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ABA 2025 Annual Meeting

Innovate & Engage

Join us for the 2025 American Burn Association's (ABA) Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Tuesday, April 8 through Friday, April 11, where this year's theme, "Innovate and Engage," will drive new ideas and foster meaningful connections. It's the premier burn care event of the year, offering exciting opportunities to help you reach your personal and professional goals.

Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to expand your network or a newcomer eager to explore cutting-edge techniques, the event's multidisciplinary format offers something for everyone. With four days of inspirational speakers, thought-provoking panel discussions, and expert leadership advice, you'll be immersed in the latest innovations and trends in burn care.

In addition, you'll have the chance to engage with peers and exhibitors in a dynamic exhibit hall, where you can explore the latest products and services in burn care. Mark your calendars and secure your spot today—we look forward to seeing you in Phoenix to come together to innovate and engage this spring!

Tuesday, April 8 through Friday, April 11

Pre-Conference

Dive deep into specialized educational topics in an interactive, small-group setting. *Note: Pre-conference programs require an additional registration fee.*

Plenaries: Keynote Sessions

Gather with all attendees for our three plenary keynote sessions: Opening Ceremony and Presidential Address; Presidential Plenary; and Top Five Abstracts.

Educational Forums

Engage in focused conversations, share insights, and explore innovations by topic with speakers and attendees.

Correlatives: Related Research Sessions

Stay updated on the latest burn research by attending abstract presentations that explore key findings and insights.

Sunrise Symposia

Join interactive, multidisciplinary discussions on key topics. Each symposium is limited to 50 attendees to ensure everyone's voice is heard in these engaging discussions.

Poster Rounds

Discover the latest breakthroughs in burn care research. Take a moment to chat with the researchers and explore the impact of their findings firsthand.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Day

Join your colleagues on Tuesday, April 8, for Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings. These meetings offer a valuable chance for burn care professionals to connect with peers who share specific interests or expertise in burn care. Meeting details will be available this spring via the event mobile app.

Networking & Social Time

Connect and network with colleagues during receptions and social events! If it's your first time attending an ABA meeting or you're a new ABA member, please join the First Time Attendee and New Member Welcome before the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall.

Exhibit Hall

Explore the latest in products, services, and technologies in burn care while networking with exhibitors and fellow attendees.



At-a-Glance Schedule

Monday, April 7

8:00 AM–5:00 PM	Advanced Burn Life Support® Live Course (Pre-Con)
8:00 AM–5:00 PM	Certified Burn Registered Nurse (CBRN) Exam Prep Course Part 1 (Pre-Con)
1:00–5:00 PM	Burn Rehabilitation: Putting Competencies into Practice (Pre-Con)

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 AM–5:00 PM	Burn Registrar Training (Pre-Con)
8:00 AM–12:00 PM	Advanced Burn Life Support® (ABLS) Instructor Course, Option 1 (Pre-Con)
8:00 AM–3:30 PM	CBRN Exam Prep Course Part 2 (Pre-Con)
9:00 AM–5:00 PM	Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings
1:00–5:00 PM	Fundamentals of Burn Care: Engaging and Innovating with the Entire Burn Team
1:00–5:00 PM	ABLS Instructor Course, Option 2 (Pre-Con)
5:00–7:00 PM	Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, April 9

6:45–7:45 AM	Sunrise Symposia
8:00–9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony and Presidential Address
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Educational Forums and Correlatives
12:30–1:30 PM	Poster Rounds
2:00–4:00 PM	Educational Forums and Correlatives
4:15–5:30 PM	MAC FORUM: Engaging Burn Care Providers Across the Experience Continuum
5:30–7:00 PM	Wine & Cheese Reception in Exhibit Hall

Thursday, April 10

6:45–7:45 AM	Sunrise Symposia
8:00–9:30 AM	Presidential Plenary Session
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Educational Forums and Correlatives
12:30–1:30 PM	Poster Rounds
2:00–4:00 PM	Educational Forums
4:15–5:30 PM	Educational Forums

Friday, April 11

8:00–9:45 AM	Top 5 Abstracts
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Educational Forums and Correlatives
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Best in Category Posters
12:15–1:45 PM	Lunch Education Forums
2:00–4:00 PM	Education Forums
7:00–11:00 PM	Closing Celebration

Pre-Conference Courses

Enhance your skills and gain advanced knowledge in specific topics with pre-conference courses. Pre-registration is required, and additional fees apply; **on-site registration is not available.**

Monday, April 7

Advanced Burn Life Support® Live Course

Elevate your emergency care skills with the Advanced Burn Life Support® (ABLS) live course, for comprehensive training on burn patient care during the crucial first 24 hours. This immersive course equips you with essential knowledge and firsthand experience using a combination of lectures, case studies, and assessments. ABLS applies to a wide range of professionals who treat individuals with burn injuries including first responders, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians.

Burn Rehabilitation: Putting Competencies into Practice

This course focuses on core burn therapist competencies from the ABA Burn Rehabilitation Therapist Competency Tool (BRTCT-2) (Parry et al., 2017) and ABA Verification Criteria (7.7). Part one reviews current practices for burn therapists, followed by breakout segments for small group discussions and hands-on experience with essential burn therapy skills. Participants will gain a deeper understanding and enhanced skills in essential burn therapy practice domains.

CBRN Exam Prep Course

This **two-day course** is designed to help nurses prepare for the new Certified Burn Registered Nurse (CBRN) exam. Through interactive discussions and case study analysis, participants will deepen their knowledge of burn care and gain practical insights. The course aims to boost confidence and readiness, equipping nurses with the tools they need to succeed in achieving their CBRN certification. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM.

Tuesday, April 8

Advanced Burn Life Support® (ABLS) Instructor Course

This four-hour course is the first step to becoming an ABLS Instructor. It covers creating a dynamic learning environment and best practices for teaching the ABLS Live course. Participants must be ABLS certified for at least 12 months; those who have only taken ABLS Now are not eligible.

Burn Registrar Training

Join the ABA for an in-person Burn Registrar Training event! This comprehensive, full-day course is designed to provide burn registry professionals with practical strategies and hands-on experience to elevate their skills and effectiveness in burn care data management. Participants will gain valuable insights and tools to enhance the quality of data reported through the Burn Care Quality Platform (BCQP) and explore the advanced reporting functionalities of the platform. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM.

Tuesday, April 8

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

ABA 2025 will feature hour-long Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings throughout the day on Tuesday, April 8, providing a platform for attendees to network and share resources with peers in their professional discipline or area of interest. Join us for interactive discussions with the following SIGs:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/Physician Assistant (APRN/PA)
- Burn Camps
- Burn Prevention/Epidemiology
- Burn Survivor Reintegration
- Canadian
- Disaster
- Fire Fighters
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy (OT/PT)
- Pediatric Burns
- Pharmacy
- Physicians
- Psychosocial
- Quality & Burn Registry
- Reconstruction
- Research

Times and locations will be available in the spring via the mobile app.

Education Forums

Fundamentals of Burn Care: Engaging and Innovating with the Entire Burn Team

Course Directors

Lynne Benavides, OTR/L, CHT

Miranda Yelvington, OTR/L, PhD, BCPR, BT-C

Fundamentals of Burn Care is tailored for individuals with less than five years of experience in the field. Aligned with the theme of “Innovate and Engage” set by Sharmila Dissanaiké, MD, ABA President, this course provides a comprehensive overview of the diverse disciplines involved in burn care. With ABA membership spanning 23 distinct disciplines, the session will explore how these fields collaborate throughout the continuum of burn care and highlight the unique skills and innovations each discipline brings.

Special Events

ABuRN Town Hall

The ABA Burn Research Network (ABuRN) is a multidisciplinary group of ABA members committed to advancing burn care through collaborative research. ABA leadership and clinical researchers will review the progress of current research studies and discuss the status of future research projects.

New Member & First-Time Attendee Welcome

The ABA's Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) invites you to the New Member and First-Time Attendee Welcome at the 2025 Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet experienced ABA members, network, ask questions, and connect with fellow first-time attendees and new members.

Opening Reception & Exhibit Hall

Enjoy food, drinks, and great company while collaborating with leading organizations and companies in the burn field. Connect with those offering products and services that enhance care and support for burn-injured patients and survivors.

Wednesday, April 9

Sunrise Symposia

Addressing the Whole Patient: How Social Determinants Influence Burn Rehabilitation Outcomes

Moderators

Ashley Honea, LCSW, MSW
Kelly McElligott, LSCW
Kristen Quinn, CMHC

Participants will discuss how the critical role social determinants of health (SDOH), such as socioeconomic status, housing instability, food insecurity, and lack of transportation, affect recovery outcomes for burn survivors. The discussion will focus on these factors' impact on burn rehabilitation and community reintegration, applicable to all roles within the burn team. Attendees will share best practices for creating discharge and aftercare plans that connect patients with resources tailored to their social needs. Nursing, case management, social work, therapy disciplines, and all burn team members will gain valuable insights into SDOH.

Are We Bringing Them in or Sending Them Out? Managing the Challenging Transfer

Moderators

Christopher LaChapelle, MD
Vimal Murthy, MD

Burn centers often operate under the pressure of providing "higher levels of care," but not all transfer requests are equal. Additionally, burn patients with non-burn and/or psychosocial needs may face extended lengths of stay. This discussion will focus on strategies for managing these challenging cases, including the use of telemedicine before patient arrival and patient "takeback" agreements with facilities.

Breaking Barriers: Innovation for Expanding Access and Coordination for Outpatient Burn Care

Moderators

Seethal Abraham, PA-C
Kelly Evans, RN
Shannon McMath, RN

Discuss innovative approaches in patient care and engagement in the outpatient burn clinic during this interactive session. Topics will include improving access to care through tools like "My Chart," video visits, addressing transportation challenges, understanding insurance coverage, and using nurse navigators to improve care access. The session covers the full spectrum of outpatient burn clinic care, from initial treatment to reconstructive procedures, health literacy, access ease, tracking long-term outcomes, and coordinating referrals to streamline patient access.

Burn Rehabilitation Students: Management Strategies for Your Role as Clinical Instructor

Moderators

Audrey O'Neil, DPT, BT-C
Sarah Sabbatini, PT, DPT

Educating students during clinical rotations in a burn center can be challenging due to fear, intimidation, and gaps in knowledge. Factors such as limited burn-specific knowledge, varying skill levels, patient complexity, and instructor experience can impact student success. This session will explore effective strategies for managing therapy students during burn rehabilitation rotations. Participants will discuss challenges faced by both struggling and high-achieving students and share optimal approaches for structuring expectations and providing support to ensure a positive and productive learning experience.

Coaching Team Members on Crucial Conversations with Burn Survivors and Family Members

Moderators

Brianna Blackwell, BSN
Haig Yenikomshian, MD

Burn care requires a multidisciplinary approach in high-acuity settings, often involving challenging conversations with patients and their families. Many team members lack formal training in this area, making this discussion particularly difficult. This session will offer strategies and insights from various team members on how to handle these conversations constructively and empathetically.

Decreasing Hypertrophic Scar Through Mechanotransduction: A Hands-On Approach

Moderators

Victoria Allen, DPT
Trudy Boulter, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C
Michelle Dwertman, MSPT, BT-C

Explore mechanotransduction literature and its impact on hypertrophic scarring. Discussions cover basic science, and explore how mechanical offloading may reduce hypertrophic scars, bridging various treatment modalities such as pressure application and gel sheeting. The discussion spans rehabilitation approaches throughout burn recovery, from injury to outpatient care. Attendees will identify high-risk factors for hypertrophic scarring and focus on interventions to mitigate it. Gain a comprehensive understanding of how mechanical forces influence scarring and learn strategies for more effective treatment and rehabilitation.

Wednesday, April 9 (cont'd)

Ethics of Drug Screening on Admission

Moderators

Alice Fagin, MD

Ashley Honea, LCSW, MSW

Explore the ethics and implications of drug screening burn patients upon admission. The discussion will cover the pros and cons, including the risks and benefits to the patient's health and the impact on the patient-burn team relationship. Participants may discuss bias inherent in testing and the possible consequences of both positive and negative screens.

Multidisciplinary Strategies of Optimal Positioning and Splinting Compliance

Moderators

Madison Eversole, BSN, RN

Kaleigh Landry, DPT, PT

Megan Luedke, MOT, OTR

Collaborate effectively to ensure proper patient positioning on the burn unit, a critical factor in achieving optimal functional outcomes and preventing contractures. Physical and occupational therapists focus on stretching and positioning under tight time constraints, while nurses and physicians are key in implementing contracture prevention plans. Join a multidisciplinary discussion to address barriers and develop strategies for improving positioning and splinting compliance.

National Burn Awareness Week Tips for Burn Center, Foundation, Fire Department, and Community Engagement

Moderators

Rebecca Coffey, APRN, BSN, MSN, PhD

Karla Klas, BSN, CCRP, RN

National Burn Awareness Week (NBAW) is organized by the American Burn Association during the first full week in February. This week offers an opportunity for burn centers, burn foundations, fire departments, and other organizations involved in burn prevention and fire safety education to promote a unified theme in burn awareness and injury prevention. This session will focus on strategies for effectively communicating evidence-based messages for NBAW. Learn how to engage partners and the community to prevent burn injuries and how to measure the impact of NBAW.

Navigating Difficult Family/Social Dynamics in Burn Care

Moderators

Lauren Nosanov, MD

John Schulz, MD, PhD

Family dynamics can be challenging to navigate in the context of burn injury. Pre-existing familial dysfunction can become even more complex with severe, painful injuries. Families, whether defined genetically or socially, may

include friends, partners, parents, siblings, and others. This session provides a safe space for participants to discuss and strategize with colleagues on how to effectively manage these complex family situations.

Tiny Hands, Diapers, Toddler Tummies Oh My: The Challenges of Scar Management in Children 0–3

Moderators

Sarah Eilerman, DPT, PT

Lauren Justice, BCP, MOTR/L

Beth Villanueva, OTD, OTR/L, CHT

The use of compression therapy and topical silicone products/gel sheets for managing hypertrophic burn scars is a well-documented standard of care. However, implementing these practices in infants and toddlers presents unique challenges. Rapid growth, developmental stages, choking hazards, and age-appropriate impulsivity affect the fitting, donning, and compliance with garments and silicone/gel products. Share knowledge and problem-solve strategies for effective conservative scar management in pediatric patients.

Plenary

Opening Ceremony, Awards, & Presidential Address

Speakers

Sharmila Dissanaiké, MD

Jeffrey Carter, MD, FABA

The 2025 ABA Annual Meeting officially begins with color guard presentation, pipe and drum corps, and national anthem performance, followed by the Leadership Award Presentation. President Elect Jeffrey Carter will introduce President Sharmila Dissanaiké who will deliver a presentation on the theme of "Innovate and Engage," which will highlight the importance of embracing innovation and fostering engagement across the burn care community to advance patient care and outcomes.

Education Forums

A Case Based Review of Critical Pediatric Burns: What Makes Them Different

Course Directors

Josh Arenth, MD

Whitney Marvin, MD

Follow a case-based review that explores the unique aspects of pediatric burn critical care, including pediatric physiology, multi-organ dysfunction support, sedation effects on the developing brain, rehabilitation, and the impact of parent/family involvement. The session will also address caregiver distress and resilience, offering insights into the complexities of caring for critically ill pediatric burn patients.

Firefighter I: The Dangers Associated with Lithium-Ion Batteries

Course Directors

Eric Glover, BS
Jason Woods, MPS

Lithium-ion batteries power many of the conveniences we rely on daily—cell phones, laptops, power tools, medical devices, electric vehicles, and more. Despite their advantages, these batteries carry risks of overheating, catching fire, and exploding, leading to fires and burn injuries. This session will explore the hazards of lithium-ion batteries, review incidents that resulted in injuries and death, and discuss best practices for using them safely.

Frostbite Innovations and Research

Course Directors

Alexandra Lacey, MD, RD, FABA
Rachel Nygaard, PhD

Frostbite innovations and research builds on previous American Burn Association meetings presentations by bringing together experts in frostbite care and research from across North America. This session will highlight current research collaborations, advancements in care delivery, and novel techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of frostbite.

Wellness in Healthcare: Addressing Institutional Factors (Part 1 of 2)

Course Directors

Nicole Caraballo, PsyD
Mariah Malaniak, CBRN, CPN, MSN, RN
Nathan H. Brown, PsyD
Shelley A. Wiechman, PhD
Christina M. Shanti, MD

The National Academy of Medicine estimates that over half of nurses, physicians, and medical trainees experience symptoms of burnout. Chronic work-related stress and burnout contribute to health and mental health concerns, malpractice claims, patient dissatisfaction, staff resignations, and high turnover costs. Also, the risks are heightened for people of color and females, who already face disproportionate stress. This multidisciplinary workshop will review evidence-based institutional strategies and individual skills to assess and mitigate burnout while promoting workplace engagement and wellbeing, particularly for providers working with burn survivors.

Pediatric Admissions: How Nurses Navigate the First 48 Hours

Course Directors

Emily Eschelbach, RN, CCRN, CBRN
Nicole Pachon, BSN, CBRN

Pediatric burn admissions vary widely, from stable cases to critical, life-threatening situations. The first 48 hours are vital for assessment, stabilization, and management. This session will explore different care paradigms that institutions use during this critical window to ensure high-quality care for pediatric patients. Attendees will learn about available resources and educational opportunities to support consistent care and participate in an open discussion where nurses share their approaches, successes, and challenges in managing pediatric burn admissions.

Personalized Rehabilitation Based on Evolving Rehabilitation Science and Evidence

Course Directors

Trudy Boulter, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C
Derek Murray, MS, PT, BT-C
Bernadette Nedelec, OTR/L, PhD, BT-C
Ingrid Parry, MSPT, BT-C
Renée Warthman, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C

Burn rehabilitation demands a tailored approach due to its complexity. This session will address the challenge of integrating evolving concepts and clinical science to enhance patient outcomes. Explore strategies for adapting to new evidence and the ethical responsibility of enhancing care as knowledge advances. Using case studies, examine how to navigate the complexities of existing evidence, professional experience, and individual patient factors, and how to weave these elements into a cohesive treatment plan.

Resources Think Tank: Working Together to Optimize Creative Solutions for Burn Survivor Aftercare

Course Directors

Ashley Honea, LCSW, MSW
Derek Murray, MS, PT, BT-C
Renee Noordzij, BSc
Jill Sproul, MS, RN
Callie Thompson, MD, FABA

Providing resources for burn survivors as they transition from hospital to community is a vital part of post-acute recovery. Defining optimal processes for referrals and resources – including the type, timing, and delivery methods – is crucial for facilitating recovery. Use meeting science techniques to facilitate an open dialogue on overcoming systemic barriers and brainstorm innovative strategies to create a network of affordable aftercare options. Gain valuable insights on supporting burn survivors through the aftercare process, regardless of financial circumstances.

Wednesday, April 9 (cont'd)

The Journey from Disaster to Survivor: Firefighter and Clinician Perspectives on Effectively Navigating a Mass Casualty Event

Course Directors

Rebecca Coffey, APRN, BSN, MSN, PhD
Kimberly Roaten, ABPP, PhD
Elizabeth Salazar, BSN, ONC, RN

Gain insights from first responders and healthcare clinicians who managed a mass casualty event involving multiple family members with catastrophic burn injuries from a home explosion. Firefighters, surgeons, nurses, and a psychologist will share their firsthand experiences, emotional responses, and lessons learned. Learn about effective communication and treatment strategies during the acute phase and approaches for rehabilitation and reintegration. Discover evidence-based methods for crisis leadership, delivering fatality notifications, and promoting staff wellness and resilience in high-stress situations.

Whose Decision Is It Anyway: Medical-Decision Making in Burn Care

Course Directors

Monica Gerrek, PhD
Jeffrey Grand, PsyD
Anjay Khandelwal, MD, FABA
Sheera Lerman, PhD
Daniel Schneider, PsyD

Healthcare capacity is a clinical determination of a patient's ability to make informed decisions, particularly important in both adult and pediatric burn care. Healthcare professionals must protect the autonomy of patients with capacity while identifying those who are incapacitated, which can be complex. Informed consent must be both ethically and legally valid. Case vignettes involving catastrophic burn events will demonstrate interdisciplinary decision-making through a panel of diverse experts.

Engaging Burn Care Providers Across the Experience Continuum

Course Directors

Emily Eschelbach, BSN, RN, CCRN
Betsey Ferreria, PT
Victoria Miles, EMT-P, MD
Cassandra O'Rourke, BCP, OTR/L

This educational forum will focus on strategies for engaging burn professionals across all levels of experience. Attendees will hear from an expert on the advantages of a multigenerational workforce and its positive impact on interprofessional teams. A panel of burn care professionals from various career stages will also share their ABA experiences, discussing how these experiences have shaped their career paths in burn care.

Thursday, April 10

Sunrise Symposia

Advocating for the Vulnerable: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Identifying and Responding to Abuse and Neglect

Moderators

Ashley Honea, LCSW, MSW
Carisa Parrish, PhD
Mikki Rothbauer, LICSW, MSW

Patients admitted to burn units are often among the most vulnerable, facing both physical and psychological trauma, which may be furthered complicated by potential abuse or neglect. Addressing their psychological and social needs is crucial as they recover and reintegrate into their communities. This session will offer strategies for meeting the needs of these vulnerable populations while minimizing re-traumatization. Emphasis will be placed on the benefits of a collaborative team approach to promote positive outcomes and support their growth.

Caregiver Mental Health: Often Overlooked but Vital for Burn Patient Recovery

Moderators

Sandra Cramolini, BSN, MHA, RN
Ashley Honea, LCSWM, MSW
Kelsey Stryker, MSW

Caregivers play a crucial role in facilitating positive outcomes for burn survivors, yet their own mental health needs are often overlooked amid the focus on the survivor's recovery. This interactive discussion will address the challenges, psychological distress, burn recovery, and compassion fatigue experienced by caregivers. Participants will explore methods to support caregivers alongside burn survivors and share tools for assessing caregiver needs and implementing support services. The session will emphasize a holistic, family-centered approach to burn treatment.

Challenging Cases in Burn Rehabilitation

Moderators

Mark Fisher, MD
Jong Lee, MD
Sheila Ott, OTR

Rehabilitating burn patients presents unique challenges that can affect long-term outcomes. This session will explore daily difficulties faced in both inpatient and outpatient settings, including strategies to ensure patient compliance despite pain and anxiety. Key topics will cover managing complex hand burn rehabilitation, especially in pediatric cases, and identifying outpatient therapy resources for patients with limited access to necessary support.

Confronting Moral Injury: Voices and Insights from Burn Care Providers and Firefighters

Moderators

Debbie Minter, MSPT
Eva Regel, PhD

This session will address moral injury among burn care providers, offering a platform to share individual experiences and insights. Participants will explore the factors contributing to moral injury in the high-pressure, ethically challenging environment of burn care. The discussion will include firsthand accounts and expert analysis on the prevalence and impact of moral injury, and strategies to build resilience and support within the healthcare workforce.

Maximizing Patient Smiles: Navigating the Burn Care Journey with a Grin

Moderators

Michelle Dwertman, MSPT, BT-C
Catherine Freeman, OTR/L, OTD, BT-C
Kaleigh Landry, DPT, PT
Megan McCarthy, DPT

Explore strategies to enhance patient experiences and align treatment objectives from the acute unit to the outpatient clinic. Address the challenges in managing and coordinating burn care products to achieve optimal outcomes. Examine scenarios involving patients who stay within a single care system versus those transitioning to external providers with limited burn expertise. Engage in facilitated discussions to uncover successful strategies and practices employed by burn clinicians to navigate these challenges and improve patient outcomes.

Partners in Healing: Strengthening Alliances Between Burn Centers and Burn Foundations for Enhanced Family-Centered Psychosocial Programming in Pediatric Burn

Moderators

Stephanie Schneider, OTD, OTR/L
Carrie Tully, PhD
Jason Woods, MPS

Effective psychosocial support programs are crucial for promoting resilience, reducing post-traumatic stress, and enhancing the overall well-being of burn survivors and their families. However, developing and maintaining these programs often requires resources beyond hospital budgets. Burn Foundations can provide essential funding and resources to develop, expand, and sustain these vital programs. By securing foundation support, hospitals can implement innovative strategies, employ specialized staff, and use the latest techniques for supporting pediatric burn survivors. This session aims to bridge the gap between hospitals and foundations, fostering collaborations that enrich psychosocial support frameworks.

Procedural Sedation: Identifying Specific Needs of the Burn Population and Key Stakeholders to Implementation

Moderators

Shannon Brunt, ACCNS-AG, APRN, CBRN, CCRN, TCRN
Amber Kohler, APRN, MSN
Scott Mueller, BCCCP, PharmD

Consensus on providing adequate pain control and sedation for burn patients, particularly during challenging hydrotherapy sessions, is lacking. This forum will bring together burn centers nationwide to share and educate on their successes in developing and implementing burn-specific sedation policies. The focus will be on addressing the specialized needs of both adult and pediatric burn patients, reducing opioid use, and exploring innovative sedation methods outside of the operating room setting.

There and Back Again: Wound Care from Discharge to Closure

Moderators

Paula Petersen, ACNP
Manuel Portalatin, DO, MPH
Riley Ramirez, LCSW, MSW
Taylor Trapp, DPT

Outstanding research by members of the burn community is often presented in poster format due to space and time constraints. One poster per category will be selected as "Best in Category." These top posters will then be presented in a formal session, where they will be judged by the Chairs of the Program Committee, Research Committee, and Membership Advisory Committee. After the session, the judges will award the three top posters of the meeting.

Tissue Expansion in Burn Reconstruction: Pearls and Pitfalls

Moderators

Daniel Driscoll, MD
Ariel Miranda, PhD

Tissue expansion is an excellent technique for burn reconstruction, but its success depends on careful attention to many nuances to minimize complications. Preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative decisions significantly impact the complication rate, which can range from 3% to 45%. Join experienced reconstructive surgeons and practitioners in a comprehensive discussion on strategies to minimize complications while maximizing both functional and aesthetic outcomes for burn patients.

Understanding Cutaneous Functional Units (CFUs) and Principles of Cutaneokinematics from a Multidisciplinary Perspective in Research and Practice

Moderators

Ingrid Parry, MSPT, BT-C
Renée Warthman, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C
Miranda Yelvington, BCPR, OTR/L, PhD, BT-C

CFUs are often misunderstood but hold significant value for various disciplines within burn care. Similarly, cutaneokinematics, an evolving science, presents challenges in both research and clinical practice. This session will focus on enhancing attendees' understanding of CFUs and cutaneokinematics, exploring their differences, applications in research and clinical settings, and how CFUs are quantified. Additionally, the session will delve into how principles of cutaneokinematics can be practically implemented. By clarifying these concepts across the burn team, including surgery, nursing, and rehabilitation, attendees will gain a more cohesive and standardized approach, improving communication around this evolving science.

Plenary

Presidential Plenary

Host

Sharmila Dissanaïke, MD

Keynote Speaker

Julie Lancaster

Innovate and Engage: Building Resilient, Interdisciplinary Burn Teams for the Future

Hosted by Sharmila Dissanaïke, MD, the Presidential Plenary will spotlight groundbreaking approaches and fresh perspectives in burn care, featuring leaders who have pushed boundaries to tackle complex challenges. This plenary will inspire attendees to think creatively and embrace innovation for improved patient outcomes.

Keynote speaker Julie Lancaster will explore strategies for fostering engagement and collaboration within interdisciplinary burn care teams, focusing on the unique dynamics that arise when integrating the expertise of physicians, nurses, therapists, and social workers. With the 2025 theme "Innovate and Engage," she'll discuss bridging generational differences, encouraging diverse contributions, and creating safe spaces for open dialogue—all essential for building resilient, forward-thinking teams. Through world insights, Julie will equip attendees with practical tools to lead effectively and foster inclusive, innovative team cultures that elevate burn care.

Thursday, April 10 (cont'd)

Education Forums

Creating Evidence-Informed Messaging to Improve Health Literacy in Patient Education, Promote Behavior Change in Injury Prevention, and Enhance Public Outreach

Course Directors

Rebecca Coffey, APRN, BSN, MSN, PhD
Karla Klas, BSN, RN, CCRP

This session addresses the critical role of messaging used by hospitals, fire departments, and foundations, in delivering patient education and burn injury/violence prevention information, highlighting the need for accuracy, clarity, relevance, impact, effectiveness, and health literacy. Attendees will explore how to assess whether their messaging aligns with evidence-based recommendations. A summary of findings from comprehensive reviews of public health and behavioral science literature will be provided, alongside interactive practice with case scenarios. Participants will gain insights into current evidence-informed best strategies, access new online tools and resources, and receive practical, ready-to-use tips for enhancing messaging to improve health literacy, mitigate risk, and prevent injuries.

Changing Places: A Day in the Life of a Firefighter

Course Directors

Hunter Clare, EMT-P
Jason Woods, MPS

It's often said that firefighters have the best job in the world—an exciting and rewarding profession. When firefighters face tough days, the burn team frequently comes to their aid. This year's Changing Places session will give the burn team a unique opportunity to experience what it takes to be a firefighter. Participants will engage with the tools and equipment used daily by firefighters and gain a deeper understanding of the physical challenges involved in returning to duty after a burn injury.

Firefighter II: Supporting the Spouse of a Burn-Injured Firefighter

Course Directors

Lionel Crowther, ABPP
Jason Woods, MPS

Every day, thousands of firefighters put their lives on the line in service to their communities. Despite the use of personal protective equipment, training, and years of experience, the risks of smoke and fire can still overwhelm even the most prepared firefighter, leading to life-altering burn injuries. These injuries challenge the firefighter's survival and recovery and deeply affect their families and colleagues. This session will investigate how a burn injury and treatment can affect spouses and children following a line-of-duty injury.

Advanced Burn Reconstruction: Breast, Trunk, and Axilla

Course Directors

Justin Gillenwater, MD, FABA
Elizabeth Slater, MD

Explore the care continuum for burns of the trunk, breast, and axilla, from acute management to secondary reconstruction. Expert faculty will discuss techniques for wound closure, scar manipulation, contracture release, and contour restoration to optimize long-term functional and aesthetic outcomes. Topics include grafts, skin substitutes, timing and planning of reconstructive procedures, flaps, fat grafting, breast mound creation, and nipple-areola reconstruction. Case presentations will highlight clinical decision-making and technical pearls. Attendees will leave with a thorough understanding of strategies to address both early and late sequelae of burns in the trunk, breast, and axillary areas.

Business of Burns: Understanding Your Center's Financials, Challenging Business Cases, and Coding Changes

Course Directors

Jeffrey Carter, MD, FABA
Steven Kahn, MD, FABA

Business of Burns is an ongoing series that focuses on the business and economic aspects of burn care. This session will cover key topics like understanding the financials and methods of measuring revenue/profits and valuation of the burn center, and the latest coding updates. Attendees can submit challenging cases/scenarios for discussion by an expert panel.

Failure to Translate: The Biggest Missed Opportunities in Burn Care from Bench to Bedside to Policy

Course Directors

Deborah Carlson, PhD
Rebecca Coffey, APRN, BSN, MSN, PhD
Clifford Sheckter, MD, MS

This session will explore cases where the top evidence in burn care hasn't been translated into practice and examine the reasons for these gaps. Discuss the bidirectional continuum of translational science, from basic and clinical research to population health and health policy, cover missed opportunities across research domains, including bench, clinical, rehabilitative, and reconstructive research, and as in population health and health policy. Identify barriers to implementing effective strategies and interventions and propose ways to overcome these obstacles.

Healing Beyond the Surface: Addressing Sexuality and Intimacy After Burn Injuries

Course Directors

Rebekah Allely, OTR/L
Sheera Lerman, PhD
Cindy Rutter, RN, BSN, LMFT
Keturah Sloan, AG-ACNP

Sexuality and intimacy are a critical component of quality-of-life and can be significantly impacted by burn injuries and subsequent changes to function and appearance. The session will explore the physical, psychological, and social challenges faced by burn survivors in reclaiming their sexual health and intimate relationships. Through a multidisciplinary approach, participants will gain insights from both providers and survivors on evidence-based interventions, therapeutic strategies, and holistic care models designed to support a fulfilling intimate life.

Impact of Ableism, Stigma, and the Unknown on Early Withdrawal of Care After Burn Injuries

Course Directors

Eleanor Curtis, MD
Ashley Honea, LCSW, MSW
Kimberly Roaten, ABPP, PhD
Barclay Stewart, MD, PhD

One of the most difficult scenarios the burn team encounters is when patients or family members request to withdraw life-sustaining treatment for a large but survivable burn injury. These requests weigh heavily on the burn team. Addressing the issue requires a multidisciplinary

approach involving palliative care, rehabilitation, and ethics consultants to navigate the complex ethical issues. Despite this, consensus on the "right" course of action is rare. This session will explore the impact of ableism, stigma, and the underlying unknowns related to quality of life after major burn injury, informed by existing data.

Wellness in Healthcare: Learning Proactive Personal Skills (Part 2 of 2)

Course Directors

Anjay Khandelwal, MD, FABA
Ayla Mapes, PhD
Carisa Parrish, PhD

The National Academy of Medicine estimates that over half of nurses, physicians, and medical trainees experience symptoms of burnout. Chronic work-related stress and burnout contribute to health issues, mental health concerns, malpractice claims, patient dissatisfaction, worker resignation, and high turnover costs. The risk of burnout is particularly high among certain groups, including people of color and females, who face additional stressors. This multidisciplinary session will review evidence-based institutional strategies and individual skills to assess and address burnout, and promote workplace engagement and wellbeing, especially among providers working with burn survivors.

The Future of Pediatric Burn Care, Navigating the Two Paradigms

Course Directors

Rohit Mittal, MD, FABA
Tina Palmieri, MD, FABA

Engage in a dynamic discussion comparing two paradigms for pediatric burn care: 1) a single burn center that accommodates both pediatric and adult patients in the same unit, and 2) a separate pediatric burn unit within a dedicated children's hospital. Explore the benefits and challenges of each approach, including differences in patient management, care coordination, and specialized resources.

Thursday, April 10 (cont'd)

Documentation and the Transdisciplinary Team

Course Directors

Matthew Godleski, MD
Jenna Kelly, DPT, PT
Katie Lundquist, MOTR/L, BT-C
Andria Martinez, OTR, CHT

This educational forum will highlight the significance of comprehensive rehabilitation documentation and its impact on the transdisciplinary team. The session will address how inadequate documentation can impact discharge planning and care management. Participants will gain insights into the essential information needed by the team and physicians during rounds. The session will also cover the advantages of standardizing therapy documentation for consistent terminology, as highlighted by Richard et al. (2009), and ensure that the team uses unified language. Also, the session will cover the use of smart phrases and smart texts in electronic medical records (EMR) to promote unity in documentation.

Enhancing Collaborative Abstract Writing for the American Burn Association Conference: A Comprehensive Guide for Burn Team Members

Course Directors

Alexandra Lacey, MD, RD, FABA
Rachel Nygaard, PhD
Emily Werthman, PhD

Effective communication of clinical and research findings is essential for advancing burn care. This session, hosted by the ABA Research Special Interest Group (SIG), will guide burn team members—from novice practitioners to seasoned researchers—on preparing high-quality abstracts for the ABA conference. The session will review levels of evidence, ABA Program Committee guidelines and rubric, and include case studies for collaborative abstract editing. Emphasizing a collaborative approach, attendees will focus on integrating contributions from diverse team members into research.

Past, Present, Future: Transforming Outcomes Through Deeper Stakeholder Engagement in Burn Care and Research

Course Directors

Amy Acton, BSN
Elizabeth Flores, BA
Jeffrey Schneider, MD
Lauren Schepler, MPH
Callie Thompson, MD, FABA

Patient-centered research and care are crucial but often challenging to implement effectively. Engaging stakeholders is key to successful burn research and improves the dissemination and adoption of scientific findings, services, and interventions. This session will review the history and importance of stakeholder engagement, explore various engagement levels through case studies, and facilitate a discussion on future direction for stakeholder engagement in healthcare and research settings.

The Year in Review: The Top Journal Publications

Course Directors

Tina Palmieri, MD, FABA

A favorite session among attendees, this session features editors from leading burn care publications. They will present and discuss major advances in burn research from the past year. Journals represented include the *Journal of Burn Care & Research*, *Wound Repair and Regeneration*, *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*, and *Burns*.

Updates in Critical Care

Course Directors

Mary Bruce, PA-C
Amina El Ayadi, PhD
David Hill, PharmD

Address the complexities of acute care following burn injuries, particularly in patients with traumatic injuries and multiple comorbidities. Navigate the challenge of limited clinical data, as burn and inhalation injuries are often excluded from major studies. Learn strategies to apply evidence from landmark studies on critically injured populations to enhance patient care.



Friday, April 11

Plenary

Top 5 Abstracts & Research Paper Awards

Course Directors

Steve Kahn, MD, FABA
Kimberly Roaten, PhD, ABPP

The Top 5 Abstracts, selected based on reviewer scores, will be presented in this plenary session following the 2025 Research Paper Awards Ceremony. Authors will highlight their research and invited discussants will interview them about their findings presented. This annual favorite is not to be missed!

Educational Forums

Best in Category Posters

Course Directors

Steven Kahn, MD, FABA
Kimberly Roaten, ABPP, PhD

Outstanding research by members of the burn community is often presented in poster format due to space and time constraints. During the poster rounds, moderators will select one poster for per category as "Best in Category." These top posters will then be presented in a formal session, where they will be judged by the Chairs of the Program Committee, Research Committee, and Membership Advisory Committee. After the session, the judges will award the three top posters of the meeting.

Ethics Bowl

Course Directors

Alice Fagin, MD
Monica Gerrek, PhD

In this session, multidisciplinary burn professionals will engage in a debate-style forum to explore and discuss ethically complex cases. Teams will analyze and debate key ethical considerations, such as conflicts between autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice; disagreements among family, patients, and care teams; end-of-life decisions; issues involving pediatric and geriatric patients; and fiduciary responsibilities. Attendees will actively participate through polling, asking, and answering questions, and voting on the most compelling arguments presented.

Antimicrobial Therapies: What Is the Current State?

Course Directors

Lauren Moffatt, PhD
Jeffrey Shupp, MD, FABA

This session will explore the limited advancements in topical antimicrobials over recent decades. It will review the development and evolution of various agents, focusing on host responses to pathogens and antimicrobial resistance. Discussions will cover commonly used agents and novel treatments and mechanisms being explored to advance the field.

Disaster Responses: A 20-Year Look from Hurricane Katrina to Now

Course Directors

Jeffrey Carter, MD, FABA
Carl Flores, NRP

The session will begin with a retrospective on Hurricane Katrina and the rebirth of New Orleans, presented from both prehospital and hospital perspectives by the former Chief of EMS. Following this, Dr. Jeff Carter will discuss the effects of Hurricane Ida on the Burn Unit at University Medical Center New Orleans in 2021. If available, Dr. Schulz will then cover the impact of the Maui Fires on patient care and team dynamics at Straub Medical Center, highlighting lessons learned to enhance preparedness for rapidly escalating disasters.

Mitigation and Harm Reduction Strategies for Improving Continuum of Care for Those Experiencing Homelessness with a Burn or Cold Injury

Course Directors

Caitlin Orton, MPH
Barclay Stewart, MD, PhD

This session will address barriers to effective care and prevention through presentations and discussions on mitigation and harm reduction strategies, covering key burn injury environments such as street medicine, emergency departments, inpatient settings, medical respite, and clinics.

Friday, April 11 (cont'd)

What Does Certification Have to Do with It?

Course Directors

Gretchen Carrougher, RN, MN, CBRN
Jeffrey Carter, MD, FABA
Lisa Forbes, BMR(OT), MSc, BT-C
Renée Warthman, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C

This session, a collaboration between the three existing burn specialty certifications: Fellow of the ABA (FABA), Certified Burn Registered Nurse (CBRN) and Burn Therapy Certification (BT-C), will explore the unique role of specialty certification within the burn recovery ecosystem. Through presentations and interdisciplinary small group discussions, attendees will examine how advanced practice clinicians drive team success, and the relationship between verification and specialty burn certification.

What I Wish I Could Tell the Burn Team: Lessons from Survivors

Course Directors

Elizabeth Flores, BA
Cindy Rutter, RN, BSN, LMFT
Haig Yenikoshian, MD

In healthcare, despite constant surveys and performance data, the burn patient experience is often inadequately represented. This session aims to hear directly from survivors and caretakers about their experiences in acute and reconstructive burn care settings. The discussion will focus on improving the clinical experience, covering topics such as the delivery of clinical information, surgical consent, discharge processes, and any other relevant issues. Additionally, the session will explore the concept of real empathy and how it can be defined and applied in burn care.

ABA 2025 Pro/Con Debates

Course Directors

Jason Heard, MD
Laura Johnson, MD

Not all therapeutic decisions in burn care are informed by large prospective randomized studies. There are often opposing approaches to the same clinical problem, leading to disagreements among burn care providers about various interventions. This session will spotlight several controversial areas in burn treatment. Experts will debate these issues, defending their chosen care plans or strategies. Audience polling will be used to gauge attendees' biases before and after to determine if the arguments presented influence opinions.

Better 'Necks' Time: A Collaborative Approach to Neck Contracture Management (Part 2)

Course Directors

Jody Sabel, MOTR/L
Sarah Stoycos, PhD
Haig Yenikoshian, MD

The first half of this session, presented at the 2024 ABA Annual Meeting, focused on the interdisciplinary management of acute neck burns through a single patient case presentation. Part two continues with the same patient into the reconstructive phase. This session will discuss best practices for perioperative management, including surgical, psychological, and rehabilitative aspects. Attendees will collaborate on navigating the complexities of burn neck contractures and fostering teamwork among burn team members during the reconstructive phase.

Burn Care in Southwest: Partnering with Native American Health Systems

Course Directors

Lourdes Castañón, MD, FABA
Arpana Jain, MD, FABA
Giovanni Lewis, MD, FABA

Historical and ongoing disparities have created significant obstacles to effective healthcare delivery for the Native American population. This session will feature leaders and community partners from the Indian Health System (IHS), highlighting unique challenges and underused resources that can help bridge these gaps.

Burn Jeopardy!

Course Directors

Jeffrey Carter, MD, FABA
Steven Kahn, MD, FABA

Join us for an exciting team-based "Jeopardy!" competition featuring multiple rounds, culminating in a showdown among the top teams. Categories will include burns, ABA-related topics, and general trivia beyond burns. "Jeopardy!" is a TV game show where contestants are given answers and must respond with the correct question, choosing from different categories for correct responses.

Friday, April 11 (cont'd)

Fungus Among Us: The Diagnosis and Management of Fungal Infections in Patients with Burn Injuries

Course Directors

Janie Faris, BCCCP, PharmD
Rita Gayed, BCCCP, PharmD
Kaylee Maynard, BCCCP, PharmD

Address the increased risk of fungal infections in burn patients, driven by common risk factors in critically ill populations and burn-specific issues such as impaired immunity and extensive open wounds. Delve into the rare yet severe fungal pathogens that can lead to significant morbidity and mortality. Review common fungal pathogens, explore diagnostic criteria for fungal infections, particularly wound infections, and discuss both surgical and medical management strategies. Additionally, examine effective infection prevention techniques.

Helping Patients Adapt to Change: The Essentials of Motivational Interviewing in the Burn Setting

Course Directors

Yulia Garvilova, PhD
Sheera Lerman, PhD
Daniel Schnedier, PsyD
Raymond Chip Tafrate, PhD

Discover how to effectively support and engage burn survivors by leveraging their motivations for significant life changes. This session introduces the core principles of Motivational Interviewing (MI) and provides practical skills for building a strong therapeutic alliance from the start. Practice managing challenging interactions and refine your ability to recognize, evoke, and address patients' "change language." Enhance your proficiency in boosting patients' motivation to actively participate in their care and treatment journey.

Multidisciplinary Management of Facial Scarring and Orofacial Contractures

Course Directors

Lori Arguello, CCC-SLP, MS
Julie Caffrey, DO, FABA
Kathleen Kerr, CCC-SLP, MS
Renée Warthman, OTR/L, CHT, BT-C

Examine the complexities of managing facial burn injuries and enhance rehabilitation skills. Review facial musculature, anatomy, and standard care treatments, including surgical techniques and the psychosocial impact of facial scars. Explore specialized treatment methods such as early compression before mask fitting, scar management for infants and toddlers, intraoral evaluations, and collaborations with dental specialists. Discover innovative approaches including integrating outcome measures such as MIDA and electronic calipers, adapting software technology to support facial movement, and incorporating 3D-printed mouth splints into treatment plans.

Civilian Defense and Pediatric Burn Care from Every Day to the End-of-Days

Course Directors

Jim Jeng, MD
Mary Fallatt, MD

System planning for burn disaster events has often positioned adult over pediatric needs. This session will offer a blueprint for system planning for US children's burn care that will address workforce, clinician training and education, and data acquisition for quality improvement. Presenters will describe system gaps and challenges in planning for burn care in children with potential solutions to reconcile the current uneven landscape. ABA members will receive an update on the bricks and mortar of nuclear detonation and civilian defense, as well as an overview of U.S. readiness to care for pediatric burn victims "every day" and in disaster situations.

Registration Information

The ABA offers member discounts on Annual Meeting full registration rates. Join or renew your membership to access exclusive deals. General registration covers all all-education sessions, Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings, the exhibit hall, and social/networking events. Pre-conference programming is not included.

Registration Fees

Pre-Conference: Monday, April 7–Tuesday, April 8

Space is limited for pre-conference sessions. Advance registration is required by March 10, 2025.

COURSES & WORKSHOPS	DATE/TIME	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
ABLS Live	April 7, 8 AM–5 PM	\$299	\$299
ABLS Instructor Course	April 8, 8 AM–12 PM	\$349	\$349
Burn Registrar Training Workshop	April 8, 8 AM–5 PM	\$349	\$549
CBRN Exam Review Course	Two Day Course April 7, 8 AM–5 PM April 8, 8 AM–3:30 PM	\$599	\$799
Rehabilitation Workshop	April 7, 1 PM–4 PM	\$49	\$79

Conference: Tuesday, April 8–Friday, April 11

REGISTRANT TYPE		EARLY-BIRD <i>Ends 12/18/24</i>	ADVANCE <i>Ends 2/14/25</i>	LAST CHANCE <i>Ends 4/6/25</i>	ONSITE <i>4/7–4/11/25</i>
Physician/ Corporate*	Member	\$799	\$999	\$1,049	\$1,099
	Non-Member	\$999	\$1,099	\$1,199	\$1,299
Non-Physician	Member	\$649	\$799	\$849	\$899
	Non-Member	\$999	\$1,099	\$1,199	\$1,299
Student**	Member	\$299	\$349	\$399	\$449
	Non-Member	\$399	\$449	\$499	\$549
FIT (resident/fellow)***	Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Non-Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fire Fighter		\$299	\$299	\$299	\$299

* **Corporate/Industry employees** must register at the Corporate rate, regardless of clinical training, degree, or discipline.

** **Students must submit a letter** from their faculty advisor confirming student status during the registration process. Full-time employees and fellows do not qualify.

*** **Residents and Fellows can receive one year of complimentary conference registration** through the ABA Fellows in Training (FIT) Program. FIT membership approval must be obtained BEFORE conference registration; refunds will not be issued to new FIT members. Pre-conference registration is not included. This offer is available to eligible residents and fellows in the US and Canada only. If you have previously received free registration through the FIT program, please register using the Student (residents) or Physician (fellows) registration types. **APPLY NOW** ([Click here.](#))

Day Rate

Day rate is available for up to two days.

REGISTRANT TYPE	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY*
Member	\$179	\$299/day
Non-Member	\$399	\$399/day

*Not included: closing party ticket

Hotels

Conference registrants can access special hotel rates while space is available – register early as room blocks fill up quickly. Housing information will be provided upon registration.

Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix Downtown

77 E Polk Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

340 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Hyatt Regency Phoenix

122 N 2nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Cancellation Policy

To request a refund, you must contact ABA at registration@ameriburn.org with documentation of your reason for cancellation by **Monday, March 10, 2025**. All cancellation requests will be reviewed by ABA, and if approved, will be processed within three weeks of the original request. Refunds that are approved will be subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. No Refunds will be offered, and all sales are final after **March 24, 2025**.

Members may transfer registrations to other members of the same member type until **Monday, March 28, 2025**, without a fee, by contacting the registration team at registration@ameriburn.org. Nonmember registrations are nontransferable.

Additional information on the cancellation policy can be found on our website at ameriburn.org/education/annual-meeting.

Continuing Education



The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This activity will be accredited for CME.



The American Burn Association is accredited as a provider of Nursing Continuing Professional Development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity is accredited for nursing contact hours.



The American Burn Association is approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association to provide Continuing Education credits for Occupational Therapy Professional Development activities. This meeting will be approved for CE credits.

The American Burn Association will be submitting accreditation requests for approval to award contact hours for: dietitians, physical therapists, social workers, and psychologists.

Please visit the American Burn Association website for additional information.





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