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## **Merrimack Valley Hospital to Hold a Seminar on Wounds that Won't Heal**

**February 25, 2010**-Merrimack Valley Hospital is pleased to present a Meet the Expert seminar with Walter Kwass, MD on new treatments for wounds that won't heal.

Dr. Kwass is a board certified vascular surgeon and medical director of the new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at Merrimack Valley Hospital.

Dr. Kwass will review the different types of wounds; talk about how to recognize underlying vascular disease in wound patients; and discuss how to assess the risk of hospital-acquired decubitus ulcers.

Dr. Kwass will also talk about the role of the wound care center, as well as hyperbaric oxygen treatment it provides for wound management.

This free seminar is Tuesday, March 16, 6-7 pm in the hospital's first-floor auditorium. The seminar is open to the public. Registration is required and light refreshments will be served. One contact hour for nursing will be awarded at the end of the presentation.

Merrimack Valley Hospital is located at 140 Lincoln Avenue in Haverhill, MA. For more information or to register please call Jean MacDougall-Tattan at 978.420.1168.

***Please see calendar or health brief listing below:***

***Wounds The Won't Heal***, a Meet the Expert seminar with Walter Kwass, MD, board certified vascular surgeon and medical director of the new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Learn about different types of wounds, how to recognize underlying vascular disease; the risk of developing decubitus ulcers; and the role of the wound care center and hyperbaric oxygen therapy in wound treatment. Tuesday, March 16, 6-7 pm in the hospital's first-floor auditorium, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill, MA. One free contact hour for nursing. Registration required. Light refreshments. To register, Jean MacDougall-Tattan, 978.420.1168

### **About Merrimack Valley Hospital:**

*Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 107 acute care beds and 17 adult behavioral medicine beds; all are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include*

*a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic, general, vascular, thoracic, GYN and urologic surgery and outpatient pediatric surgery; wound care with hyperbaric therapy; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues; a comprehensive Pain Management Center; a Sleep Study Lab; gastroenterology; otolaryngology and hospitalist services. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as bone density testing; dysphasia testing; echocardiograms; electroencephalograms (EEG); electromyography (EMG); full-field digital mammography; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); position emission tomography (PET-Scan); pulmonary function testing(PFT); nuclear medicine; surgical day care; ultrasound (general & obstetrical), and physical therapy and x-rays, and 64-Slice CT scans.*

*The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); Best in Value Hospitals, 2008 (Data Advantage); Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates; National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); and An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at [www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com](http://www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com). Merrimack Valley Hospital is a licensed and certified mammography facility.*