

The Utah Burn Disaster Crisis Standards of Care (BDCSC) and Wildland Fire Fighter: Burn Injury Guidelines for Care

Burn Disaster Crisis Standards of Care (BDCSC)

Disasters are characterized by an overwhelming imbalance between needs and resources. In the face of this imbalance difficult decisions regarding patient care will need to be made. The Burn Disaster Crisis Standards of Care (BDCSC) are intended for use in a burn mass casualty situation when local facilities and responders are overwhelmed and transfer possibilities are insufficient to meet immediate needs. These crisis standards of care can be referenced by providers who do not normally take care of patients who are burn injured, and they include treatment guidelines from triage to definitive care.

These guidelines were the result of a coordinated effort by a team of individuals from around the state. This team included representatives from the Utah Hospital Association, State Coalitions, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Utah Army National Guard, Utah Department of Health and the University of Utah Burn Center.

The BDCSC toolkit also contains just in time training videos which can be accessed online in the next month. These videos include education on the care of the patient with burn and soft tissue injuries in addition to basic wound management principles. To request access to this website please contact Annette Matherly at annette.matherly@hsc.utah.edu

Wildland Fire Fighter Burn Injury Guidelines for Care

Wildland fire fighters face unique challenges when they are burn injured. These guidelines contain important information for providers who may care for these injuries, therefore ensuring the best possible outcomes.

These burn injury guidelines can also be referenced by EMS and hospital providers who may care for any adult patient who has sustained a burn injury. They include treatment guidelines from the scene to definitive care.

In addition to the training videos, all guidelines will be available on the website for easy reference and download. As we continue to work with our community partners throughout the state we welcome your feedback and suggestions for changes.