## **Burnt hand**

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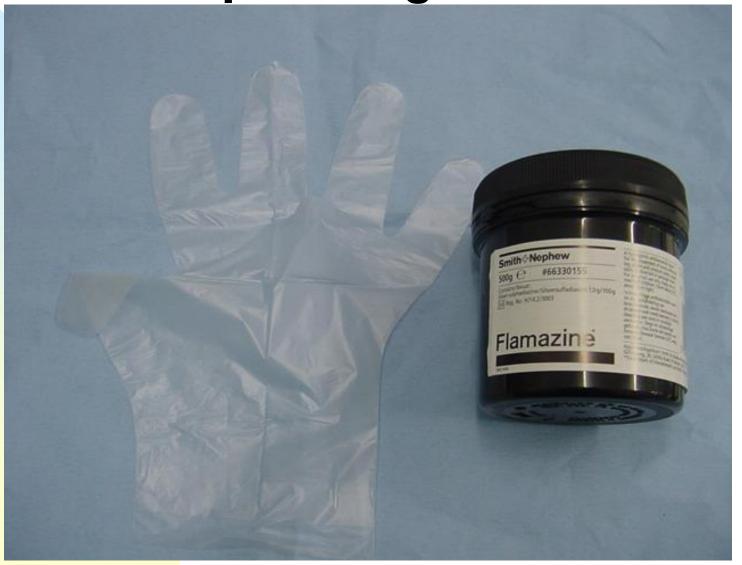
#### Introduction

- Every now and then a patient burns his/her hand with fire or hot water, e.g. when pouring fuel on a 'braai' fire.
- Initially it can be difficult to evaluate the extent and the degree of the burns.
- The burns are extremely painful and it often is a problem to select the correct cream or ointment, or an appropriate type of dressing for wound care.

#### Method of burn care

- Half fill a plastic glove with Flamazine® Cream, or other Silver sulphadiazine cream.
- The patient now puts the burnt hand into the glove.
- Fasten / seal the proximal part of the glove around the wrist with, for example, Opsite®.
- The hand can then be bandaged loosely with for example, a Crepe bandage.

# Flamazine cream and plastic glove



## Glove being filled with Flamazine cream



### Glove on burnt hand



### **Further management**

- Don't forget the painkillers!
- The patient returns about 12 hours later for removal of the dressing and inspection of the hand.
- Further management will depend on your assessment.
- (Try not to use a Latex or rubber glove, because of possible Latex sensitivity).