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## **GERBER MEMORIAL HEALTH SERVICES OPENS NEW WOUND CARE CLINIC**

*Fremont, Michigan...* Gerber Memorial Health Services (GMHS) announced today that it has opened a new Wound Clinic devoted to the assessment and treatment of chronic, non-healing wounds. The Clinic, named the Gerber Memorial Wound Clinic at Grant Medical Center will be open every Tuesday morning from 8 AM until Noon. The Clinic is now taking patient appointments.

Over two (2) million Americans struggle with wounds that will not heal. Those with poor circulation, diabetes or long-term times of being bedridden or wheelchair-bound, are the most prone to chronic wound conditions.

At the Wound Clinic the Wound Healing Program treats all kinds of wounds, including:

- Ulcers resulting from poor blood flow in the arteries or veins
- Diabetic foot and leg ulcers
- Pressure ulcers
- Wounds caused by radiation treatments
- Chronic, non-healing wounds

### **A MEDICAL APPROACH**

“We are pleased to announce that Spectrum Health Physicians, Richard Hodgson, MD, and Dean Smith, MD, will provide medical oversight for the Clinic,” stated Trish Rager, Administrator for Continu-Care, the Home Health Agency of GMHS. “They each have substantial experience in treating chronic wounds and will be the key to successfully treating our patients.”

The Wound Clinic is managed by professionals who specialize in the treatment of chronic wounds: the two (2) physicians (Hodgson and Smith), Spectrum Health Nurse Practitioners, and Continu-Care Home Health Agency Wound Care RNs. The approach is both comprehensive and medically based. This results in improved outcomes for patients and a better quality of life.

There are hundreds of Newaygo County citizens struggling with the pain and disability of having wounds that will not heal, and there is an urgent need for this type of specialized care in our community,” said Rager. “Proper treatment of chronic wounds means a person’s over all health will be enhanced, and a possible loss of tissue and hospitalization due to increased infection will be avoided.”

The Gerber Memorial Wound Clinic process begins with listening to patients about their individual needs. Then the Clinic providers:

- Closely examine the wound and the patient’s health record
- Take photos, tracings and measurements of the wound
- Use non-surgical procedures to reveal more information
- Create a treatment plan
- Begin treatment

Most wounds are first treated with basic care. If these methods do not work as well as is wished, other, more specialized treatment options are available. Finally, The Gerber Memorial Wound Clinic will provide the most up-to-date information on how to prevent chronic wounds in the first place, and keep patients focused on long-term health and well-being.

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