

CHAPTER VI

EXPECTED BENEFITS AND APPLICATION

We will know the accuracy of surface swab culture and its effect on the outcome of the patients, so we can set the definite protocol for using this method in detection of burn wound infection.

If the result is good or within acceptable range, we can use this method in stead of quantitative burn wound biopsy culture. We can save time, money and the patients will suffer less pain.

If we know the most common microorganism in burn patients, we can choose more appropriate antibiotics for empirical treatment (before the result of culture).