Northwest Regional Burn Model System

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## Using Technology to Disseminate Patient Education

In mid-2021 the Burn Model System Centers and Model System Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC. org) developed QR codes to help disseminate critical patient education material. A QR code is a machinescannable image that can be instantly read using a smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of many black squares and dots which represent pieces of information. When your smartphone scans a code, it translates that information into something that can be easily understood. We have 2 QR codes available for consumer use, one for BMS resources in English and one for those in Spanish. In addition, the UW Burn Center includes these codes in our Discharge Patient Summaries.

#### Check them out below!





# ANNUAL ABA MEETING COMING SOON



The upcoming American Burn Association meeting is scheduled for April 5-8, 2022. Several members of the NWRBMS team will present research findings, including a session on whether burn injuries should be considered a chronic health condition. In this session, the Burn Model System centers have invited three adult burn survivors to speak. Moderating the session is Gretchen Carrougher (NWRBMS program coordinator), and our center's invited guest is Chris Madison (photographed following firefighting training in Alaska). We will report on session findings via our Facebook page (Northwest Regional Burn Model System) and in a future newsletter. Stay tuned!

# WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT THE ABA MEETING?

UW Burn Center faculty and staff will present on:

- Predicting satisfaction with life after injury
- Impact of hospitalacquired infection on health-related quality of life
- Impact of financial assistance after injury
- Community level disadvantage can impact employment after injury
- Impact of PTSD on pain interference
- Discharge disposition of older burn-injured patients
- IV resuscitation protocolization
- Do patients who receive kefir have lower rates of infection?

#### A New Researcher Joins Our NWRBMS Team



The NWRBMS research team has a new member, Caitlin Orton, MPH. Caitlin joined our team in November 2021 as our new Research Coordinator. In this capacity, Caitlin will oversee BMS study enrollment, data entry and data verification. Her skills and background in public health ensure that she will be a valuable addition to our team. Caitlin's research interests are in the areas of integrated recovery after trauma, increasing the visibility of individuals experiencing homelessness and improving long-term public health recovery systems.

## Microwave Safety Tips:

- If you use a microwave to heat your child's food, test the temperature before giving it to your child.
- Heating formula or milk in a microwave can be dangerous, as the liquid does not heat uniformly. Some portions may be hotter than others. Use a bottle warmer as a safer means to warm infant formula and milk.

# BURN MODEL SYSTEM BMS ADVANCING RECOVERY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

## Visit us online and social media

The NWRBMS maintains an active social media presence on both Facebook and Twitter. To follow/join us on Facebook, search "Northwest Regional Burn Model System". From Twitter, search "@NWRBMS" or go to twitter.com/nwrbms.

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