

Burn MCI: Fluid Resuscitation Overview

I. Burn Resuscitation Protocol

- **A.** Document patient's TBSA burn using Lund-Browder diagram (Rule of Nines Diagram). Include only partial and full-thickness burns
- B. Obtain weight or close estimate

II. First 24 Hours Post Burn

- A. TBSA < 20%; Maintenance IVF only until taking adequate oral intake
- B. TBSA > 20% and Weight > 30kg
 - 1. Calculate estimated fluid needs
 - **a.** 2cc of LR X kg body weight X %TBSA burned: administer half of calculated amount over the first 8 hours post burn
 - -- administer half of calculated amount over the next 16 hours
 - **b.** If urine output < ½ cc/kg/hour (goal is 30-50 cc/hour)
 - -- increase LR infusion by 1/3 of the hourly calculated fluid requirement
 - **c.** If urine output > 70cc/hour
 - -- dip urine to exclude glucosuria
 - -- decrease LR infusion by 1/3 of the hourly calculated fluid requirement

C. TBSA > 20% and Weight < 30kg

- 1. Calculate estimated fluid needs
 - a. 3 cc of LR X kg of body weight X % TBSA burned (if < 1 year old use D5LR)
 - -- administer half of calculated amount over the first 8 hours post burn
 - -- administer half of calculated amount over the next 16 hours
 - **b.** In addition to burn fluid requirements, also infuse maintenance IVF (calculated total for 24 hours)
 - -- 100 cc X first 10 kg of body weight
 - -- 50 cc X next 10 kg body weight
 - -- 20 cc X next 20 kg body weight
 - c. If urine output < 1cc/kg/hour
 - -- increase LR infusion by 1/3 of the hourly calculated fluid requirement
 - **d.** If urine output > 1cc/kg/hour
 - -- decrease LR infusion by 1/3 of the hourly calculated fluid requirement
- D. Place enteral feeding tube as soon as possible for all burns > 20% TBSA

III. Treatment of Low Urine Output

- A. In adult patients with continued low urine output despite increased fluid rates
 - 1. Place Cardiac Output Monitoring Device
 - a. If central pressures normal to high with low urine output
 - -- start low dose Dobutamine @ 5 mcg/kg/min
 - -- titrate to effect
 - b. If central pressures are low with low urine output
 - -- continue fluid resuscitation at increased rate

IV. After 24 Hours Post Burn

- A. Serum Sodium and Potassium should be checked at least BID on the second burn day
- **B.** Adjust type of fluid by the serum Sodium level
- C. After 24 hours of crystalloid, if fluid requirements high, consider 5% albumin infusion (refer to SBCC)
- D. Goal is to decrease IVF rate to one half of rate infused over the previous 16 hours
 - 1. If patient > 30kg, urine output goal of ½ cc/kg/hour (max 50cc/hour)
 - 2. If patient < 30 kg, urine output goal of 1 cc/kg/hour