

CUPS Assessment of Pediatric Burns		
Category	Assessment	Actions
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform initial interventions and transport simultaneously; call ALS backup; request routing to a burn center if possible
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=V or P	Perform rapid initial assessment and interventions; call for ALS backup if available; transport promptly to a burn center if possible
Potentially unstable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A; meets burn center criteria, has risk of inhalation injury, or is possible victim of child abuse	Perform initial assessment and preliminary CUPS assessment; assess and manage burns; transport promptly; begin focused history and physical exam during transport if time allows; consider requesting burn center routing and ALS backup if available
Stable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A; does not meet burn center criteria; no risk of inhalation injury; no suspicion of child abuse	Perform initial assessment and preliminary CUPS assessment; assess and manage burns; complete focused history and detailed physical examination; transport promptly

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