

Anesthesia and intensive care in cases of major burn

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List of Abbreviations

<i>2^{ry}TA</i>	Secondary Tactile Allodynia
<i>ABG</i>	Arterial Blood Gas
<i>ACS</i>	Acute Coronary Syndrome
<i>AIDS</i>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<i>ALI</i>	Acute Lung Injury
<i>APRV</i>	Airway Pressure Release Ventilation
<i>ARDS</i>	Respiratory Distress Syndrome
<i>ATP</i>	Adenosine Triphosphate
<i>BEE</i>	Basal Energy Expenditure
<i>BSA</i>	Body Surface Area
<i>BSA</i>	Body Surface Area
<i>BSA</i>	Body Surface Area;
<i>BSAB :</i>	Percentage Of Total Body Surface Area Burn
<i>CHO</i>	Carbohydrate
<i>CMV</i>	Conventional Mechanical Ventilation
<i>CNS</i>	Central Nervous System
<i>CNS</i>	Central Nervous System
<i>CO</i>	Carbon Monoxide
<i>CO</i>	Carbon Monoxide;
<i>CO-Hb</i>	Carboxyhaemoglobin
<i>COX</i>	Cyclo-Oxygenase
<i>CRP</i>	C-Reactive Protein
<i>Cu</i>	Copper
<i>CVP</i>	Central Venous Pressure
<i>D₅W</i>	Dextrose 5% In Water
<i>DIC</i>	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy
<i>DVT</i>	Deep Venous Thrombosis
<i>e.g.</i>	Example
<i>EA</i>	Emergence Agitation
<i>ECG</i>	Electrocardiogram
<i>ECMO</i>	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
<i>ED</i>	Emergency Department
<i>EMLA</i>	Prilocaine-Lidocaine Cream
<i>etc.</i>	Extra
<i>EtCO₂</i>	End-Tidal Carbon Dioxide
<i>ETTs</i>	Cuffed Endotracheal Tubes
<i>Fe</i>	Iron
<i>Fe₂</i>	Ferrous Iron

<i>FFA</i>	Of Free Fatty Acids
<i>FFP</i>	Fresh Frozen Plasma
<i>Fio₂</i>	Fraction Of Inspired Oxygen;
<i>FLACC</i>	Face ,Leg ,Activity ,Cry ,Consolability Scale
<i>g/dL</i>	Gram Per Deciliter
<i>H²O²</i>	Hydrogen Peroxide
<i>HDL</i>	High Density Lipoprotien
<i>HFOV</i>	High-Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation
<i>HFPV</i>	High Frequency Percussive Ventilation
<i>HIV</i>	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
<i>HNA</i>	N-Acetylcysteine/Albuterol Nebulisation
<i>HR</i>	Heart Rate
<i>HSP-70</i>	Heat Shock Protein
<i>HTN</i>	Hypertension
<i>Hx</i>	History Of
<i>ICU</i>	Intensive Care Unit
<i>IL</i>	Interleukin
<i>IV</i>	Intravenous
<i>kcal/kg/d</i>	Kilo Calories Per Kilogram Per Day
<i>LBM</i>	Lean Body Mass
<i>LBM</i>	Lean Body Mass
<i>LPL</i>	Low Density Lipoprotien
<i>LR</i>	Lactate Ringer
<i>LTV</i>	Conventional Low-Tidal Volume Ventilation
<i>M²</i>	Meter Square
<i>MAOI</i>	Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitor
<i>mcg/kg</i>	Microgram Per Kilogram
<i>MCP</i>	Monocyte Chemotactic Protein
<i>mEq/l</i>	Mille Equivalent Per Liter
<i>mg/kg</i>	Milligram Per Kilogram
<i>MIF</i>	Maximum Inspiratory Force;
<i>MW</i>	Maximum Voluntary Ventilation;
<i>NMDA</i>	N-Methyl-D-Aspartate Receptor
<i>NO</i>	Nitric Oxide
<i>NPE:N ratio</i>	The Nonprotein Kcalorie To Nitrogen Ratio
<i>NSAIDs</i>	Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
<i>NVPS</i>	Adult Non-Verbal Scale
<i>O₂</i>	Oxygen
<i>O²⁻</i>	Superoxide Anion

<i>OH</i>	Hydroxyl Ion
<i>OIH</i>	Opiate Induced Hyperalgesia
<i>P(A-a)O₂</i>	Alveolar-To-Arterial Po ₂ Gradient;
<i>PA</i>	Pulmonary Artery
<i>Paco₂</i>	Arterial Carbon Dioxide Tension;
<i>PACU</i>	Post Anaesthesia Care Unit
<i>PaO₂</i>	Partial Pressure Of Oxygen In Arterial Blood
<i>P_ao₂/FiO₂</i>	Ratio Of Alveolar Po, To Inspired O ₂
<i>P_aO₂/FiO₂</i>	Ratio Of Arterial PO ₂ To Inspired O ₂
<i>P_c</i>	Capillary Pressure
<i>PCA</i>	Patient-Controlled Analgesia
<i>PE</i>	Pulmonary Embolus
<i>PEEP</i>	Positive End-Expiratory Pressure
<i>PEG</i>	Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy
<i>PGE₂</i>	Prostaglandin E2
<i>PGI₂</i>	Prostacyclin
<i>P_{high}</i>	High Continuous Airway Pressure
<i>P_{low}</i>	Lowerset Continuous Airway Pressure
<i>PRBC</i>	Packed Red Blood Cell
<i>PTSD</i>	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
<i>PTSD</i>	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
<i>Q_s/Q_t</i>	Intrapulmonary Right-To-Left Shunt Fraction
<i>RDA</i>	Recommended Dietary Allowances
<i>REE</i>	Resting Energy Expenditure
<i>RR</i>	Respiratory Rate
<i>RWMAs</i>	Regional Wall Motion Abnormalities
<i>SBP</i>	Systolic Blood Pressure
<i>Se</i>	Selenium
<i>SIRS</i>	Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
<i>SpO₂</i>	Pulse Oximetry
<i>SSRI</i>	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
<i>SVR</i>	Systemic Vascular Resistance
<i>TB</i>	Tuberculosis
<i>TBSA</i>	Total Body Surface Area
<i>Tds</i>	Twice Daily
<i>TNF</i>	Tumor Necrosis Factor
<i>TNF</i>	Tumor Necrosis Factor
<i>TOF</i>	Triad Of Four
<i>TXA₂</i>	Thromboxane A ₂
<i>TXB₂</i>	Thromboxane B ₂

<i>VAS</i>	Visual Analogue Scale
<i>VBG</i>	Venous Blood Gas
<i>VC</i>	Vital Capacity
V_E	V_E Minute Ventilation .
<i>VLDL</i>	Very-Low-Density Lipoprotein
V_D/V_T	Dead Space Fraction;
<i>WOB</i>	Work Of Breathing
<i>Zn</i>	Zinc

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Introduction

The skin is the largest organ of the human body, and it plays a very important role in physiology and the maintenance of body homeostasis. A large burn can alter the ability of almost all of the body's organs and significantly increase the patient's risk for infection (*Purdue et al, 2002*).

Burns are among the most devastating injuries encountered in medicine and are a leading cause of life-threatening trauma worldwide. The risk of death from burn injury increases with advancing age, increasing burn size, and the presence of inhalation injury. Up to 30% of burn injuries sustained each year are considered major burn injuries, characterized by burns to over 20% of total body surface area (TBSA) in adults, more than 10% TBSA in children and elderly patients, or full thickness burns to >5% TBSA . Burns involving the face, airway, or genitalia are also classified as major burn injuries regardless of the percentage of TBSA affected (*Harbin and Norri , 2012*).

A better understanding of the pathophysiology of burn injuries, coupled with advances in burn resuscitation, critical care, and surgical practice, has resulted in improved survival in severely burned patients over the past 3 decades (*Zhou et al ,2002*) .Severe burn injures causes extensive physiologic changes. Changes begin when significant tissue trauma leads to widespread release of both local and systemic inflammatory mediators. Which cause an increase in systemic and pulmonary vascular resistance. The vasoconstriction increases afterload and contributes to decreased cardiac output. This vasoconstriction results in decreased flow to vascular beds that are already underperfused. Tissue ischemia and secondary organ injury can result (*Charles et al, 2011*) .

Modern care for the severely burned patient can be divided into four overlapping phases: (1) initial evaluation and resuscitation, (2)

initial excision and biological closure, (3) rehabilitation and reconstruction. The anaesthesiologist's services may be called on for airway management, intravenous access, and fluid resuscitation, in addition to providing sedation and analgesia in acute phase. Administration of analgesia and sedation for wound care and provision of anaesthesia for excision and grafting are even more challenging tasks. Reconstructive surgery poses special challenges because of the development of contractures, making airway management and positioning difficult (*Lee Fleisher, 2012*).

Pain after burn injuries is one of the most severe forms of acute pain. Although wound and pain management have gradually improved over the last years, a sufficient pain management after severe burn trauma is still a global problem and a major challenge for the health care personnel. An adequate analgesia helps reducing complications and cause faster healing (*Jeschke et al , 2012*).

Classification of burn

Burns are classified according to depth & degree, according to the cause or according to burn size (*Heimbach et al, 2002*).

a) Burn classified by depth & degree :-

The old classification of burn according to depth and degree is the four-part classification which classifies burn into first, second, third and fourth degree burn, for details see (table 1) (*Heimbach et al, 2002*).

The four-part classification has been replaced by the new system that classifies burns as either superficial, partial-thickness or full-thickness burn injury (fig. 1). This classification is important for patients once they are in a burn centre and less important when they are in the emergency rooms because the clinical appearance of the wounds changes over the first 3-5 days post injury. Clinical classification of burn depth in the hands of experienced burn clinicians has a poor predictive value and is only 70% accurate at best (*Davidge and Fish, 2008*).

Newer modalities for the evaluation of depth of injury are being used in many centers with various degrees of benefit (e.g., laser flow Doppler, etc.) (*Riordan et al, 2003*). Laser Doppler imaging is the only technique that has been shown to accurately predict wound outcome with a large weight of evidence. Moreover, this technique has been approved for burn depth assessment (*Sheridan 2008*).

Table1: Classification of burn by depth

Classification	Burn depth	Appearance	Sensation	Outcome
Superficial				
<i>First degree</i>	Confined to epidermis	Dry and red; blanches	Painful	Heals spontaneously
Partial thickness				
<i>Second degree</i>				
Superficial dermal	Epidermis and upper dermis	Blisters; moist, red and weeping; blanches	Painful to air and temperature	Heals spontaneously
Deep dermal	Epidermis and deep dermis	Blisters; wet or waxy dry; patchy to cheesy white to red; does not blanch	Pressure only	Requires excision and grafting for return of function
Full thickness				
<i>Third degree</i>	Destruction of epidermis and dermis	Waxy white, leathery gray or charred and black; dry and inelastic; does not blanch	Deep pressure only	Requires complete excision; limited function
<i>Fourth degree</i>	Muscle, fascia, bone		Deep pressure only	Requires excision and grafting; limited function.

(Morgan et al , 2000)