

## National Network for Burn Care | Jan 2012



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### Implementing Burn Care Emergency Planning Guidance

Following the publication of [national emergency planning guidance](#) for burn care in April, the 4 burn care networks have been updating their own major incident plans. The national guidance recommends that burn care networks have agreed local burn major incident plans that link to each burn services major incident plan. The National Network for Burn Care will be seeking assurance from burn care networks that these plans are in place at our next meeting, in February 2012. A major incident planning exercise (NHS Vulcan) was held in Birmingham on 10 November to test the Midland Burn Care Network's plans as well as the ability of all networks to coordinate mutual-aid. The report from this exercise is due to be published early in 2012.

### Thank you for your feedback....

During the summer we asked for your views on an updated version of the National Burn Care Standards. A great deal of useful feedback was received from individuals and organisations from across all 4 burn care networks. All of your comments have been reviewed and discussed by the multi-disciplinary group that is overseeing the update to the standards. A final version is due to be presented to the National Network for Burn Care in February 2012. We then plan to work with all burn care networks in putting in place a process of self-assessment and peer review.



### National Audit of Severe Burns in Children

The NNBC is beginning work with the Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet) on a review of the quality of care associated with severe burns in children in England and Wales. The project is being led jointly by Dr Amber Young (Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist and Network Children's Lead, South West Children's Burn Centre) and Professor Elizabeth Draper (Professor of Perinatal and Paediatric Epidemiology, University of Leicester). The project is expected to run for up to five years and include confidential enquiry of up to 40 cases. The project will inform quality improvement related to the care and treatment of severe burns in children.

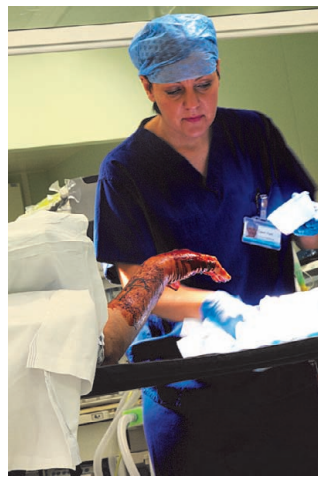
### International Burn Injury Database (IBID)

The new version of the Burn Injury Database (IBID) is due to be released early in 2012. A study day was held on 12 December 2011 where the new version was demonstrated. The benefits of the new version include more user friendly data input, identification of "essential" fields, immediate error reporting, ability to search and analyse your own data and monthly standard analysis. The new version will also support the recording of daily patient dependency records.

A demonstration version of the new database is available to those with an IBID login from [here](#) (contact [cathy.reade@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:cathy.reade@uhs.nhs.uk) for login details).

### Meeting the needs of patients with burn injury in planning trauma care

The National Network for Burn Care has released guidance to the NHS in England regarding the needs of burn injured patients in planning trauma care pathways. The Guidance describes the principles which we would wish to see applied to the planning of the initial pathway for patients with burn injuries. It is intended to inform the planning and development of Major Trauma Networks across England. The guidance can be accessed [here](#). Burn care networks will be working closely with trauma networks to develop local pathways in line with this guidance.



### London and South East England Specialised Burns Project

Following the publication of the case for change and co-dependencies framework, the project has published '*Specialised burn care: Principles for service development and effective network working*'. This report has been published on the London Health Programmes website: [www.londonhp.nhs.uk/publications](http://www.londonhp.nhs.uk/publications). It was developed by a multidisciplinary panel of expert clinicians, and makes a series of key recommendations and clinically led solutions that if implemented would provide significant improvement to the provision of specialised burns services in London and South East England.

Further details can be found in the December 2011 bulletin available [here](#).

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