



New ABA Data Dictionary

The American Burn Association (ABA) is pleased to announce the publication of our 2020 Burn Care Quality Data Dictionary. The new data dictionary updates the 2015 National Burn Data Standard. It incorporates fields from the Burn Quality Improvement Pilot Project (BQIP) and also aligns some definitions with the trauma registry, where appropriate. ABA members and registrars can download a copy of the new data dictionary from the registry community in [myAmeriburn](#). Instructions for joining the community are found [here on our website](#).

The ABA is working with registry software vendors to implement the new data dictionary in their systems beginning with 7/1/2020 admissions. Subscribers to the new Burn Care Quality Platform will have immediate access to new fields from the 2020 data dictionary as of 1/1/2020. Our ABA technical and analysis partner, BData, has created a data model that maps fields from the 2015 data dictionary to the 2020 definitions, to support continued data aggregation and reporting from the national registry.

Please contact your registry vendor for additional information about your specific software. You may send your questions about the 2020 data dictionary to the ABA at BCQP@ameriburn.org.