

# HIGH-TECH HEALING

Comes to Camden

*New Wound Care Center set to open in June.*



A slow-healing wound is nothing to ignore. The longer it goes untreated, the greater your risk of a serious infection, amputation and/or complications.

That's why if you have a chronic wound — a wound that hasn't healed in four weeks — you should consult the wound care experts at the new Wound Care Center on the Southeast Georgia Health System Camden Campus.

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“The center offers nearby, advanced wound care that can stimulate healing, even when you've exhausted other options,”

says Howard W. Sepp Jr., FACHE, vice president and administrator of the Camden Campus. “It's yet more evidence of our Health System's commitment to making high-quality medical care easily available in Camden County.”

Local care for chronic wounds is crucial since healing requires close monitoring and often multiple treatments. The addition of the Wound Care Center on the Camden Campus was made

possible with funds received from the Georgia HEART rural hospital tax credit program, which allows taxpayers to redirect their Georgia

state taxes to rural hospitals and receive a 100% state tax credit.

## Comprehensive care

Similar to the Wound Care Center on the Brunswick Campus, the Camden Campus center is operated in conjunction with Healogics, the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services.

The Wound Care Center staff includes nurses specially trained in chronic wound care and physicians with advanced training in lingering wounds caused by conditions such as pressure sores, diabetes, poor circulation, tissue damage from radiation therapy and immobility.

Treatment at the Wound Care Center starts with a thorough evaluation to find the underlying cause of the wound, followed by a



## Advanced care in your area

If you or a loved one could benefit from advanced wound care treatments, call us at **912-540-6802** to schedule an appointment.

personalized treatment plan. That plan typically includes debridement (the removal of dead skin and tissue), pain management, laboratory assessment, nutritional counseling and infection management.

If needed, patients may also receive more advanced treatments, including:

- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Bioengineered skin substitutes
- Biological and biosynthetic dressings
- Growth factor therapies

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is another treatment option. During HBOT, patients breathe in 100% oxygen, which boosts the body's natural healing properties and stimulates the growth of new blood vessels and tissue.

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direct mail campaign, gifts from Friends of the Foundation and a portion of proceeds from previous Bridge Run events helped purchase the WOW and its technology.

The new WOW is larger than its predecessor and features an updated, more comfortable interior and, most importantly, state-of-the-art technology, such as the new 3D mammography machine. 3D mammography delivers lower radiation, better image clarity and improved cancer detection for dense breast tissue. This is critical, since 40-50% of women have dense breasts, putting them at a higher risk of developing cancer.

For people living in rural counties, the WOW is a lifeline between home and a hospital. “Those of us living close to a hospital may take that convenience for granted. The WOW mobile health vehicle offers easy access to health care in a timely manner,” Ms. Robitz says.

For that single mother and others like her, having access to the WOW for health care services close to home means one less thing to worry about.