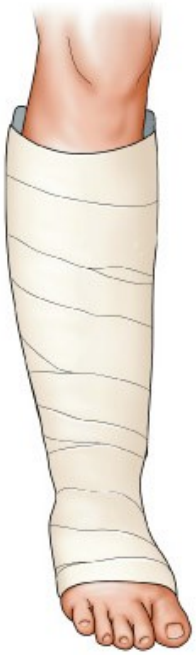
Burn Care

Burns cause damage to your skin that makes it easier for germs to get in. Keeping the burn covered may help with pain and protect you from germs (*bacteria*).



HOME CARE

- Keep the burned area covered with a bandage. Change the bandage as often as the doctor tells you to.
- If your doctor prescribes special cream or salve, use it as told.
- It is okay to get the burn wet. Let it air-dry before you put the bandage back on.
- Wash your hands before you touch the burn.
- **Do not** pop blisters if you or your child has them.
- The doctor may want to change the bandage and check the burn often.
- Drink enough water and fluids to keep the pee clear or pale yellow.
- Only take medicine as told by your doctor.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- You see fluid (*pus*) or puffiness (*swelling*) around the burn.
- The bandage smells bad.
- You or your child has a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch this condition.
- Will get help right away if you or your child is not doing well or gets worse.

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