



MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO *TRAUMA PROTOCOLS*



MAJOR BURNS (THERMAL OR ELECTRICAL)

Historical Findings

1. Patient complains of pain related to a burn.
2. Patient complains of shortness of breath, cough, or hoarseness.
2. Any patient with electrical injury.

Physical Findings

1. Second degree burns greater than 20% of body surface area, OR
2. Third degree burns greater than 15% of body surface area, OR
3. Singed nasal or facial hair, soot or erythema of mouth, or respiratory distress, OR
4. Circumferential burns, OR
5. Any second or third degree burns of the hands, feet or genitals.

Protocol

1. Evaluate scene for safety and remove patient from source of burn including clothing.
2. Initiate contact; reassure, and explain procedures.
3. Assess and secure the patient's airway and provide oxygen per the airway, oxygen and ventilation protocol.
4. Perform patient assessment, obtain vital signs and begin cardiac monitoring.
5. Initiate IV access with a saline lock or 0.9 % normal saline KVO.
6. Remove all prothesis, rings, and constricting bands from all extremities.
7. Cover burns with clean, dry sheet.
8. Provide pain management per the pain/anxiety protocol.
9. Transport patient to an appropriate trauma center as per the Trauma Triage Guidelines.