

Cosmetics for Burns Scars

What are corrective cosmetics?

Following a burn injury, scarring is controlled and lessened by using pressure garments and silicone products.

When a scar has matured, it no longer improves in response to garments and silicone, so they are stopped. If you feel self-conscious about any scars that remain you may like to consider using cosmetics to make them less noticeable.

Corrective cosmetics are make-up products that provide cover for face and body scars.

Corrective cosmetics do not eliminate burns scars but they may help you to feel more comfortable about the appearance of your scars.

These products are applied in a variety of ways, including body spray, lotion, or powder forms. The cosmetics are available in a range of colours/shades to suit most skin tones.

Corrective cosmetics are generally water resistant or water proof and may last for days or weeks between applications.

Which product is right for me?

Corrective cosmetics are supplied by a number of different companies.

It is important to test the product on a small patch of skin before using a lot in case of allergic reaction.

Allergic reaction may include:

- Redness on or around the scar
- Rash on or around the scar
- Itchy skin

If you have any skin reactions, thoroughly wash and dry your skin and contact your Occupational Therapist.

Corrective Cosmetic Products:

The most suitable product will differ for each person, based on the size, location and severity of your scar, your individual skin type, your daily activities and lifestyle, and the cost of the product.

Corrective cosmetics are not supplied by the RBWH.

Products listed in this fact sheet are known to RBWH at the time of printing and are in no way endorsed by RBWH. Other corrective cosmetic products may be available.

Dermablend®

Details: Consists of a cover cream, setting powder and cleanser/remover

Ph: (02) 8883 0011, 1300 656 101

Website: <http://www.dermablend.com.au/>

Suppliers: Available in a number of Queensland Pharmacies

ERA®

Details: Aerosol spray, 10 shades

Ph: (02) 9802 2231, 0402 094 358

Website: www.themakeupbusiness.com.au

Microskin™

Details: Spray on colour matched system

Ph: (07) 3260 6125

Website: www.microskin.com.au

Supplier: 271a Rode Rd, Wavell Heights

Please contact your Occupational Therapist if you have any queries or concerns.

Occupational Therapist: _____

Phone: (07) 3646 7100