



## THE BRITISH BURNS ASSOCIATION RESEARCH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP



### THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: BBA Research Priorities

#### Summary for Lay Persons

The British Burns Association Research Special Interest Group is made up of members of the British Burns Association who have an interest in research about burns. In 2012 the group decided on the top ten areas of research that were interesting and of most benefit to patient care.

In September 2014 the group looked again at the list and decided on the research priorities for the next five years. Improving patient care was key.

**Priorities** – it was decided that the main aim would be the healing of wounds to reduce scarring. This would be divided into four parts:

- 1 care and treatment immediately after the burn
- 2 prevention of infections
- 3 assessment of the wound
- 4 effect on the patient's well-being

#### Big Questions

- 1 How do we reduce the number of patients with scars after a burn?
- 2 How do we best provide care in the first 48 hours to reduce scarring?
- 3 How do we detect infection as quickly as possible so we can provide the best care?
- 4 How does the physical healing affect the patient's well-being?

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