To splint or not to splint?
That is the paediatric hand burn question

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Indicators for splinting hands in paediatric burns

- **Location:** over the flexor surface of a joint AND
- **Depth:** DPT to FT burn
- **Child is** not maintaining full active range of motion or is holding their hand in protective flexed position
- Post skin grafting
- Post contracture/scar release

Source: Paediatric Occupational Therapy: Burns SLIPPAH Modules
Hand Burn Splinting Audit: Jan 2015 – June 2018

Total number of hand burns = 1037

- Superficial = 139
  - Splint = 1
    - Contracture = 0
  - Contracture = 0
- SPT = 451
- PT = 91
  - Splint = 28
    - Contracture = 1
  - Contracture = 1
- Mixed PT = 14
  - Splint = 3
    - Contracture = 0
  - Contracture = 0
- DPT = 66
  - Splint = 37
    - Contracture = 6
  - Contracture = 6
- FT = 36
  - Splint = 31
    - Contracture = 8
  - Contracture = 8
- Not reported = 58
  - Nil splint or contracture development