

Burn and Wound Care

The region's only nationally verified adult and pediatric burn center

The Gene and Barbara Burnett Burn Center at The University of Kansas Health System is one of only 69 burn centers in the nation verified by the American Burn Association and endorsed by the American College of Surgeons for adult and pediatric care. The burn center was initially verified in 1999.

Verification by the ABA distinguishes our burn center, which was established in 1973. It indicates we provide the highest quality care to burn patients from time of injury through rehabilitation. It also signifies that our program conducts research to establish new burn care techniques applied nationwide.

As an academic medical center, we specialize in high-acuity burn and wound care for patients who are suffering from:

- Extensive burns from radiation, chemical, electrical, flame or scald sources
- Complex wounds resulting from trauma, surgery and conditions such as diabetes and vascular disease
- Acute wounds due to severe skin conditions such as toxic epidermal necrolysis, severe dermatitis or necrotizing fasciitis



Specialized care team

To achieve the highest performance standard, we practice a comprehensive approach to burn care. This involves a multidisciplinary team, all specializing in caring for burn patients. This approach allows us to manage all aspects of a patient's burn care, from coping with stress to recovery and rehabilitation.

Team members include:

- Board-certified plastic surgeons and general surgeons
- Internal medicine specialists
- Certified burn and wound specialty nurses and dedicated advanced practice providers
- Physical and occupational therapists
- Adult and pediatric psychologists
- Hydrotherapy technicians
- Clinical nutritionists
- Case managers and social workers

Specialized services and qualifications

- The University of Kansas Health System is a nationally verified Level I Trauma Center, the only one in the Kansas City region. Through trauma verification by the American College of Surgeons, we are held to the most rigorous standards for trauma care and outcomes.
- The Burnett Burn Center has more than 350 admissions annually. These patients have injuries from complex burns and traumas to wounds requiring operative interventions, such as innovative free tissue transfers.
- Though we treat the most severe burn cases, our survival rates are exceptionally high and far exceed national benchmarks for patient outcomes.
- For patients whose injuries require specialized treatment and rehabilitation, we provide long-term continuity of care for adults and children.
- As an academic medical center, we are actively involved in burn research and accept patients into our ongoing clinical trials.

- We provide assistance with work- and school-related issues to ease the patient's transition back to daily life.
- We provide adult and pediatric psychologists to address the emotional effects of severe burns and wounds.
- We provide access and treatment to burn patients from surrounding states and across the country.

Outpatient burn and wound care

Our outpatient burn and wound team provides advanced burn and wound care, from injury through rehabilitation. The team provides outpatient care as an extension of our Gene and Barbara Burnett Burn Center. No other facility in our region provides this level of care on an outpatient basis.

The Burnett Burn Center is the only program in the region verified by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons for both adult and pediatric care. Our patients include those who have been discharged from the hospital, as well as those who require wound care but do not need to be admitted to a burn center.

Outpatient services

We offer the most advanced surgical and nonsurgical techniques for burn and wound care, including:

- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- Rehabilitation therapy to monitor range of motion, daily living activities and mobility
- Long-term and comprehensive ostomy care
- Scar management with compression therapy and laser treatment
- Patient and family education and community outreach
- 24-hour access to Emergency Department services, with a burn physician on call 24 hours a day

- Referrals for pain management, orthopedics, ophthalmology, pediatrics, radiology and psychological services
- Monthly burn survivors' support group and burn wellness programs offering continuity of care

Compassionate care and guidance

We understand the psychological and physical impact of burn injuries for both adults and children. Our multidisciplinary care team focuses on restoring total well-being to burn survivors by maximizing physical function and psychological adjustment. We work closely with patients and their families and communicate with you as the referring physician.

Patients will receive personalized care from our highly trained team of burn specialists.

For more information

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To transfer a patient

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