

Burn depth assessment table

Burn depth	Wound appearance	Healing / scarring	Diagram
Superficial	<p>Involves the epithelium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Painful » Red or pink 	<p>Complete healing within 7-10 days</p>	<p>Labels: Epidermis, Dermis, Subcutaneous Tissue</p> <p>▶ Superficial burn</p>
Superficial partial	<p>Epidermis and superficial (papillary) dermis destroyed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Painful » Often blistered » Pink, moist » Blanches 	<p>Heals by epithelial migration within 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Can convert to a deeper burn 	<p>Labels: Epidermis, Dermis, Subcutaneous Tissue</p> <p>▶ Partial thickness burn</p>
Deep partial	<p>Involves epidermis and reticular dermis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » May blister » Mottled pink or white » Fairly dry after day 2 » Discomfort rather than pain » Slow or no capillary refill 	<p>Will take more than 3 weeks to heal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Will leave scar if over 2 weeks to heal 	<p>Labels: Epidermis, Dermis, Subcutaneous Tissue</p> <p>▶ Deep partial thickness burn</p>
Full thickness	<p>Involves epidermis, dermis, and may include fat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Does not blanch » May be mottled, dry, translucent, black or pale in appearance » Full thickness scalds may have red non blanching appearance 	<p>Small full thickness areas may take months to heal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Will have scar if left to heal without surgery » Early excision and grafting reduce scarring and contracture 	<p>Labels: Epidermis, Dermis, Subcutaneous Tissue</p> <p>▶ Full thickness burn</p>

