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## BOTHWELL OPENS WOUND HEALING CENTER

SEDALIA – With today’s opening of the Bothwell Wound Healing Center, patients now have the ability to get intensive treatment, including hyperbaric oxygen, without having to make the long drive to Columbia or Kansas City.

The wound center, located adjacent to the hospital at 667 East 15<sup>th</sup>, will provide treatment for wounds that are difficult to heal, such as diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, surgical wounds, venous insufficiency or aftereffects of radiation therapy. The center has two hyperbaric chambers where patients breathe pure oxygen, which improves blood flow to promote healing.

“We are thrilled to bring this method of intensive healing to west-central Missouri,” said Program Director Paulisa Laughlin. “An aging population often has an increased incidence of diabetes and circulation problems that contribute to wounds on the feet or lower legs that are difficult to treat. Our staff of physicians, nurses and technicians will be able to provide these patients effective treatment right here close to home.”

Treatment plans are individualized and include patient education and instructions for home care. Patients who find help at a wound center include people with diabetes who develop foot ulcers that don’t heal. In these cases, wound treatment can often help save a limb from having to be amputated. Other potential patients are cancer patients who have tissue damage due to radiation, people with circulation problems, hemorrhagic cystitis and brown recluse spider bites.

Hyperbaric treatment typically requires 20 to 40 treatments that last two to three hours, depending on the type and extent of the wound being treated, Laughlin said.

Bothwell Wound Healing Center is a joint effort involving the hospital; Healogics, a wound care management company; and physicians. Dr. Jeff Wadley serves as medical director for the Sedalia center. Healogics, headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., manages more than 500 wound care centers nationwide.

Patients do not require a physician referral to be treated at the wound center, and appointments can be made by calling (660) 827-2525.

The center is 2,772 square feet and has four treatment rooms in addition to a separate room for hyperbaric treatment.

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