

# Collecting and sharing information on your child's burn injury

Townsville University Hospital collects data about the burn injuries treated here. This data is then used to assist with understanding how and where serious burn injuries happen and how they can be prevented.

## What information is collected?

- Age, gender, ethnicity
- Home postcode
- Location of where the burn occurred
- How the burn happened
- Size of the burn injury
- Initial operations / treatment for the burn
- Assessments during hospital stay
- Any complications or infections
- Where you are discharged to (e.g. home or other hospital)
- Follow-up arrangements/readmissions.

## Sharing your child's burn information

The data that is collected by Townsville University Hospital is stored in a database called the Burns Registry of Australia and New Zealand (BRANZ). This is a confidential registry that collects data for all burns within Australia and New Zealand.

The registry is used to help us understand the best way to manage burns as well as to collect information that could help stop burn injuries from happening.

## Your privacy is important

Your child's name and personal information are not recorded on the registry. This registry is secure

and confidential and any publications or shared information will be for reporting purposes only. **If you do not wish to have the information about your child's burn injury included in the database, please let the nursing staff know.**

If you have any questions about the use of your child's information, please contact us; otherwise, you do not need to do anything. The data will automatically be sent to the BRANZ registry if you do not 'opt out' within two weeks of receiving this information sheet.

If, in the future, you no longer wish to have your child's burn information included in the registry, contact the Burns Data Coordinator (details listed below). However, if their information has already been used in any presentations/publications it may not be possible to remove it.

'Opting out' will not affect your relationship with Townsville University Hospital in any way and we will continue to provide you with the best possible care.

## Contact us

For more information please contact:

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