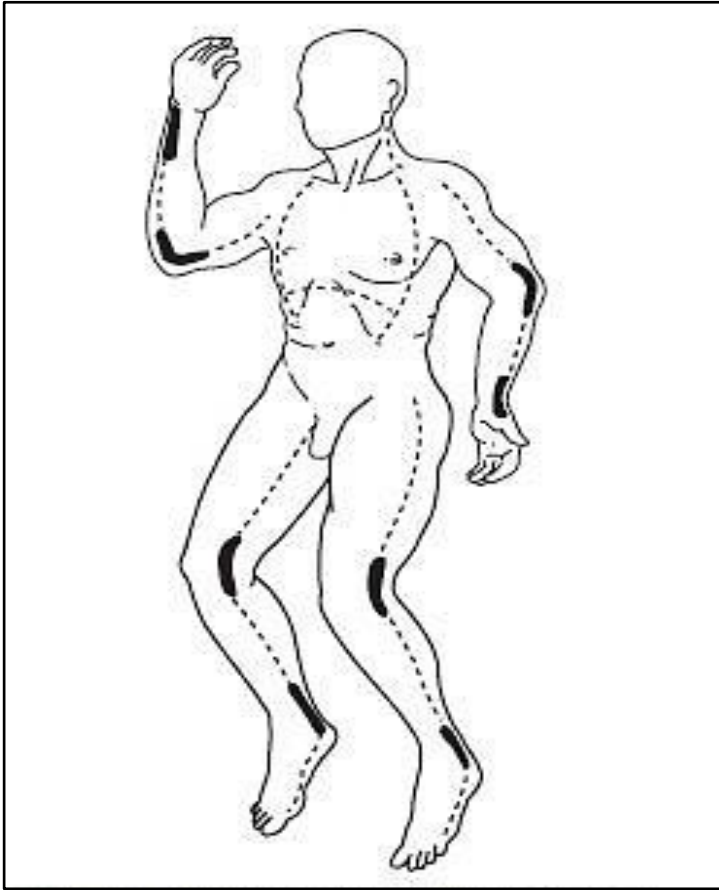

APPENDIX E: ESCHAROTOMY FIGURE



Dashed lines indicate the preferred sites for escharotomy incisions. **Bold lines** indicate the importance of extending the incision over involved major joints. Incisions are made through the burned skin into the underlying subcutaneous fat using a scalpel or electrocautery. For a thoracic escharotomy, begin incision in the midclavicular lines. Continue the incision along the anterior axillary lines down to the level of the costal margin. Extend the incision across the epigastrium as needed. For an extremity escharotomy, make the incision through the eschar along the midmedial or midlateral join line.

Figure 26.2-1 Emergency War Surgery; Fourth United States Revision; 2013 (page 379).