

Small Group Teaching - Burns

A 24 year old male presents to the ED with extensive burns after throwing petrol onto a fire whilst intoxicated. He is brought into the ED by private vehicle and has received no pre-hospital first aid.

He has extensive burns to his forearms, chest and neck. He has burnt off his eyebrows and has soot in his mouth.

1. Discuss the use of first aid in the management of burns
2. How do you assess the extent/severity of this mans burns
3. What are the principles of management in this patient?
4. Discuss the use of emergency department escharotomy.
5. The patient needs to be transferred to a Tertiary Burns Centre. How would you ensure safe transfer of this patient?