

## About the Wound Center

Abbeville Area Medical Center's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds that have not significantly improved during the course of conventional treatment.

Our comprehensive approach can heal wounds that have resisted other treatments, and help avoid loss of limbs, reduce incidence of recurrence, and allow you to get your life back.

Wounds that are not healing can cause severe health risks and may result in life-threatening infections, possible amputation and debilitating health problems. Types of wounds treated at our Center include:

- Ulcers
- Wound and bone infections
- Surgical wounds
- Diabetic wounds
- Tissue damage from radiation therapy
- Traumatic wounds
- Crush injuries
- Gangrene
- Brown recluse spider bites
- Failed skin grafts

## Nail & Foot Care

Routine foot and nail care is an important part of early detection of open wounds and decreasing the chance of infection. If you have diabetes, you are especially at risk for complications due to slow healing.

It is also recommended that all diabetic patients have their feet examined regularly at every doctor's visit for early detection of foot problems.

You may also qualify for Routine Nail Care, which requires a referral by your primary care doctor. Insurance guidelines allow this service every three months.

During the routine nail and foot care exam, our Certified Wound Ostomy Nurse (CWON) or Nurse Practitioner will provide a thorough examination of your feet to identify and avoid the risk of complications.

Foot and Nail Care is available at both the Healthcare Center and Due West Family Medicine.

## Oxygen Therapy

Our Center features a hyperbaric chamber (located in the main hospital facility) where we offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy. This therapy uses a pressurized, see-through chamber to deliver high concentrations of oxygen to the bloodstream. While in the chamber, the patient can comfortably recline, listen to music or even watch television. When the chamber is pressurized, the patient breathes 100 percent pure oxygen,



**A comprehensive approach to wound care & healing.**

which saturates the patient's blood plasma with oxygen, carrying 20 to 30 times the normal amount of oxygen to body tissues. Oxygen-saturated blood helps heal wounds and is effective in fighting certain types of infection. Oxygen therapy also stimulates the growth of new blood vessels and improves circulation.

**A physician referral is preferred but not necessary. Simply call the Wound & Hyperbaric Medicine Center directly (864) 366-3283**

## Are you concerned about slow healing?

If you answer yes to any of the questions below contact your physician or AAMC's Wound & Hyperbaric Medicine Center. Many underlying conditions can prevent proper healing, and may contribute to aggressive, painful wounds and sores on the body.

Your physician may recommend that you are seen in a Wound Center setting to have a full assessment of your wound.

- 1) Do you currently have an open wound or sore on any part of the body?
- 2) Have you had an open wound or sore for more than four weeks?
- 3) Is the wound, or area around the wound, discolored, producing odor or excessive drainage?
- 4) Have you been diagnosed with diabetes or peripheral vascular disease?
- 5) Have you ever considered yourself "slow to heal"?

## Are you a wound care candidate?

If you suffer from a chronic or non-healing wound, speak with your physician about AAMC's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center. If you are a candidate, we will work with you and your doctor to deliver:

- Advanced therapies
- Proven clinical protocols
- An individualized, comprehensive plan of care that brings you the most appropriate and effective treatments for your particular needs
- Assessment and ongoing care by our wound care specialists
- Thorough training for you and your family on caring for the wound at home
- Education materials and resources related to prevention, nutrition, hygiene and other key topics for you and your family
- Ongoing communication so that you and your doctor stay informed and up-to-date on all aspects of your healing.

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