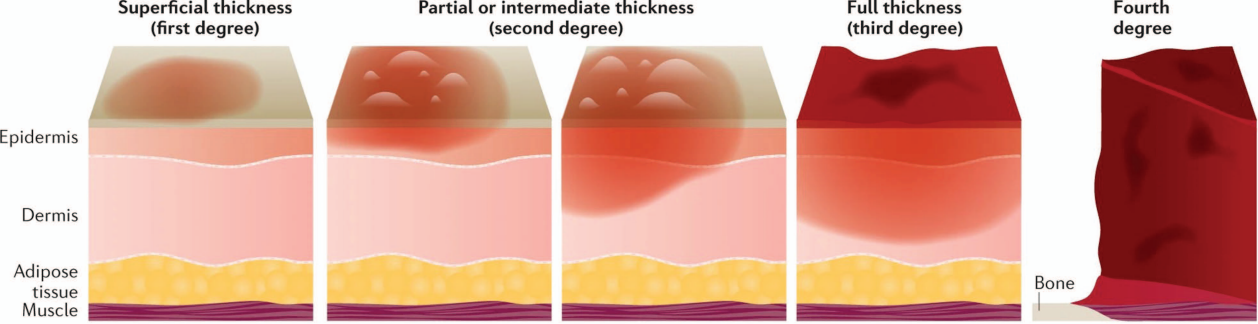

Superficial thickness (first degree)
Partial or intermediate thickness (second degree)
Full thickness (third degree)
Fourth degree
Epidermis
Dermis
Adipose tissue
Muscle
Bone
• Painful
• Does not blister
• Does not scar
Superficial partial thickness burns do not require surgery, but may scar and be more painful
Deep partial thickness burns require surgery and form more scars and are less painful
• Dry
• Insensate to light touch and pin prick
• Small areas will heal with substantial scar or contracture
• Large areas require skin grafting
• High risk of infection
• Involves muscle or bone
• Leads to loss of the burned part
• Blisters and weeps
• With increasing depth, increased risk of infection
• With increasing depth, increased risk of scarring