

UC San Diego Medical Center Experts Respond to California Fires

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UC San Diego Medical Center has on-call experts to answer questions about fire-related injuries as well as disaster response from both the medical and regional perspectives. The UCSD Regional Burn Center, the only burn center serving San Diego and Imperial counties, began receiving patients on Sunday, October 21 when the fires first broke out, and currently is caring for 17 burn victims including 5 firefighters, many in critical condition.

All calls should be directed to 619-543-6163 or page 619-290-2688.

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Disaster Preparedness & Response: How San Diego Hospitals Dealt with the 2007 Firestorms

- → Irving "Jake" Jacoby, MD
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