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PURPOSE:

To provide prompt assessment, intervention, stabilization, management, and appropriate referral of the burn injured patient.

POLICY STATEMENT:

To establish communication and collaboration with a regional burn center and assess, stabilize, and arrange safe transport for seriously burned patients.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

This policy applies to the Raleigh and Cary Emergency Services and WakeMed Surgery.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:

This policy shall be read by department supervisors, managers, directors, and administrators. Furthermore, any individual considering issuing, revising, assisting in the drafting of, or archiving a policy.

PROCEDURES:

- I. Pre-hospital emergency personnel notify the ED Clinician/Charge Nurse via the EMS radio of an incoming burn injured patient.
- II. The Clinician/Charge Nurse determines the need for calling a trauma based on activation criteria.
- III. Patients meeting criteria for minor burns can be managed either as outpatients or on the surgical units.
- IV. Patients meeting criteria for major burns are stabilized and prepared for transfer to the burn center at UNC Jaycee Burn Center. Alternatively, if UNC Jaycee Burn Center is unavailable, consider Wake Forest Baptist Health. Consider transfer to a burn center for the following patients:
 - a. Adult patients with burns greater than 20% of the TBSA
 - b. Pediatric patients with greater than 10% TBSA
 - c. Any patient with burns to the face, hands, feet, or perineum or who are at risk for airway compromise
- V. The case is discussed with the admitting physician for the UNC Jaycee Burn Center. Following acceptance of the patient to UNC, transport arrangements are made and EMTALA paperwork completed.

I. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- a. American College of Surgeons. (2018). *Trauma*. [online] Available at: <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma>
- b. American Burn Association. (2011). Initial Assessment and Management. In *Advanced Burn Life Support Course*. (pp.5-30). Chicago, IL.

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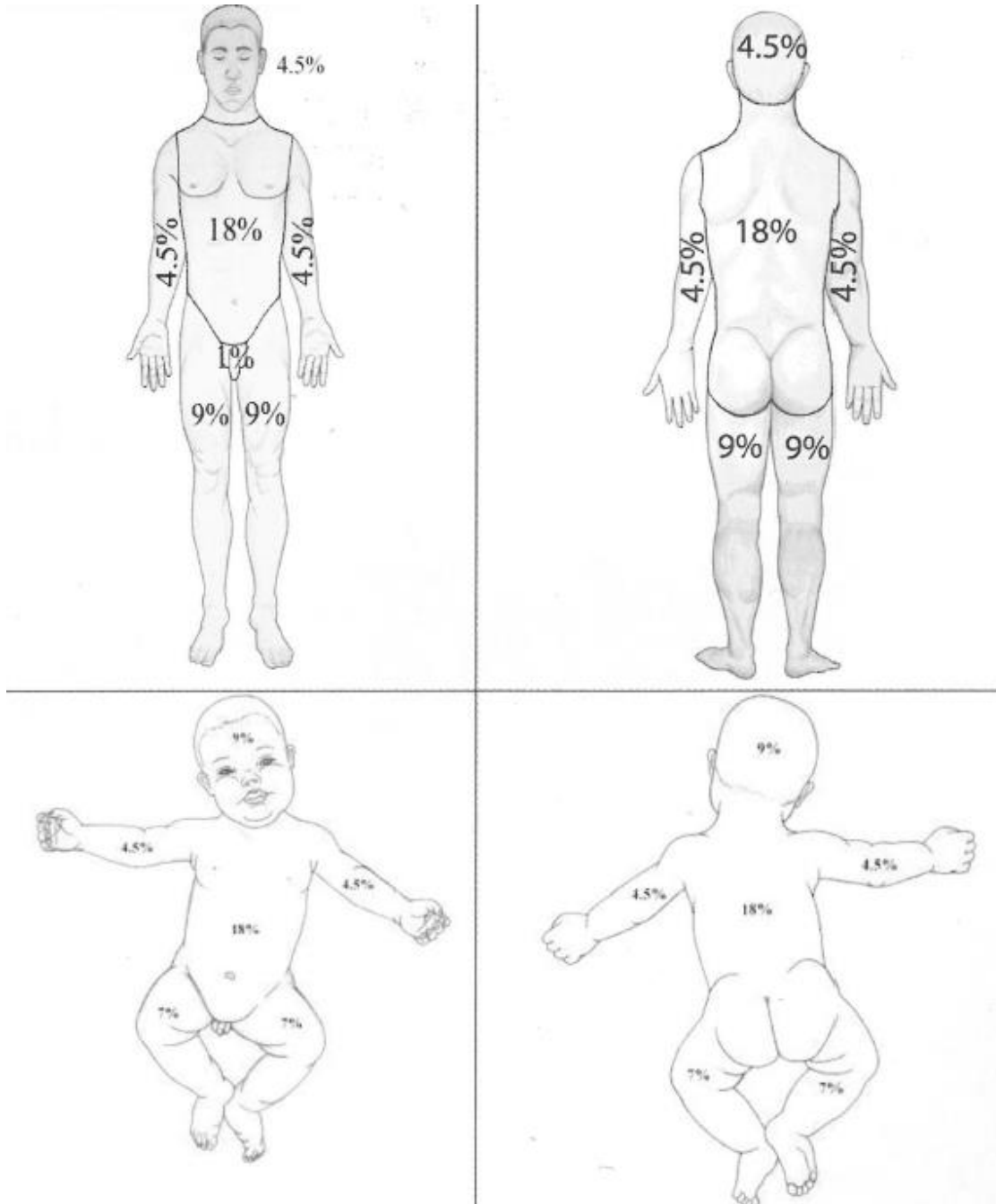
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