

# Wound Management Center

Welcome to the Roper St. Francis Wound Management Center. Your doctor has referred you to our center which specializes in the treatment of wounds. Along with your doctor, we will develop a plan of care to heal your wound. Your doctor will be informed of the care plan and updated on your progress.

We are here as specialists to support your care team. Your wound providers have been certified by the WOCN (Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society) or have been accredited as a Certified Wound Specialist.

Wounds are considered “chronic” if healing has not taken place by four weeks. Using evidence based practice guidelines, your care team will use a variety of tools to help your wound heal. We use topical dressings that promote moist wound healing, compression therapy and negative pressure wound therapy, which applies controlled, localized negative pressure to help uniformly draw wounds closed.

Patient participation in the healing process is extremely important. Please follow directions carefully, watch your progress closely and keep your appointments.

**Below is what to expect when you come for your wound care appointments:**

- A thorough wound assessment and determination of underlying causes that may contribute to your wound not healing such as diabetes, PAD, venous disease and other diseases or medications that may hinder healing.
- Wound debridement (the removal of non-living tissue).
- Education regarding your wound and how to help its healing.
- A consultation with other medical sources to control or correct underlying disease as needed.
- A full array of laboratory and support services to assist with diagnosis and treatment of your wound.
- You may be required to visit the clinic up to 3 times per week, but normally your visitation will decrease to once a week when your wound starts to heal.

Our staff is dedicated to returning you to optimal health. Call the Wound Management Center at 402-1840 if you have any questions or concerns.



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