



# American Burn Association

## **Letter of Understanding for the Transfer of Burn Patients in the Event of a Disaster**

Burn injuries have the potential to be a major part of a disaster. It is our obligation to ensure that if one of our burn centers becomes overwhelmed, we have an agreement that we have the ability to transfer patients with severe burns to other burn institutions. I would like to set up such an arrangement with you so that in the event we are overwhelmed, we would have a qualified burn center to transfer patients to in the case of a disaster. The definition of “overwhelmed” will be defined by the transferring unit so that when we feel that we are incapable of handling the care of many burn patients, we would have a way to transfer these patients to your facility. We would contact you directly in the event of a disaster prior to transfer the make appropriate arrangements. By the same token, we would be happy to participate in such an agreement with your burn center if you so desire. The sole purpose of this understanding is to facilitate a transfer of burn patients in the event that a disaster occurs in either of our regions. The goal would be to provide excellent care to as many burn patients as possible. If this Letter of Understanding is acceptable to you, please sign below and we will develop this relationship for transfers in the case of a disaster.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Burn Center Director

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