



New Zealand National Burn Service

Referral Pathway to Regional Burn Units

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

- Referral form to be completed (<http://www.nationalburnservice.co.nz/pdf/referralform.pdf>)
- 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 locator 938017 (on-call Plastic Surgery Registrar)
Fax: 09-276-0004

Waikato Region:

Waikato District Health Board

Phone: 07-839-8899 (ask for plastic surgery registrar on-call) Fax: 07-839-8817

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:

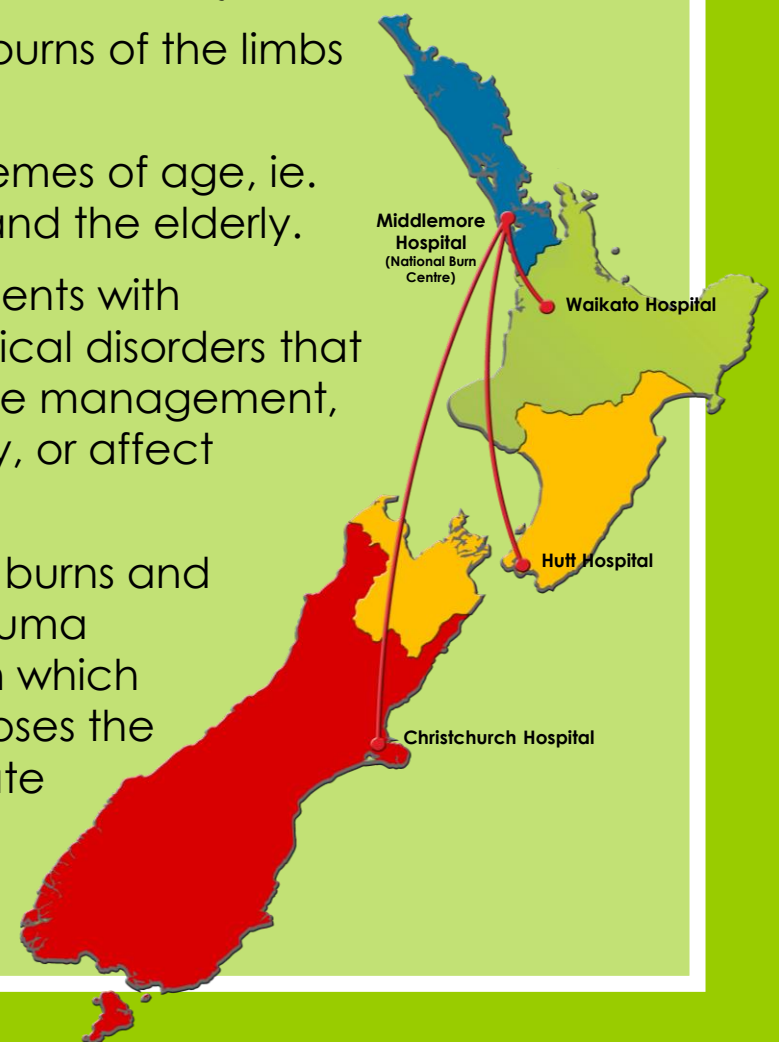
The decision to transfer a patient to the National Burn Centre is made following the above referral procedure. The transfer is coordinated by the on-call burn nurse and involves the RBU, NBC and ICU consultant.

On-call Burn Nurse: 09 2503800

Email: oncallburnsnurse@middlemore.co.nz

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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