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Queensland Government

## Burns Child / Young Person (under 18 years)

Facility:

(Affix identification label here)

URN:

Family name:

Given name(s):

Address:

Date of birth:

Sex:  M  F  I

### A. Interpreter / cultural needs

- An Interpreter Service is required?  Yes  No  
If Yes, is a qualified Interpreter present?  Yes  No  
A Cultural Support Person is required?  Yes  No  
If Yes, is a Cultural Support Person present?  Yes  No

### B. Condition and treatment

The doctor has explained that you/your child has the following condition: *(Doctor to document in patient's own words)*

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This condition requires the following procedure. *(Doctor to document - include site and/or side where relevant to the procedure)*

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The following will be performed:

If the body is unable to heal the damage caused by the burn/s, surgery may be necessary to treat the damage. This is done by removing burnt skin and grafting new skin taken from another area of the body onto the burn area.

### C. Risks of this procedure

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

General risks:

- Infection can occur which may require treatment including antibiotics.
- Bleeding could occur and may require a return to the operating room. Bleeding is more common if you have been taking blood thinning drugs such as Warfarin or Aspirin.
- Small areas of the lung can collapse, increasing the risk of chest infection. This may need antibiotics and physiotherapy.
- Impaired circulation may occur to a limb or to an organ which may require further treatment
- Death or brain damage as a result of this procedure are possible.

Specific risks:

- Blood loss may be considerable during and after the procedure. This may mean fluid replacement via a needle into the vein or a blood transfusion.
- Removal of the burnt tissue may cause infection to get into the blood stream. This can cause serious toxic effects.
- If the burn needs a skin graft:
  - the graft may not take;
  - the graft may not look like normal tissue for some time;
  - the colour of the graft may be different from other parts of the skin.

- The donor site of the graft:
  - may discharge fluid into the dressings and will be painful for some time. This fluid may need to be drained away.
  - may be slow to heal;
  - final healed area, may be thickened or discoloured or painful.
- With or without grafting, the burn areas may heal with thickening of the tissues. Sometimes this may cause contraction of the tissues, with difficulty in movement of the burnt area.

### D. Significant risks and procedure options

*(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

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### E. Risks of not having this procedure

*(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

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### F. Anaesthetic

This procedure may require an anaesthetic. *(Doctor to document type of anaesthetic discussed)*

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### G. Parent / patient / substitute decision maker consent

I acknowledge that the doctor has explained to me and/or my child:

- the medical condition and the proposed procedure, including additional treatment if the doctor finds something unexpected. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- the anaesthetic required for this procedure. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me/my child.



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- other relevant procedure/treatment options and their associated risks.
my/my child's prognosis and the risks of not having the procedure.
that no guarantee has been made that the procedure will improve the condition even though it has been carried out with due professional care.
the procedure may include a blood transfusion.
tissues and blood may be removed and could be used for diagnosis or management of my/my child's condition, stored and disposed of sensitively by the hospital.
if immediate life-threatening events happen during the procedure, health care will be provided in accordance with good clinical practice and in the best interests of the patient.
a doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination.

My child and/or I were able to ask questions and raise concerns with the doctor about the condition, the proposed procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. Any questions and concerns have been discussed and answered to my/our satisfaction.

I understand that I have the right to change my/our mind at any time, including after I have signed this form but, preferably following a discussion with my doctor.

I understand that image/s or video footage may be recorded as part of and during the procedure and that these image/s or video/s will assist the doctor to provide appropriate treatment.

Student examination/procedure for educational purposes

For the purpose of undertaking professional training, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s and may also, subject to patient consent, perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s on a patient while the patient is under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only.

For the purposes of education I consent to a student/s undergoing training to:

- observe examination/s or procedure/s [ ] Yes [ ] No
assist and/or perform examination/s or procedure/s [ ] Yes [ ] No

Student - this may include medical, nursing, midwifery, allied health or ambulance students.

I have been given the following Patient Information Sheet/s:

- About Your Child's Anaesthetic
Burns - Child / Young Person
Blood & Blood Products Transfusion

On the basis of the above statements,

I request that my child has the procedure

Name of parent / Substitute Decision Maker/s:

Signature:

Relationship to patient:

Date: PH No:

If applicable: source of decision making authority (tick one):

- Court order [ ] Court order verified
Legal guardian [ ] Documentation verified
Other: [ ] Documentation verified

AND / OR for the young person

Based on Gillick vs West Norfolk Area Health Authority [1986] 1AC 112 a minor (i.e a patient under 18 years of age) is capable of giving informed consent when he or she achieves a sufficient understanding and intelligence to enable him or her to fully understand the nature, consequences and risks of the proposed procedure/treatment and the consequences of non-treatment.

I request to have this procedure

Name of patient:

Signature:

Date:

H. Doctor / delegate statement

I have explained to the patient all the above points under the Patient Consent section (G) and I am of the opinion that the patient/substitute decision-maker has understood the information.

Name of Doctor/delegate:

Designation:

Signature:

Date:

I. Interpreter's statement

I have given a sight translation in

(state the patient's language here) of the consent form and assisted in the provision of any verbal and written information given to the patient/parent or guardian/substitute decision-maker by the doctor.

Name of Interpreter:

Signature:

Date:

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BINDING MARGIN



**1. What do I need to know about this procedure?**

If the body is unable to heal the damage caused by the burns, surgery may be necessary to treat the damage. This is done by removing burnt skin and grafting new skin taken from another area of the body onto the burn area.

**2. My anaesthetic:**

This procedure will require an anaesthetic.

See **About Your Child's Anaesthetic information sheet** for information about the anaesthetic and the risks involved. If you have any concerns, discuss these with your doctor.

*If you have not been given an information sheet, please ask for one.*

**3. What are the risks of this specific procedure?**

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

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**4. Who will be performing the procedure?**

A doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination.

I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training, and that all trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

If you have any concerns about which doctor/clinician will be performing the procedure, please discuss with the doctor/clinician.

For the purpose of undertaking professional training in this teaching hospital, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s.

Subject to your consent, a student/s may perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s while you are under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance with relevant professional guidelines.

If you choose not to consent, it will not adversely affect your access, outcome or rights to medical treatment in any way. You are under no obligation to consent to an examination/s or a procedure/s being undertaken by a student/s for education purposes.

**Notes to talk to my doctor about:**

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