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WRMC Opens Wound Healing Center

Batesville, Ark. – Dana L. Weaver, White River Medical Center Director of Surgical Services has announced the development of a wound management program at the hospital. The Wound Healing Center at White River Medical Center is an outpatient service for patients with non-healing wounds caused by illness or injury. The Center provides assessment and management of chronic and acute wounds that have not responded to traditional therapies. The Center specializes in the treatment of the following types of wounds; diabetic ulcers, ischemic wounds, radiation injuries, pressure ulcers, trauma, wounds that occur along with complex medical problems, necrotizing soft tissue infection, osteomyelitis, enterocutaneous fistula, or any wound failing to improve or heal within 30 days.

“The coordination and continuation of care for patients on an outpatient basis is an important part of developing the Wound Healing Center,” Weaver explained. “Wound care is an integral part of nursing care while patients are in the hospital, but patients often find it difficult to care for a wound once they are home.”

The staff of the Wound Healing Center uses a multidisciplinary approach for assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of a patient's condition. The wound healing team includes a wound care/enterostomal nurse, vascular surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and podiatrist. The staff works with each patient to achieve optimal outcomes using advanced medical methodologies, patient education, support and coordination of care. The program is a part of the surgical services department and patients are treated in the Ambulatory Surgery Center in the WRMC Professional Building.

Patients may be referred to the program by their primary care physician. Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance cover the services of the Wound Healing Center. Tami Holloway, RN is the wound healing coordinator and can be reached by calling 870-307-6269 or toll free at 1-866-576-4367.