

Dramatic, improved care now available for non-healing wounds

Our bodies usually heal very well. But a wound that does not heal can be very scary. What if it never heals? What if it gets worse? And no medicine seems to help?

There are specialized treatments that can help with serious non-healing wounds. Holzer Health Services at the Jackson Hospital opened a Wound Center November, 2012. The results have been dramatic!

Three doctors work there, with specialized training, and new equipment and specialized techniques.

These include a hyperbaric chamber, where a patient can be placed into a pressurized oxygen chamber at twice atmospheric pressure with twice the oxygen content. This often causes a dramatic improvement in healing.

Also important is wound debridement, (trimming away dead tissue and debris), converting an old, chronic wound into a fresh wound. Dr. Fisher states, “a fresh wound heals much faster than an old wound”.

Other techniques may be various compression wraps, and attention to venous or arterial insufficiency. Referrals for repair or bypass of arteries may sometimes be helpful.

Madelene Landrum has been a patient at the Wound Center for the last two years. She has had a difficult time, starting almost a year before the Wound Center opened.

Her initial injury was caused by a partial crush injury from a wire rack to one hand. One finger was partially smashed, but rapidly got worse with the finger tip starting to turn black. But soon other fingers started to show similar changes with severe pain, even fingers not involved in the wire rack accident.

She was later thought to have an underlying disease, probably Scleroderma, with Reynauds phenomena (a condition in which the small arteries to the fingers

close down, causing little or no blood flow, resulting in ulceration and even gangrene of the finger tips).

She has now healed all her fingers, {one did require surgery}, and is now back working.

She says the Wound Center has been very important to her health. The pain is gone, the fingers are all healed, but it did take nearly 7 months.

She says they have a wonderful team, the nurses even helped with the paper work. The Hospital is convenient, and she has nothing but praises for her physicians there.

She would like to say to the community, "If you or a loved one has a serious wound, come to the Wound Center and see what they can do".

The Holzer Wound Center is located in the Jackson Hospital, 500 Burlington Road, Jackson, Ohio, 45640. The telephone number is 740-395-8484.

Referrals from primary physicians are welcome and usual, but direct calls from the patients are also welcome.

If you or a loved one has a serious non-healing wound, do not wait too long to call. The earlier a wound can be treated, the faster it likely will heal.

Again, follow Madelene Landrum's advice and call Holzer Wound Center, 740-395-8484.

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