Burns greater than 5–7% TBSA

Initial morphine: Prepare a syringe with 10mg of morphine to a total of 10mls = 1mg/ml.

Burns with associated trauma.

Insert nasogastric tube in any patient with burns.

If urine output becomes excessive (9.5 ml/kg/hr) reduce fluid resuscitation rate.

Children should have daily maintenance in addition to the fluid resuscitation.

Chemical burns – Wash copiously with water until ‘burning’ sensation settles.

Observe urine colour, if the urine is red or brown consult WCH Burns Service.

Ensure that respiratory rate, sedation and oxygen saturation are monitored during morphine administration.

Observe for signs of inhalation injury.

For more information

Women's and Children's Hospital, Burns Service
Telephone: (08) 8161 7000 and page the burns registrar.