



Keeping our mob healthy

Bub's burn scars



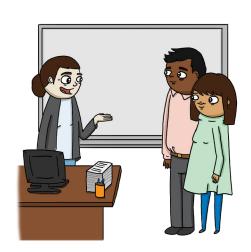
It's important that family and friends are careful with when talking about bub's scars. Bub may hear and feel shame about the scars. Seeing their burn scars may bring back memories about when the burn happened, dressing changes or feelings. Burn scars can also show how strong bub has been.

Bub may need help:

- When people stare or ask questions about what happened.
- With how to answer

questions or to let people know they don't want to talk.

- Talking about their feelings. Ask bub "Are you ok?", listen to them, let them know it's ok to feel that way.
- If bub is being bullied, you may need to yarn with the school.
- Helping bub look after their scars.



Helping bub look after their scars

Remember that scars improve over time but may not go away fully

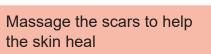
Wear pressure garments to help the scars heal

Laser treatment helps



Keep the sun from damaging the burns scar:

- use sunscreen
- wear long sleeved clothes
- stay in the shade.







This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

Child and Adolescent Health Service 15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, WA, 6009. Telephone: (08) 6456 2222 Produced by: Burns Unit / Social Work Ref: 1415 © CAHS 2021

Disclaimer: This publication is for general education and information purposes. Contact a qualified healthcare professional for any medical advice needed.

© State of Western Australia, Child and Adolescent Health Service.