ABLS Introduction

♦ Early acute care impacts long-term outcome
♦ Most initial care provided outside the burn center

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Course for physicians, PAs, nurses, nurse practitioners, EMTs and paramedics

Assess & stabilize patients with serious burn injuries during first critical hours post injury

Identify patients requiring transfer to burn center

Not designed to teach comprehensive burn care
ABLS: Program Objectives

- Evaluate patient with serious burn injury
- Define the magnitude & severity of injury
- Identify & establish priorities of treatment
- Manage the airway injury & support ventilation
- Initiate & monitor fluid resuscitation
- Apply correct methods of physiological monitoring
- Determine which patients should be transferred to a burn center
- Organize & conduct inter-hospital transfer of a seriously burned patient
ABLS Accreditation

- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
- 8 Credit hours, Category I, Physician’s Recognition Award of the AMA

- AACN Certification Corporation; Provider # 0009100
- 10 Contact hrs, CERP Category A
ABLS: Course Content

Multidisciplinary format

Based on ABA guidelines for initial burn care

- Didactic presentations
- Case study discussions
- Simulated patient care
- Written exam
- Practical assessment
Early management significantly affects long-term outcome

- Burn care complexity, intensity, multidisciplinary character & expense led to burn center development
- Regionalization optimizes outcomes
- Initial care often occurs outside the burn center
- Course prepares those who rarely treat burn patients to provide the early care
Advanced Burn Life Support

Provider Course Chapter Selection

- Ch. 1: Initial Assessment
- Ch. 2: Airway and Inhalation
- Ch. 3: Shock and Fluids
- Ch. 4: Wound Management

- Ch. 5: Electrical Injuries
- Ch. 6: Chemical Injuries
- Ch. 7: Pediatric Burns
- Ch. 8: Stabilization and Transfer