

1. Define the magnitude and severity of an injury.  
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2. Identify and establish priorities of treatment.  
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3. Apply correct methods of physiological monitoring.  
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4. Determine the appropriate guidelines for transfer of a patient, including factors of time, facility and method of transport.  
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5. Provide primary treatment of the burn area, associated injuries and common complications within the first 24 hours post-burn.

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ABLS COURSE SCHEDULE**

**ADVANCED BURN  
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**PROVIDER  
COURSE**

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Each year more than 700,000 people in the United States are treated for a burn injury. The quality of care during the first hours after a burn injury has a major impact on the long-term outcome. Yet most initial burn care is provided outside of the burn center environment. The Advanced Burn Life

Support (ABLS) Provider Course is an eight-hour course designed to provide physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and paramedics with the ability to assess and stabilize patients with serious burns during the first critical hours following injury and to identify those

patients requiring transfer to a burn center. The course is not designed to teach comprehensive burn care, but rather to provide information that will enable those who only rarely treat burn patients to provide the care needed by a burn patient in the first 24 hours after injury.

## KNOWLEDGE

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to demonstrate an ability to do the following:

- ◆ Evaluate a patient with a serious burn
- ◆ Define the magnitude and severity of the injury
- ◆ Identify and establish priorities of treatment
- ◆ Manage the airway and support ventilation
- ◆ Initiate and monitor fluid resuscitation
- ◆ Apply correct methods of physiological monitoring
- ◆ Determine which patients should be transferred to a burn center
- ◆ Organize and conduct the inter-hospital transfer of a seriously injured burn patient

Final testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment.

## CONTENT

Burn care is multidisciplinary. Therefore, the ABLS Course is designed in a multidisciplinary format and is based on the guidelines for initial burn care developed by the American Burn Association. The ABLS Provider Course presents a series of didactic presentations on:

- ◆ Initial Assessment and Management
- ◆ Airway Management
- ◆ Smoke Inhalation Injury
- ◆ Shock and Fluid Resuscitation
- ◆ Burn Wound Management
- ◆ Electrical Injury
- ◆ Chemical Burns
- ◆ Pediatric Burn Injuries
- ◆ Stabilization, Transfer and Transport

Participants then apply these concepts during case study discussions. Participants are also given the opportunity to work with a simulated burn patient, both to reinforce the assessment and stabilization principles and as a means of applying the American Burn Association criteria for transfer of patients to burn centers.

## SCHEDULING

ABLS courses are typically hosted by or in cooperation with local burn centers, which assign a Course Coordinator for each course. Working with the ABA Central Office, each burn center plans the dates and location of the course. The coordinator recruits moulage volunteers, and handles local arrangements such as classrooms, meals, and audiovisual equipment needs. The ABA Central Office works closely with the Coordinator to ensure that all aspects of the course run smoothly. Courses are posted on the ABA website where online registrations are available for all courses. After course completion, appropriate certificates in PDF format are available online to be saved to individual desk tops and printed as needed.

## REGISTRATION

Individuals interested in attending an ABLS Provider Course can find a current listing of planned courses on the ABA website:

**[www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org)**

If no courses are planned for your area, contact the ABA Central Office or your local burn center for information on possible future courses.

The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Burn Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of seven and one quarter hours (7.25) AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

These programs have been approved by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) for 7 contact hours, Synergy CERP Category A, File number 00017581 .