

## **SRMC Opens Wound Care Center**

It's official! The SRMC Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center is now accepting patients. The Center, managed by Diversified Clinical Services, provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds, which are defined as sores or wounds that have not significantly improved from conventional treatments. Associated with inadequate circulation, poorly functioning veins, and immobility, non-healing wounds lead to lower quality of life and may lead to amputations. When wounds persist, a specialized approach is required for healing. Typically, a wound that does not respond to normal medical care within 30 days is considered a problem or chronic wound.

That's where the SRMC Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center can help. With the state-of-the-art treatments available including debridement, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, dressing selection, special shoes, and patient education, people with non-healing and chronic wounds now have a place to turn.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is used as a treatment for problematic, non-healing wounds that meet specific criteria. During the treatments, the patient breathes 100 percent oxygen inside a pressurized chamber, quickly increasing the concentration of oxygen in the bloodstream, where it is delivered to a patient's wound site for faster healing. Essentially, HBOT therapy helps heal the wound from the inside out. This therapy can help reduce swelling, fight infection, and build new blood vessels, ultimately producing healthy tissue. It is effective in improving circulation, in stimulating growth of new blood vessels, and in treating compromised skin grafts and flaps, diabetic wounds of the lower extremities, bone infections, and late radiation tissue injuries.

If you suffer from a chronic or non-healing wound, speak ask your physician about a referral to our Wound Care Center, or contact us directly for an assessment. We are located at 220 Greene Plaza in Waynesburg and can be reached by calling 724-627-1600. You can also stop by for our open house on April 8 from noon-2.