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# Elasto-Gel TM in Burns

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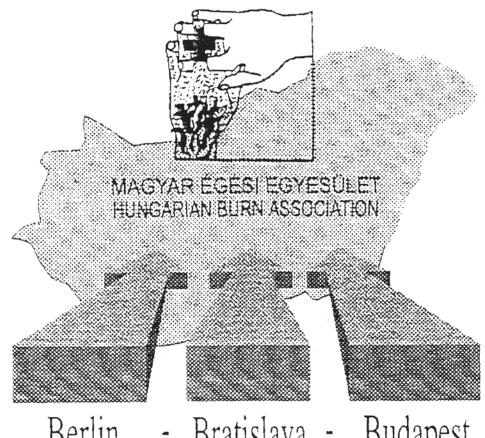
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- Cleaning the necrotic tissue and moderately infected wounds.
- Treating of and as a temporary covering of donor sites and deep partial thickness and full thickness burns.
- Treatment of wounds after necrectomy.
- Biotic transforming treatment of torpid and hypergranulated surfaces.
- Preparation of wounds before skin grafting.
- Prevention and treatment of hypertrophic scars.

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The operation shock danger was prevened by a fraction pressue at traumatic moments. It became possible to cover the wounds with largesized skin patches, thus improving the results and limiting the indications for allogenic skin and net-shaped transplantations. Many patients earlier believed incurable enjoyed their convalescence.

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# POSTBURN CARE OF CHILDREN IN BUDAPEST

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Motto: "Discrimination: Do something about it!"



The object of discrimination in this case is the burn scar. If it becomes a stigma it can result in the development of severe psychological damage, integration problems, behavioral disorders, family conflict etc. from the preschool years throughout adulthood.

It is easier to prevent psychosocial problems than treating and alleviating developed disorders.

The authors have developed a preventive method which begins with the inpatient psychosomatic treatment of burnt children, prepares them for integration into the family, peer-community and society, and is completed (or continued) with the complex treatment of the child.

The authors have developed a model of the psychosocial treatment of burnt children, which they introduce.

In 1994 a Burn Club was founded in Budapest. A year later, with the help of the Budapest club, one was established in Miskolc.

A Burn Camp supplements the work of the Burn Club in the Summer. The first camp was held in Leányfalu in 1992. The authors report on the circumstances surrounding the foundation of the Burn Club and Burn Camp, as well as the conditions under which it operates, their experiences and results.

They recommend their method, the prevention of psychosocial problems of burnt children to others.

### SCENES FROM THE LIFE OF THE HUNGARIAN BURN CLUB AND BURN CAMP FOR CHILDREN (video)

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The authors present the activity of the Burn Club and Burn Camp on a 10 minute video film introducing the team which fulfills the objectives of the burnt childs's psychosocial treatment. The team consists of a psychologist, medical sociologist, educator, social worker and pediatric surgeons. The film shows the work being done, burnt and not-burnt children, parents and guests.

The Burn Club has been in operation in the building of a trade union's cultural centre since 1994.

The first and second European Burnt Childrens' Camps were held in 1989 and 1991 in Houthalen, it elgium. The first Hungarian international Burn Camp wal held in Leányfalu in 1992. Very successful Hungarian television documentaries were made of the first Belgian and Hungarian camps ("A néma hegek megszólalnak" - The Silent Scars Speak and "Kötéltáne" - Tightrope Walkers) directed by Tarján-Moldova in 1989 and 1992 respectively). The authors use excerpts from these films. Since 1994 every summer the Szép Jelen Foundation provides week-long camp possibilities for burnt children in its resort "Feeskepalota" in Gánt.

