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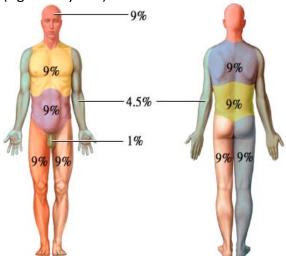
Determining Total Body Surface Area

BURN SURGE

Wallace Rule of Nines and Palmar Method

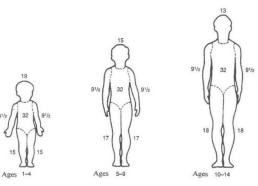
Rule of Nines for Adults

(Age > 14 years)



Rule of Nines for Children

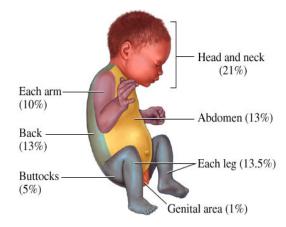
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Rule of Nines for Infants

(Age < 1 year)



Palmar Method



Estimate from fingers positioned together as above. Utilize the patient's palm size, not your own.

The Palmar Method of estimating total body surface area (TBSA) is an easy way to get a rough burn size estimate that can be used when calculating a patient's fluid resuscitation needs.

The patient's palmar surface including their fingers = 1% TBSA.

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