

WOUND HEALING CENTER

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If you have a wound that has not healed, consider seeking help from the Wound Healing Center at Penn Highlands Huntingdon, dedicated to the treatment of chronic, non-healing wounds. Our staff is committed to identifying the specific causes of these conditions and initiating a treatment plan that is designed specifically for your needs.

The methods used by the Wound Healing Center have been successful in healing wounds that others thought hopeless, including many that might have required amputation.

Patients receive state-of-the-art, customized treatment of wounds that have resisted healing despite months, or even years of conventional treatment.

You may be in need of specialized wound care if you suffer from any of the following conditions:

- Any wound which has failed to show signs of healing for more than 30 days
- Any wound which has not responded to multiple treatments or therapies
- Post-operative infections
- Slow or non-healing surgical wounds
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Lower leg ulcers
- Pressure ulcers
- Bone infection (osteomyelitis)
- Gangrene
- Skin Tears or lacerations
- Cellulitis of legs

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**For an appointment, call 643-8367.
A physician referral is not required.**

MEET THE STAFF:

Charles Schafer, MD

General Surgery

Jeremy Tipton, PA-C

Certified Physician Assistant

*All providers listed above offer wound care at the center.
The team collaborates with the patients' primary care physicians.*

The Wound Healing Center accepts most major insurances.

YOUR FIRST VISIT

Call for your appointment. When you call, you will be asked a few questions concerning your wound and your general health.

Bring a list of current medications you are taking and any allergies you may have.

Bring your records including any previous medical records, x-rays if available, and current insurance forms or cards to simplify your registration and comply with requirements established by your specific insurance plan.

Our initial evaluation could take up to two hours. Before beginning treatment, the wound healing doctors and nurses, will evaluate your wound and review your medical history and general health. You may have special tests to provide us with important information about the flow of blood, tissue oxygenation and whether or not infection is complicating the healing process.



WOUND MANAGEMENT

The Wound Healing Center staff offers a multi-disciplinary approach to wound management. Our specially trained physicians and nurses work together to design innovative treatment programs specifically for your needs. This care team includes:

Medical Director:

- Board-certified general surgeon
- Supervises the Center's medical staff
- Maintains communications with referring physicians

Nurse Director:

- Assures the quality of treatment
- Directs outpatient services
- Maintains an open dialogue among all care team members

Referring Physicians:

When referred by a physician, your physician continues to play a very important role in your treatment and recovery.

As a care team member, the physician will:

- Receive regular communication from the wound care team
- Continue treatment of pre-existing medical conditions

You:

The most important member of the care team is you, the patient. Whether you take the initiative or your doctor refers you, much of the success of your treatment depends on your level of commitment and participation.

As an active member of the care team, you will be responsible for:

- Following directions carefully
- Watching your progress closely
- Keeping your appointments

WOUND TREATMENTS

Wound Healing Center offers a variety of specialized treatments, including:

- **Doppler Evaluation of Pulses:** Determines blood flow available to transport nutrients and medications to the wound.
- **Wound Dressings:** Each wound care product is chosen based on the needs of the patient. The proper dressing promotes the correct environment the body requires to heal.
- **Wound Debridement:** A minor procedure that enhances the growth of healthy tissues in the wound.