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## **Merrimack Valley Hospital to Hold Open House for New Wound Care Center**

**January, 8, 2010**-Merrimack Valley Hospital welcomes the community as well as health care professionals to the open house for its new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center on Thursday, Jan. 21.

There will be two sessions: one during lunchtime, from noon to 3 pm, and a second from 5 to 7 p.m. for those who would prefer to drop by after work. Light refreshments will be served.

Attendees will get a sneak preview of the soon-to-open, state-of-the-art facility. They will also have a chance to meet the staff, including Medical Director Walter Kwass, MD, a board certified vascular surgeon with over 30 years of experience.

The Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at Merrimack Valley Hospital offers comprehensive wound care, including hyperbaric therapy for hard-to-heal wounds that can be life altering and life threatening. Patients are placed in the long, clear chambers, then 100 percent oxygen is pumped in and pressurized to deliver pure oxygen to blood as well as the wound bed itself, for optimal healing.

The center is on the third-floor of the hospital, which is located at 140 Lincoln Avenue in Haverhill, MA. For more information please call Mary O'Neil at (978) 420-1157.

### **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.*