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## Obtaining Use of Blocker Burn Unit (BBU) Tub Room and/or Staff for Off-Service Patients

### Audience

This document is intended for the use of all medical and nursing personnel caring for non-burn patients, who require use of the Blocker Burn Unit (BBU) tub room.

### Policy

The tub room is a procedure area where its use has associated charge capture.

The tub room is primarily used for hydrotherapy procedures where select debridement of devitalized tissue is conducted and cannot reasonably be performed at the bedside.

Tub room staff perform wound care for all inpatients, outpatients, and new patient evaluations daily. This service is generally not available after hours.

Use of the tub room by another service shall be approved only by the Blocker Burn Unit (BBU) physician in collaboration with the BBU tub room nurse.

Burn patients will have priority for tub room care. Off-service patients will be added based on tub room workload and nurse availability.

Critical Care Patients shall be accompanied by their primary nurse and/or physician to the tub room and assist with wound care.

With physician approval, tub room staff may elect to perform wound care at the bedside if deemed appropriate for the patient.

### Procedure

Responsibility	Action
<b>Staff or resident physician</b>	1. Contacts the BBU attending to obtain approval or contacts the BBU tub room nurse for scheduling. 2. Places an order for burn tub room procedural care in the patient's Electronic Health Record (EHR) via the order set, including medication orders. 3. Assess the patient's wounds after tubbing procedures.
<b>Tub Room</b>	4. Schedules tub room use, giving priority to BBU

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<b>Nurse</b>	patients. 5. Notifies requesting physician and off-service charge nurse of proposed schedule and of any delays in the event of a BBU emergency or admission after initial schedule. 6. Contacts the off-service unit when tub room care is available. 7. Calls report to receiving nurse when care is complete.
<b>Off Service Nurse</b>	8. Responsible for giving patient report to tub room nurse prior to the patient's visit. 9. Ensures that transportation is arranged. 10. Medicates the patient as ordered prior to transportation to the tub room. 11. Ensures that the patient's chart, card and orders specific to dressing changes accompany the patient.

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