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**EXCELA HEALTH OPENS SECOND ADVANCED WOUND CENTER  
TO SERVE PATIENTS IN THE FRICK COMMUNITY**

**MOUNT PLEASANT, PA, JUNE 5, 2014 ...** Excela Health is expanding wound care services with the opening of a second Advanced Wound Center on the Excela Frick Hospital campus. The community is invited to an open house, Wednesday, June 18, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 490 South Church Street, Mount Pleasant. The event includes a tour of the center, pasta and sub bar and an opportunity to meet the physicians and office staff. A ribbon cutting is planned for 5 p.m. RSVP by June 13 to the Excela Health Call Center 1-877-771-1234.

Excela Health offers a team approach to wound care, including podiatrists (foot specialists), infectious disease specialists, surgeons and vascular specialists. "Our goal is to not just heal the wound but heal the patient," says Tom Capco, Excela Health's director of Ambulatory and Outpatient Services, which includes the Advanced Wound Center.

The team also includes diabetes management experts, wound care registered nurses and a registered dietitian. When necessary, the team can draw from the experts in Excela Health's other areas of medicine, such as plastic surgery. Capco believes Excela's robust integrated team approach is unique and a hallmark of the way programs should operate.

Excela's Advanced Wound Center works closely with the Excela Health Diabetes Center to offer a full range of support to people with diabetes. Poor disease management can contribute to diabetic ulcers, so patient education and disease monitoring play a critical role in treatment.

Treatment is designed for the type of wound, its location and any related

chronic disease. This can include regular topical skin care, wound dressings and medication. For more serious cases, Excelsa Health offers sophisticated solutions, such as special “skin substitutes.” These are a combination of living cells and synthetic material that can be used to help cover an open wound, decrease healing time and reduce pain. Another advanced treatment option, ultrasonic debridement, allows surgeons to perform minor wound surgery without a scalpel. The Advanced Wound Center focuses on finding the right treatment for each person, with the ultimate goal of healing hard-to-heal wounds. “Because all wounds are different, some products are more effective than others in producing the most positive patient outcome,” added Capco.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is another wound healing option available at Excelsa’s Advanced Wound Center in Greensburg. “With HBOT, we can heal wounds that have failed after prolonged treatment with conventional therapies, in an effort to avoid amputations or limb extractions,” added Capco.

“We find that patients with severe wounds have a reduced quality of life and are often stigmatized by their wound. Our goal is to get them healed as quickly and safely as possible, so they can return to a better quality of life.”

To learn more about Excelsa’s Advanced Wound Center on the Frick campus, call 724-542-1930 or visit [www.excelahealth.org](http://www.excelahealth.org). Physician and self-referrals accepted