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Physician's Hospital is proud to announce the addition of a new outpatient department that will benefit patients throughout El Paso suffering with chronic non-healing wounds. We have recently teamed up with Paradigm Medical Management to create Physician's Hospital Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine. This facility and treatment program will be second to none in the El Paso area.

The Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine will provide advanced outpatient therapy and treatment for chronic non-healing wounds consistent with specific medical needs of the community. The primary goal of the center will be to provide vital services to the population at risk, which includes patients of multiple and differing socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. These are patients with diabetes, renal failure, peripheral vascular disease, hypertension and many other chronic illnesses.

The main objective of the program will be to implement a "Center of Excellence" program which provides cutting edge patient care, utilizing advanced treatment and prevention modalities including Surgery and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.

The patients anticipated to be seen in the program will typically the outpatient population with chronic difficult to heal wounds, varying in age, who come to us from home or extended/long term care facilities with underlying illnesses including:

- ❖ Age related illnesses
- ❖ A variety of chronic illness, such as diabetes and its complications
- ❖ Multiple medical problems
- ❖ Auto-immune illnesses and their complications, such as vasculitis
- ❖ Post-traumatic injuries
- ❖ Vascular diseases, such as arterial and venous insufficiency
- ❖ Foot problems, such as Charcot foot and diabetic foot ulcers
- ❖ Skin problems

The services to be provided by the center will include, but are not limited to chronic wound management and treatment including:

- ❖ Wound Debridement
- ❖ Wound Excision
- ❖ Prescribing appropriate topical agents
- ❖ Wound remodeling
- ❖ Vascular assessment
- ❖ Nutritional assessment
- ❖ Infection control
- ❖ Edema control
- ❖ Offloading/Pressure relief methods and devices

The center will also utilize Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) as an important adjunctive therapy for Medicare-approved indications. HBOT is a supplemental therapy to be used in addition to the current medical and surgical therapy you will receive at the wound care center. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a means of providing additional oxygen to the tissues of your body. This functions to increase your body's ability to kill germs and to increase your healing ability. HBOT typically is used to complement treatments of medical problems such as bone infections, complications of radiotherapy, and certain chronic, non-healing wounds.

Physician's Hospital Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine will be open 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For additional information please contact Physician's Hospital at 915-598-4240, Extension 5101.