

WOUND CARE

PROBLEM



6.5 MILLION individuals in the US live with chronic wounds

The total cost of wounds in the US is \$39 BILLION ANNUALLY



Each year, 2.5 MILLION patients aged 75+ acquire a pressure ulcer

60K PATIENTS die annually as the result of a pressure ulcer



Diabetic foot ulcers occur in approximately 25% of all diabetic patients

SOLUTION

Upon admission, patients will meet with an RN who will assess their wound and/or ostomy to understand their clinical needs and personal preferences. The RN will contact Knute Nelson's Wound and Ostomy Nurse (CWON) for a consultation when indicated.

2 The CWON will combine their knowledge of the patient's wound and evidence-based principles of healing to develop an in-home treatment plan. Elements of the treatment can include prevention strategies, simple-complex treatment modalities, moist wound healing techniques, topical treatments and nutrition, debridement, chemical cauterization, complex fistula/tube management, and more. For ostomy patients, the CWON can provide the necessary education and guidance on proper care of ostomy, use of accessory products, properly sizing pouch, dietary issues, and adjusting to life changes.*

- The CWON coordinates education with the patient's care team to ensure the treatment plan is being enacted appropriately.
- The care team continues treatment with the patient while the CWON checks in periodically to monitor progress.

MAKE A REFERRAL

Our goal is to provide admissions 7 days a week, within 24 hours of a referral. Contact our team at 320.759.1273 for a seamless and timely referral.

*All orders for wound or ostomy related care must be signed by the patient's primary physician.

CERTIFICATIONS

WOUND AND OSTOMY NURSE (CWON)

Knute Nelson Home Health's CWON helps guide our care team to provide the most effective healing techniques when treating a patient with wound, ostomy needs.