



Burn Reconstruction

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Modern Burn Care

- Unprecedented survival
 - Improvements in critical care
 - Improvements in surgical management
- Survival alone is an insufficient outcome
- Goal of modern burn care is optimizing quality of life of survivors

Reconstructive Surgery

- Critical to Achieving Optimal Outcome
 - Dedicated to restoration of form and function
 - Amelioration of appearance
 - Critical to self-esteem
 - Critical to community integration
 - Improvement of function
 - Critical to vocational, recreational and daily activities

Research Questions

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- Non-Surgical Therapies?
- Tissue Substitutes?
- Face Transplantation?



UK gets face transplant go-ahead

A UK team has been given permission to carry out what would be the world's first full face transplant.

Peter Butler at London's Royal Free Hospital said he was "delighted" to get the go-ahead from an NHS ethics board for an operation "within months".

No patient has been selected



Peter Butler has been researching face transplants for years

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