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Burn injuries in the Jeddah area of Saudi Arabia: a study of 319 cases.

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Abstract

Three hundred and nineteen patients with different types of burns were studied at King Fahd Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia over a 2-year period (December, 1985 to December, 1987). Scalding was the most common cause (56.4 per cent) of burn injuries compared with 41.4 per cent of patients who sustained flame injury; 84.6 per cent of the thermal injuries occurred at home, with children (less than or equal to 18 years of age) being affected most frequently (61.8 per cent). The overall mortality was 9.4 per cent.