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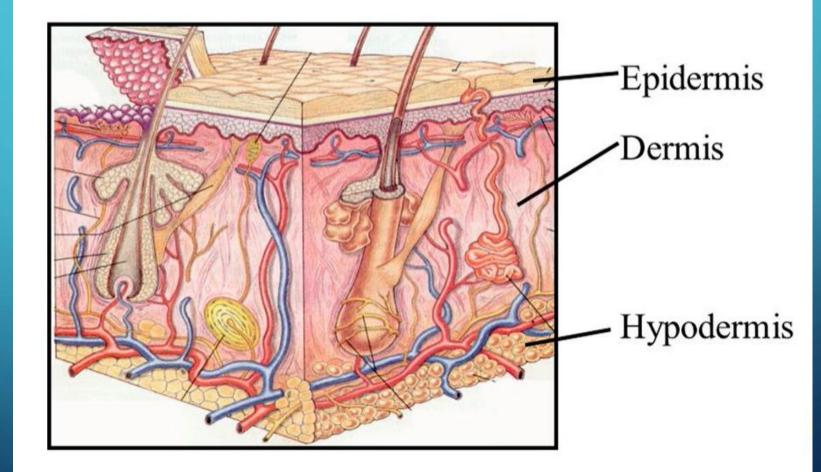
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What is burn?

A burn is an injury to the skin



SKIN ANATOMY



What is function of normal skin?

FUNCTION OF NORMAL SKIN

Protection from infection & injury
Prevention of loss of body fluid
Regulation of body temperature
Sensory contact with environment

What are the classifications of burns according to degree?

- **First-degree (superficial) burns.** First-degree burns affect only the outer layer of skin, the epidermis. The burn site is red, painful, dry, and has no blisters.
- Second-degree (partial thickness) burns. Second-degree burns involve the epidermis and part of the lower layer of skin, the dermis. The burn site looks red, blistered, and may be swollen and painful.
- Third-degree (full thickness) burns. Third-degree burns destroy the epidermis and dermis. They may go into the innermost layer of skin, the subcutaneous tissue. The burn site may look white or blackened and charred.
- Fourth-degree burns. Fourth-degree burns go through both layers of the skin and underlying tissue as well as deeper tissue, possibly involving muscle and bone. There is no feeling in the area since the nerve endings are destroyed.

What are causes of burns?

• Fire/flame.

- Scalding from steam or hot liquids.
- Touching hot objects (Hot metal)
- Electrical burns.
- Chemical burns such as strong acids
- Radiation, such as that from X-rays
- Sunlight or other sources of ultraviolet radiation

What does the severity of burns depend on?

The severity of a burn depends largely on:

- Depth of burn
- Extent of burn
- The location of the burn
- The cause of the burn
- Patient's age and prior state of health

What are the main causes of death from burns?

The main causes of death from burns:

- Over cooling of the body
- Overconcentration of the blood
- Fatty dam
- Nervous chock
- Acute edema
- Suffocation with carbon dioxide (CO₂) and poisoning with carbon monoxide (CO)
- Poisoning of the body with substance similar to histamine

Anatomical signs

External

- Color of burn: Redness or black
- swelling
- blistering
- Extent of burn
- The location of the burn

Internal

- General congestion
- concentration of the blood
- blood clot in large blood vasal and heart