### Norwalk Hospital Wound Care

Chronic, non-healing wounds can be a serious medical problem that can dramatically affect an individual's health and enjoyment of life.

### **Accreditation**

In recognition of our high-quality care, the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center earned Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) accreditation. This voluntary accreditation program recognizes hospital-based hyperbaric oxygen therapy providers that meet rigorous industry standards, practice evidence-based medicine and have the highest ratings in patient outcomes and satisfaction.

## **Appointments**

We accept most major insurance plans, including Medicare. Preauthorization for treatment from your insurance company may be necessary.

A physician referral is not required, and patients may self-refer.

For more information about the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center or to make an appointment, please call **(203) 852+2434**.



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For most people, wound healing is a relatively simple, quick process that leaves no lasting effects other than possible scarring. But for chronic, slow-healing wounds or acute wounds, optimal healing requires the specialized care provided by a wound center.

The Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Norwalk Hospital is here to help. We were the first wound care center in Fairfield County, and our experience is just one reason we are the region's leading resource for comprehensive wound care treatments.

# **Team of Leading Specialists**

A major reason for the center's long history of success in treating difficult-to-heal wounds is the collective experience and expertise of our comprehensive, multidisciplinary team. Unlike wound care centers that feature only one medical specialty, we offer a team of the area's leading medical and surgical specialists in general surgery, vascular surgery, plastic surgery, dermatology, infectious diseases, podiatry and internal medicine.

Rounding out our care team are nurses who have completed advanced training and qualify as certified wound specialists and specially trained technicians.

Our treatment team combines the latest wound care treatments with the patient-centered care and compassion that can make a world of difference to patients and their families.

Our expert team also works closely with your primary care physician and other clinical specialists to optimize your care and to provide a holistic approach.

## **Conditions Treated**

At the center, we treat all types of chronic, non-healing wounds, including:

- Pressure ulcers (bed sores)
- Diabetic foot wounds
- Arterial wounds
- Traumatic wounds
- Complicated post-surgical wounds
- Venous leg ulcers
- Lymphedema
- Radiation-induced tissue injuries
- Burns

# **Comprehensive Services**

In addition to providing state-of-the-art medical and surgical wound care treatments, we also offer highly specialized services to meet the needs of our patients.

## **Hyperbaric Medicine**

Approximately 10 percent of wound care patients can benefit from hyperbaric oxygen therapy, a service in which a patient breathes 100 percent oxygen at a pressure greater than sea level inside a special chamber. This saturated oxygen treatment improves the blood flow to the affected area, helping the healing process. We were the first center in New England to offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy and have over three decades of experience in utilizing this therapy.

### **Surgical Wound Care**

Advanced, surgical treatments of chronic, non-healing wounds, including treatment of osteomyelitis with antibiotic seeds and complex wound closure, such as flaps and split to full thickness skin grafting, are provided by a board-certified general surgeon who works closely with our staff.

### Limb Salvage

Our center offers advanced services to prevent the loss of a limb. Our multidisciplinary team of experts includes the patient's referring physician; wound care specialists; general, vascular and plastic surgeons; podiatrists; infectious disease specialists; and diabetes educators. These specialists coordinate their expertise to preserve limbs and the patient's quality of life through wound healing, hyperbaric medicine, infection management and re-vascularization when needed.