

Quick Guide to Burn Coding Guidelines

Use to tool to help stay in compliance with coding guidelines governing burns.

Thermal Burns	Corrosion Burns
<p>Burns due to a heat source</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes electricity and radiation • Does not include sunburn 	<p>Burns due to contact with corrosive chemical</p>
<p>Classified by body site, depth and extent</p> <p>Depth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degree (erythema) • Second degree (blistering) • Third degree (full-thickness involvement) <p>Burns of eyes and internal organs classified by site but not by degree</p>	<p>Search the alphabetic index under “corrosion” and then scroll to site, laterality, if applicable, and degree</p> <p>Classified by body site, depth, agent, extent</p> <p>Depth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degree (erythema) • Second degree (blistering) • Third degree (full-thickness involvement) <p>Corrosions of eyes and internal organs classified by site but not by degree</p> <p>Code first a code from T51 to T65 to identify the chemical and intent</p>
<p>Assign a code from T31.- to classify the extent of the body affected by third-degree burns, when third-degree burns affect more than 20% of the body</p>	<p>Assign a code from T32.- to classify the extent of the body affected by third-degree burns, when third-degree burns affect more than 20% of the body</p>