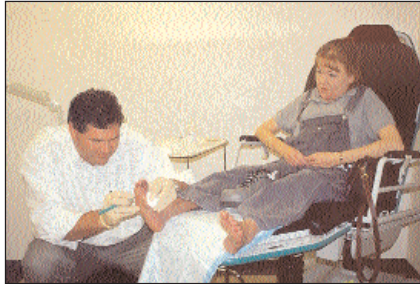




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Wound Care Program and Hyperbaric Medicine

While the human body usually does a great job of healing its own wounds, occasionally it needs help. That's where the specialized team of physicians, nurses and other health professionals at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center's Wound Care Program can help.

Wounds that don't heal can be a symptom of an underlying problem such as diabetes, circulatory problems, rheumatoid arthritis or other medical conditions. Individuals can also develop wounds that won't heal as a result of other conditions such as trauma, stroke, spinal cord injury or post surgery. Left untreated, wounds that don't heal can go on to cause additional medical problems.

Our multi-disciplinary team, which includes plastic surgeons, podiatrists, vascular surgeons, a family practice physician and an orthopedic surgeon, all have advanced training in wound care for patients suffering chronic, non-healing wounds. Our nurses are nationally certified in wound care by the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board.

Working closely with your doctor, our medical staff will evaluate your condition and develop an individualized treatment plan designed to put you on the healing path.

And you won't walk that path alone. Our team will be there every step of the way, monitoring your progress and making sure you, your family and/or

your caregiver are familiar with your treatment plan.

When Do You Need the Wound Care Program?

The Wound Care Program at Banner Good Samaritan offers treatment options for patients with complicated, chronic and non-healing wounds. (A wound is considered non-healing if it does not move through the normal healing process.)



TOP, Patients receive individual specialized care at the Banner Good Samaritan Wound Care Program for the treatment of chronic wounds. The medical staff can evaluate the wound and place the patient on an individualized healing plan.

ABOVE, Some patients require the benefits of hyperbaric oxygen treatment to accelerate their healing rate. Hyperbaric oxygen can help heal burns, treat carbon monoxide poisoning, and crush injuries.

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Examples of wounds that can be treated at the Wound Care Program include:

- Pressure ulcers
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Surgical wounds
- Wounds caused by infections
- Traumatic wounds
- Wounds due to circulatory problems
- Wounds due to autoimmune disorders
- Wounds due to coagulopathies

The physicians in the Wound Care Program also treat patients with soft tissue pathologies.

During a thorough evaluation, physicians at the Wound Care Program will find out what is interfering with the normal healing process in the wound. After completing the evaluation, a treatment plan will be developed which may include follow-up visits at the clinic and coordination with home health services. Of course, patients, families and caregivers are provided all of the training needed to ensure that the treatment plan is carried out successfully.

During treatment, you will remain in the care of your primary care physician, who will be kept informed of the treatment provided through our program.

Hyperbaric Medicine

The Wound Care Program at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center offers the latest in medical equipment and therapies available for the diagnosis and treatment of complicated, chronic and non-healing wounds.

Among the various therapies offered is Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, a specialized treatment that accelerates the natural healing process.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is a safe and comfortable form of treatment that involves the breathing of 100-percent oxygen under pressure within a controlled chamber.

This therapy, which is offered on both an inpatient and outpatient basis, is a safe and comfortable treatment for a variety of disorders, including:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Infections that irreversibly destroy tissue and organs
- Burns
- Tissue injured by radiation
- Carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation
- Crush injuries

Perhaps one of the biggest benefits of choosing the Wound Care Program at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center is the fact that it's located on the campus of Arizona's leading provider of hospital care. The Wound Care Program has available to it all of the expertise and services that recently helped earn Banner Good Samaritan the title of "Most Preferred Hospital" in the 2006 Ranking Arizona survey and "Phoenix's Most Preferred Hospital" three consecutive times in National Research Corporation's annual consumer survey.

To learn more about the Wound Care Program and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, please call us at (602) 839-6040. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

In Focus

Chronic Wounds

It is estimated that between 4 and 5 million people in the United States suffer from chronic wounds. Chronic Wounds can have a debilitating effect on individuals and their families. Chronic wounds can be painful, have an odor, and can affect sitting, standing, walking, driving and other daily activities. Work hours are lost for both the individual and family members who assist and care for them.

Those individuals with chronic pain due to their wounds have their sleep disturbed, have difficulty concentrating and often become depressed due to their chronic pain.

Individuals with diabetes are at significant risk of amputation if their foot wounds are not healed.

If you or someone you know has a chronic wound, please contact the Wound Care Program at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center to schedule an evaluation.