

## CIRCULAR

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### MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PEOPLE WITH BURN INJURY

#### **This Circular supersedes Circulars 89/48 and 88/25**

Circulars 89/48 and 88/25 advised staff of the location of specialised burns units, the referral networks for access to these units and appropriate clinical protocols for the care of burned patients.

The purpose of this circular is to advise staff of the issue of guidelines for management of people with burn injury. The guidelines were prepared by a group of experts working in major burns units.

*Management Guidelines for People with Burn Injury* provides simple, practical advice for the management of people who have a burn injury, especially those that do not require transfer to a specialist burns unit. It includes sections on assessment, first aid, tetanus immunisation, pain management, wound care, physiotherapy, psychosocial care and sun protection. Photographic examples are provided.

These guidelines include criteria for referral to specialist burns units. Hospitals are asked to ensure that consultation takes place at presentation for patients fitting these criteria and are also encouraged to consult with burns units for advice and assistance at any stage. Contact details for specialist burns units in NSW are included in the guidelines.

Another circular 96/64 deals with a related set of guidelines, *Transfer Guidelines for People with Burn Injury* which provides advice on the acute management and transfer of patients with severe burn injuries.

The management guidelines are supplied as an attachment to this Circular.

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