



Help With Healing

When time doesn't heal a wound, our Wound Care Center offers specialized care.

Chronic and nonhealing wounds can lead to serious infection or loss of limbs. And waiting to get treatment can make things worse.

A wound that doesn't heal within four weeks is considered a chronic wound. These injuries can be caused by burns, lack of blood flow, traumatic injuries, surgery or a pressure ulcer.

Health issues such as diabetes, poor nutrition or noncompliance with medications can increase the risk of developing a chronic wound.

Turn to the experts

The Southeast Georgia Health System Wound Care Center specializes in treating these serious wounds. As a result of its outstanding healing outcomes and patient satisfaction rates, the Center was awarded the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence for 2017 by Healogics™, the nation's leading provider of advanced wound care services.

The initial visit focuses on wound assessment and healing factors, including blood flow to the wound, infection, pressure on the wound, swelling, patient nutrition and oxygen levels. After a careful review, a treatment plan is created for each patient. One or more wound treatments might be used, including:

- Debridement
- Casting to remove pressure
- Special dressings or artificial tissue covers

Pure oxygen to the rescue

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, or HBOT, may also be offered as a treatment option.

“The hyperbaric chamber is amazing technology that delivers oxygen to the wound and helps new blood vessels develop,” explains Meredith Reilly, program director of the Wound Care Center. “While relaxing in an enclosed, clear chamber, patients are able to watch television and communicate with us throughout their treatment.”

HBOT treatments are also an effective treatment for radiation injuries and inflammation as a result of cancer treatments. This includes damage to head and neck tissues, as well as the bladder, rectum and bone. It's just one of several treatments that can help you heal and get back to your best health.

» Your health care provider can refer you to the Wound Care Center, or you can reach out to the Center directly by calling **912-466-5350**.

