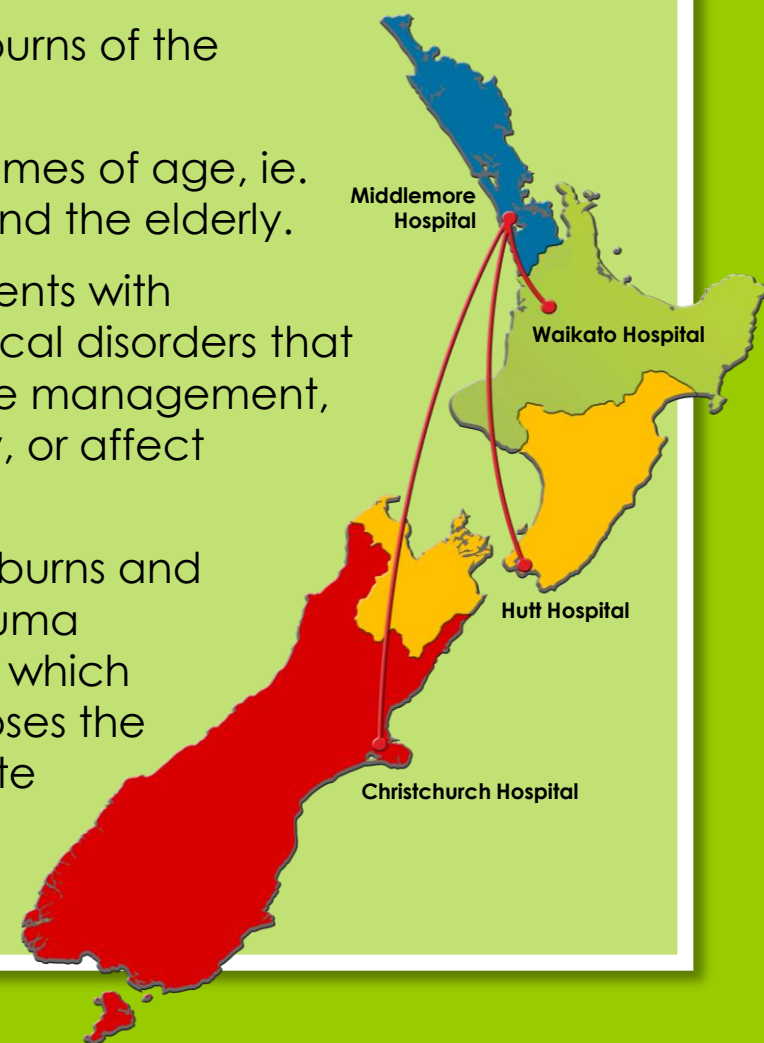
Phone: 03 364 0640 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call) Fax: 03 364 0456

### National Burn Centre (NBC) transfers:

The decision to transfer a patient to the National Burn Centre (Middlemore Hospital) is made following the referral procedure.

### 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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