



### WHEN TO REFER TO THE WOUND CARE CENTER®

Approximately 6 million people (or 2% of the US population) suffer from chronic non-healing or difficult to heal wounds. The Wound Care Center program is a comprehensive outpatient center designed to complement physician's services. Physicians refer patients for outcomes based wound management. The referring physician continues to treat the underlying condition, and provide for the patient's overall care, while being kept informed of the patient's progress. If a wound shows no significant signs of improvement in four weeks, or fails to heal in 8 weeks, call the Wound Care Center. **Your patients will thank you.**

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CASE STUDY  
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**Healing Chronic Wounds**

This sample Wound Case Study is presented on behalf of the Morristown Memorial Wound Care Center as a service to share information for the treatment of chronic wounds.

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## CASE STUDY

### COLLAGEN VASCULAR

To properly treat nonhealing wounds, the Wound Care Center® follows a proven clinical pathway supported by intensive case management. These processes facilitate optimal care and monitoring of progress to achieve the best possible outcome for each patient. The initial step is a thorough diagnostic assessment to determine the patient's overall health and any underlying conditions that may be preventing the wound to heal. A specialized interdisciplinary treatment plan is then developed to facilitate wound healing in the shortest amount of time. Treatment may include a variety of traditional, medical and surgical modalities along with intensive patient education.

The following case study is a representation of those typically treated at the Wound Care Center. Other types of wounds treated are diabetic ulcers, pressure and arterial wounds. If a patient presents with these or other wounds that resists healing, call the Wound Care Center today at 1.800.547.3307.

#### CASE STUDY OVERVIEW

<b>PATIENT</b>	69 year-old male
<b>WOUND LOC.</b>	Left pre-tibial area
<b>SIZE (L/W/D)</b>	185mm x 52mm x 5mm
<b>ETIOLOGY</b>	Vasculitis
<b>HISTORY</b>	Type 2 diabetes, HTN
<b>TREATMENT</b>	Compression therapy Dressing Patient education

#### INITIAL ASSESSMENT

A 69 year-old African American male with PMH of Type 2 diabetes mellitus, HTN, no prior history of vasculitis wounds, presented with a tibial wound. At the time of admission the wound measured as follows:

**Length:** 185mm      **Width:** 52mm      **Depth:** 5mm

#### FOLLOW UP ASSESSMENT

Six weeks after the initial wound was healed, the patient presented with 5 new wounds. Treatment included topical growth factor and compression dressings with no response. Serum blood work revealed an elevated ESR and CRP. A diagnosis of vasculitis was made.

#### TREATMENT SUMMARY

Treatment included topical growth factor and compression dressings with no response. Serum blood work revealed an elevated ESR and CRP. A tapering dose of Prednisone was initiated to control the inflammatory process. In addition, Bactrim was started to address the localized infection based on the tissue culture results.

Wound care consisted of supportive dressings. Silver dressing applied to upper portion of wound, Hydrofera Blue to lower portion with compression dressing. Bone scan was ordered to assess presence of osteomyelitis – results were negative. Wound healed in 19 weeks.

#### SYNOPSIS

The patient healed in 19 weeks. Patient received education on prevention. Patient and physician were both pleased with healing rate.

#### WEEK 1



#### WEEK 7



#### WEEK 17



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