



### INSURANCE COVERAGE AND OTHER SERVICES

Wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) are covered by most medical insurance and Medicare. Contact your insurance provider to verify specific coverage.

Non-emergency transportation to and from the Center is available for patients unable to obtain other means of transport. For more information on the McLaren Lapeer Region Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center, or to schedule an appointment, call (810) 667-5575.

### DO YOU NEED WOUND CARE SERVICES?

Wounds – breaks in the skin caused by disease, injury, poor circulation, diabetes, poor nutrition or other conditions – generally heal through a natural process. But wounds don't always heal the way they should, especially if you have diabetes, heart disease, anemia or peripheral arterial disease. In fact, up to five million Americans suffer from chronic wounds each year.

A wound that doesn't heal could put you at risk for infection and more serious complications. Wounds also can cause discomfort, pain and disfigurement, and can place limits on activities and quality of life.



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## BENEFITS OF TARGETED WOUND THERAPY

### HOW WE HEAL

While wounds can be debilitating, they can also be treated effectively. At the McLaren Lapeer Region Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center, we offer patients the very best in wound care from a comfortable, convenient setting that's close to home.

The multidisciplinary team at the Wound Care Center specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of chronic wounds, including those that have resisted healing after months – even years – of traditional treatment.

We provide expert care for wounds of all types including:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Venous stasis ulcers
- Arterial ulcers
- Pressure sores
- Non-healing surgical wounds



### ADVANCED THERAPIES

Along with more traditional treatment options, the McLaren Lapeer Region Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center provides patients with advanced therapies, techniques and products including bio-engineered tissue, negative pressure wound therapy and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which uses oxygen and pressure to help heal wounds. Your medical team will assess your wound and discuss with you the most appropriate options. These may include:

- **Advanced dressings** are specialized products such as gels and foams used to create and maintain a moist environment, which can reduce the frequency of dressing changes and provide optimal conditions for wound healing.
- **Debridement** is the medical removal of dead, damaged, or infected tissue to improve the healing potential of the remaining healthy tissue.
- **Epidermal grafting** involves the transplantation of tissue. The graft is carefully spread on the wound and held in place by gentle pressure from a well-padded dressing.
- **Lymphedema pump** is used in the treatment of lymphedema to move excess fluid out of the affected limb and return it to the cardiovascular system. The pump uses air to move the lymph fluid and keep it from pooling.
- **Mist therapy** uses low-frequency ultrasound waves and saline to treat difficult-to-heal wounds. Sound waves from this non-thermal, painless treatment option penetrate into and below the wound bed, to mechanically stimulate cells and accelerate normal healing.
- **Unna boot compression dressing** are a special type of gauze bandage, used in the treatment of venous stasis ulcers and other venous insufficiencies of the leg. The wrap helps with healing leg ulcers, swelling, or lymphedema, by giving compression to the areas that are wrapped.
- **Negative-pressure wound therapy (NPWT)** is a therapeutic technique that uses a negative pressure (vacuum) at the wound site, which helps draw wound edges together, removing infectious materials, and actively promotes wound healing through granulation tissue formation.

### HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

Many wounds fail to heal because the supply of oxygen received by the damaged tissue is too low for the body to repair itself. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) supplies the oxygen the body needs to stimulate and support healing. A series of treatments using the Center's hyperbaric oxygen chamber increases the level of oxygen the tissues receive, promoting wound healing and the body's own ability to repair itself. HBOT is commonly used in the treatment of:

- Diabetic foot wounds
- Necrotizing soft tissue infections
- Chronic bone infections (osteomyelitis)
- Compromised skin grafts and flaps
- Crush injuries and traumatic wounds
- Radiation tissue damage

### YOUR FIRST VISIT

During your initial visit, our staff will evaluate your wound and general health. They will review your medical history and may take blood for testing. You may also need special tests that will provide us with information about the blood and oxygen flow in the wound area.

### PERSONALIZED CARE

Dr. Kevin Florek is the Medical Director of the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center. He leads our team of board-certified physicians who specialize in infectious disease, internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, podiatry and neurology. The Center also has wound-certified nurses, medical assistants, technicians and hyperbaric technologists. Your patient care team at the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center will work closely with you and your physician to develop a treatment plan specifically designed for your medical needs. Your plan of care will include regular visits for therapy and progress assessments throughout the course of treatment.