

Approach to Care



At Gaylord, patients often have multiple medical and surgical issues that result in difficult-to-close pressure ulcers, surgical wounds and wounds as a result of acute or chronic illnesses. The wound care team creates an individualized treatment plan for each patient and evaluates progress and modifies the treatment plan as needed in collaboration with the treating medical team.

The team prescribes to a multidisciplinary treatment approach that focuses on existing skin or wound issues, especially non-healing and slow-to-heal wounds, and the prevention of new ones. Coordinated by our chief medical officer and two advanced practice registered nurses who are certified in wound care, the team includes physical therapists and dietitians who take an active role in wound management.

Wound conditions that are treated include:

- Surgical wounds and Pressure ulcers
- Wound dehiscence
- Diabetic/ arterial/venous ulcers
- Pre- and post-flap / graft surgery
- Ostomies
- Amputations
- Osteomyelitis
- Wounds as a result of Necrotizing fasciitis
- Post trauma
- Fistulas
- Burns – limited area

The multidisciplinary management process may consist of:

- Negative Pressure Wound Treatment
- Chemical / conservative sharp debridement of necrotic tissue
- Surgical debridement by a consulting plastic surgeon
- Pulsatile lavage
- Pain management
- Seating surface evaluation
- Utilization of specialized support surface
- Nutritional counseling for oral/enteral and parenteral nutrition
- Communication by telemedicine with referring provider
- Psychology interventions for counseling and support of the patient and significant other

The team also provides education to the patient and family to help prevent any future skin breakdown and coordinates the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program hospital wide.

Admissions



Pictured, the Milne Pavilion, has private rooms with bedside and ambulatory telemetry monitoring, observation rooms, on-site laboratory, pharmacy, a CT scan and radiology services.

Once the referral has been made from an acute care setting, a Regional Healthcare Manager from Gaylord visits the referring hospital, conducts an on-site evaluation and completes a pre-admission assessment of the patient to ensure that Gaylord is the next most appropriate level of care. The assessment may include interviews with the patient, family, physicians and any other health care professionals directly involved in the patient's care, as well as a review of the medical record.

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