



CLINICAL UPDATE

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New Amendment to UK trauma guidelines confirms alignment with the international standard in pre-hospital burn care.

(Hertford, 06. May 2020) - The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC) of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the British Burn Association (BBA) have published their amended Consensus Statement (Version 2) which confirms that hydrogels for emergency burn care can be used if running water is not an available option.

During the past 18 months, Water-Jel has worked closely with the FPHC and provided the relevant research and evidenced documentation to include hydrogel products in their recommendation. Part of this research also included the "Practical Guidelines for Burn Care" of the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI) which also recommends the same standard of action.

The pre-hospital treatment of burn injuries often occurs in locations where a sufficient supply of clean running water is not available. This amendment offers emergency medical and rescue personnel a workable solution for those scenarios and also matches the latest international ISBI standards for the treatment of burn injuries.

Water-Jel has been transparent in providing the necessary evidence to support this new recommendation. We will continue to support the NHS Ambulance Services, UK Fire & Rescue, Police and EMS users in Europe and global markets and offer the proven solution for the treatment of burn injuries in a first responder resource limited setting.

Ref: 2020 United Kingdom(UK): Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC) & British Burn Association (BBA). Expert Consensus Meeting "Management of Burns in Pre-Hospital Trauma Care". *"For effective cooling to be performed, fluid volumes ranging between 20 – 120 litres of water may be required and at rates of application of at least, 1 – 1.5 L per minute to the burn area(s)."*
[Edition History](#)Consensus Statement Version 2 – Published April 2020; "Recommendation: 8 – Burns Dressings, paragraph ii" Additional text
"In a resource limited setting, hydrogel dressings can be considered as an alternative when running water is not an available option".

Ref: International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI), burn care guidelines, published in 2019 under the banner "One World, One Standard of Burn Care".

[Emergency burn care first aid:](#) **"The evidence on optimal kind of coolant is insufficient for drawing any definite conclusions. As running water is inexpensive, readily available in first aid situations and easy to apply, this would be the treatment of choice. In the absence of running water, hydrogels can be used as an alternative".**

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