



Your burn injury

Townsville
Hospital
and Health
Service

Collecting and sharing information on your burn injury

Townsville University Hospital collects data about the burn injuries treated here. This data is then used to help us understand how and where serious burn injuries happen and how they can be avoided.

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 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 name and personal information are not recorded in the registry. This registry is secure and confidential and

any shared information will be for reporting purposes only. **If you do not wish to have the information about your burn injury included in the database, please tell your parent/guardian or nurse.**

If you have any questions about the use of your information, please ask your parent/guardian to 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 fact sheet.

If, in the future, you no longer wish to have your burn information included in the registry, ask your parent/guardian to contact the Burns Data Coordinator (details listed below). However, if your 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

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