In appreciation to all the patients, families, and staff who have inspired us on our road to excellence, we honor your courage, tenacity and commitment to life.

“At the University of California, San Diego Medical Center, your health matters.”
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All ABOUT US
Injuries due to burns affect 1.2 million Americans every year. Most are minor burns; however, 60,000 people will be burned seriously enough to require hospitalization. Five thousand people will die from a burn injury every year. Burn injuries are devastating experiences and make some of the most challenging demands on patients, families, and the health care professionals who care for them. Burn centers are specialized centers of excellence devoted to the care of the patients who suffered injuries due to burns or with extensive soft tissue disease. For over three decades, the UCSD Regional Burn Center has made notable advances in burn care and continues to pioneer burn treatment everyday. The doctors, nurses and staff caring for patients with burn injuries are recognized for their high level skills, knowledge and positive patient results. The UCSD Regional Burn Center is a state-of-the-art facility with an eight bed intensive care unit, a ten bed burn recovery unit and a 24-hour outpatient clinic. The Burn Center provides care for nearly 300 patients admitted to the center and over 2000 outpatient visits per year. We are the regional burn center for San Diego and Imperial Counties.

A TEAM OF EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL
The multi-disciplinary team at UCSD Burn Center is prepared to respond to the complex medical problems experienced by burn patients. The specialized staff has advanced training and education in order to provide the most sophisticated and skilled care required by burn patients. The dedicated team of health professionals (i.e. physicians, nurses, technicians, therapists and social workers) is committed to caring for the special needs of burn patients and their families.

ONGOING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE BURN SUPPORT GROUP
UCSD Regional Burn Center provides ongoing support for patients, and their families and friends by hosting a monthly support group. This group, facilitated by burn staff members and survivors, encourages participants to share their experiences, discuss daily recovery strategies and provide encouragement and support to burn survivors who are experiencing the recovery process. The Burn Center also provides special youth support programs which include School Re-entry, Baby Be Safe, and Braveheart.

REACHING OUT WITH EDUCATION FOR THE COMMUNITY
The UCSD Regional Burn Center is committed to community health and education. The staff members of the Regional Burn Center provide prevention programs and professional training and education. The Burn Center offers educational videos and CDs on a variety of health topics. Visit the UCSD Regional Burn Center website at http://health.ucsd.edu/burn

Chapter 1
INTRODUCTION

UCSD HEALTHCARE - A WORLD OF RESOURCES
The UCSD Regional Burn Center is part of UCSD Healthcare, a world-renowned health care system. UCSD Healthcare is San Diego’s only medical system affiliated with the UCSD School of Medicine and has been consistently recognized as one of "America's Best Hospital" by U.S. News and World Report. UCSD Healthcare’s pioneering programs, like the Regional Burn Center, Level-1 Trauma Center and Moores Cancer Center introduce innovative care with advanced technologies to San Diego and the world.

BURN RESEARCH - A NEW FRONTIER
UCSD Regional Burn Center is involved in research activities related to burn treatment including pediatric pain management, wound management, nutritional support, prevention of infection and scar management. Pioneering work on a temporary skin substitute, TransCyte®, was performed at this burn unit.

UCSD REGIONAL BURN CENTER
The UCSD Regional Burn Center staff members are committed to Quality Care, Clinical Research, Community Education and patient satisfaction. We are the regional burn center for San Diego County and a referral center for Imperial County. Adult and pediatric burn patients are treated at this center, with services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patient treatment, transfer and telephone information can be obtained from the Burn Center personnel.