

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **BOTHWELL WOUND HEALING CENTER PARTICIPATES IN SECOND ANNUAL WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**

SEDALIA – Bothwell Wound Healing Center, a member of the Healogics network, is helping raise awareness of chronic wounds. The second annual Wound Care Awareness Week, sponsored by Healogics, is being held from June 1 to June 5.

It is estimated that chronic wounds affect 6.7 million people in the United States, and the incidence is rising, fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy. Untreated, chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb.

Bothwell Wound Healing Center sees an average of 300 patients each month and offers advanced therapies to patients suffering from chronic wounds. Local program director Paulisa Laughlin will dedicate the entire week to visiting local physician offices to provide education to help staff identify patients that may benefit from advanced wound care.

“Many patients live with chronic wounds for months or even years. Because of the lack of awareness of advanced wound care, physicians do not always know when it is appropriate to refer these patients to a Wound Care Center for treatment,” said D. Scott Covington, MD, FACS, Chief Medical Director for Healogics, Inc. “Advanced wound care, as part of a comprehensive care plan can help heal patients faster than traditional methods. It is our mission to raise awareness of the chronic wound problem as well as the benefits of advanced wound care in the communities we serve.”

People with wounds that have not improved with traditional methods of treatment may benefit from a visit to Bothwell Wound Healing Center. To schedule an appointment, please call 660-827-2525 or visit [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org). To learn more about Wound Care Awareness Week, visit [woundcareawareness.com](http://woundcareawareness.com).

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### **About Bothwell**

Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 145-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and our services, visit the Web site at [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org) or find us on Facebook.

### **About Healogics, Inc.**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, FL., Healogics is the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services. Healogics and its affiliated companies manage nearly 800 Wound Care Centers® in the nation, and saw more than 234,000 patients in 2014 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, please visit [www.healogics.com](http://www.healogics.com).