

AMH Wound Care Center honored for excellence

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ALTON – Alton Memorial Hospital physicians, leaders and clinicians gathered recently to celebrate the Center of Excellence Award, which was given to the AMH Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center by Healogics Inc., the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services.



The Center achieved outstanding patient outcomes for 24 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction of 95 percent, a 95 percent wound healing rate within 21 median days to heal.

Out of the more than 700 centers nationwide in the Healogics network, 340 centers were eligible for this award, with 268 earning it. The AMH Wound Care Center has earned the award six out of the nine years it was eligible to win -- the most in the Midwest.

The AMH Wound Care Center is a member of Healogics, which provides access to benchmark data and proven experience treating more than 2.5 million chronic wounds. Since 2005, the AMH Wound Care Center has offered highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Advanced treatments include hyperbaric oxygen therapy, negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, biological biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

"Our Wound Care Center heals chronic wounds of patients who might otherwise experience an amputation or other life-threatening conditions," said Dave Braasch, president of Alton Memorial Hospital. "We are proud to provide this specialized and needed service to our community."

"We're honored, "said Dr. Valinda Allen, medical director for the AMH Wound Care Center. "It's a privilege to be part of a great collaborative effort between the hospital, physicians and Healogics. Together, we are able to heal patients in our community, getting them get back to living happy, healthy lives."

For more information about the AMH Wound Care Center, call 618-433-7066.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., Healogics is the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services. Healogics and its affiliated companies manage more than 550 wound care centers in the United States and see nearly 250,000 patients per year through a connected network of centers, partner hospitals, academic medical centers, patients and families. Leveraging its scale and experience, Healogics utilizes an evidence-based systematic approach to chronic wound healing in treating an underserved and growing patient population. For more information or to find a Wound Care Center near you, please visit www.healogics.com.