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What is a burn ?

A burn is an injury to the skin from heat, cold, electricity, chemicals, or radiation. A burn can affect our skin, lungs, and whole body. The deeper or bigger the burn, the more serious it can be. All burns—even small ones—can have a big impact on how someone may feel, look or move.

What causes burns?

Burns occur at home, work, or play during our everyday activities and happen in seconds. These injuries result from:

- Fire
- Hot liquids (scalds)
- Hot objects (contacts)
- Chemicals
- Electricity
- Radiation
- Extreme cold (frostbite)

How are burns treated?

Some burns may be minor and can be cared for at home, while others require treatment in the hospital. For many patients who have had a burn injury, the physical rehabilitation, scar management and emotional recovery continue long after the skin has healed.

At the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center, we understand this. That's why we offer the skills, expertise, resources, and experience to help our patients and families through all phases of treatment and recovery.

Why should burns be treated at a burn center?

Our staff knows that giving the highest quality care to victims of a burn injury can only be done by working together to provide the best in wound care, surgery, rehabilitation, nutrition, and emotional support. This unique multi-disciplinary

approach can only be found at a burn center. That's why NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center offers the expert skills of a burn team that includes:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Physician assistants
- Rehabilitation therapists
- Nutritionists
- Social workers
- Psychologists
- Community educators
- Administrators
- Researchers
- Child Life

At the Burn Center, we focus on caring for patients with serious burns or skin disorders. We provide all of the emergency and long-term care needed to help our patients and families recover as quickly as possible and get the best results.

Who do we treat?

Since 1976, our mission of providing the finest medical care has made us known for being one of the most caring and dedicated centers in the world:

- Our patients come from local communities and all over the world.
- Our research has led to better survival rates and quality of life for all victims of a burn injury—from infants to older adults.

Why choose us?

For the past ten years, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital has been recognized by "U.S. News & World Report" as the best hospital in New York and one of the ten leading hospitals in the United States. The Hearst Burn Center is a Center of Excellence and has repeatedly been recognized by the American Burn Association as meeting the highest standards of quality in burn care.



Since our beginning, we have also had a special relationship with the New York City Fire Department. We are honored to be the burn center most relied upon by the city's firefighters, many of whom played a major role in the development of our program. We also work closely with the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation to educate our communities on burn safety and prevention.

What programs does the Burn Center offer?

As part of our mission, the Burn Center offers programs in wound healing, research, prevention, education, and reintegration to our patients and the communities that we serve. These include:

- **Burn Outreach and Professional Education:** This free program provides burn prevention information to schools, senior and community groups, health outreach events, and health care/social service professionals.
- **New York Firefighters Wound Healing Research Program:** The Burn Center's research focuses not only on how new therapies—from gaming to nanotechnology—can help to treat a burn, but also studies injury trends and prevention.
- **New York Firefighters Skin Bank:** The Skin Bank provides skin grafts from donated skin to victims of burn injuries and also helps patients by storing their own tissue for future use.
- **New York Firefighters Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Chamber:** Our HBO program offers state-of-the-art high-pressure oxygen therapy to treat carbon monoxide poisoning, wounds, infections and other conditions.
- **Burn survivors and parents support groups:** These groups offer discussion and support to adult survivors and parents of burn-injured children. These groups are offered free of charge and are open to all burn survivors and parents whose children have been injured.
- **S.O.A.R.®** (Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery): This volunteer peer support program assists burn survivors and their family members with issues about living with a burn injury. This program is offered free of charge.
- **School Reentry:** To help a child return to the classroom after a burn, the staff will speak to teachers and students about burns, recovery, and how they can help their burn-injured classmate. Burn prevention education is also provided. This program is offered free of charge and is open to all burn survivors and families.
- **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program:** Children who have set fires may be referred for screening and follow up with support services. Burn prevention education is also provided. This screening program is offered free of charge.
- **Burn camps:** Run by students at the Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, Camp Phoenix provides free, local, safe, fun activities to families with children aged 7 - 17 years who have been affected by a burn injury. Events take place several times throughout the year at sites within or close to New York City. In addition, since 1991, Burn Center staff have volunteered as summer camp counselors at a regional sleep-away camp for children aged 8 – 18 who have survived serious burn injuries. Campers apply directly to the camp and attend free of charge.

Directions to the Burn Center at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center:

By Subway

Take the #6 train to East 68th Street. Walk four blocks east to York Avenue, or take the M66 bus eastbound to York Avenue.

By Bus

Take the M31 to the East 69th Street stop directly in front of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell. (The M31 operates north and south on York Avenue, and across town on 57th Street.) Crosstown buses M30, M66, and M72 allow you to transfer to the M31 at York Avenue.

By Car

Approaching from south of East 68th Street — Take the FDR Drive northbound to the 61st Street exit. Turn right onto York Avenue and go north to 68th Street.

Approaching from north of East 68th Street — Take the FDR Drive southbound to the 71st Street exit. Turn left onto York Avenue and go south to 68th Street.

