

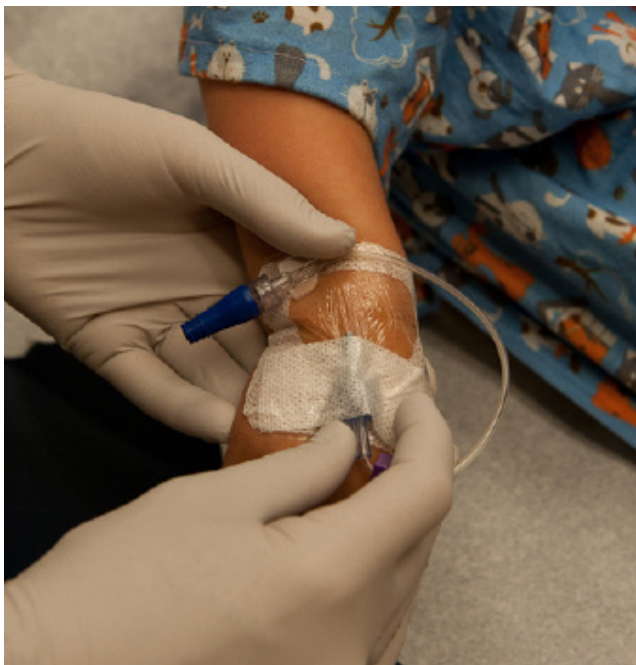


What happens during a burn treatment?





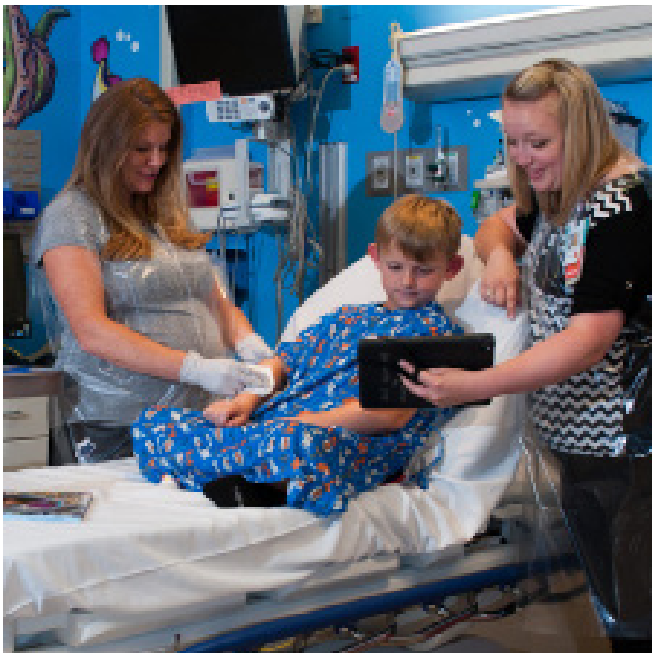
This part of the hospital is called the Burn Unit. You are here because you have a burn on your body. A burn happens when part of your skin is hurt by touching something very hot (or very cold). The people who work in the Burn Unit can help your burn heal and will be happy to answer any questions you or your family have.



Cleaning and changing the bandages on your burns is called a treatment. Before starting your treatment, your nurse might give you some medicine to help you relax and be comfortable. There are two different ways for your nurse to give you your medicine. One way is for you to drink it from a cup or a syringe. The other way is through an IV (a tiny tube in one of your veins). You may not be able to eat, drink or chew anything for a while before you get this medicine. This is called being NPO, which means "nothing by mouth." You will be able to eat and drink again after your treatment is finished.

The treatment room is a place where you will have your bandages changed. When it is time to take care of your burns, a Child Life Specialist or nurse will come to your room to take you to the treatment room. Some kids like to bring a stuffed animal, blanket or special toy with them to the treatment room. Do you have something you would like to bring?

This is the bed you will sit on while you get your bandages changed. The nurses can move the bed up and down. During your treatment, you can watch TV, rest, listen to music, read a book, play on the ipad or play a favorite game.



An anesthesiologist sometimes called the sleepy doctor, will give you a mask to help you breathe special sleepy air. You will sleep during your burn treatment and you won't have any ouches.

The nurses will take off the bandages that are on your burns. They will use a special pair of scissors to cut the bandages, but they won't cut you! Once the bandages are off, the nurses and doctors will need to look at your burn to see how well it is healing. Then they will use wet soft gauze to clean your burn and put a new cream and bandage on.

It is important to stay active and continue to play like you did before you were burned. Sometimes a physical or occupational therapist will help you to move the part of your body that is burned.

You may meet a lot of different people in the treatment room. Each of them has a special job to do to help you get better.

Nurses in the treatment room will clean your burn, change your bandages and give you your medicine during your treatment.

Nurse Practitioners and **doctors** will look at your burn and decide what needs to be done next to help it heal.

Burn Technicians are trained to take care of burns. They may help clean your burn and change the bandages.

Physical Therapists or **Occupational Therapists** will help you move the body parts that are burned so you can continue to move and play.

Child Life Specialists will explain what is happening during your treatment and help you feel comfortable. They can also find fun things to do during your treatment.

Anesthesiologist are doctors in charge of giving you medicine to help you sleep and stay comfortable during your burn treatment.

Sometimes the people who are in the treatment room with you will wear hats, gowns and gloves during your treatment. This is to help keep germs from getting on your burn.