

Patient Referral to Presbyterian Wound Center

Yes

No

The Wound Center can provide care for all age ranges

Wound Center Medical Necessity is very specific; please make sure your patient meets

- Any wound that has not healed in three-weeks time which does not meet exclusion criteria
- Don't wait! Any patient with any type of wound and complicating factors such as diabetes, edema, immune suppressed, etc.
- Examples: dehisced surgical wounds, leg ulcers, traumatic wounds with necrotic tissue, fistulas, pressure ulcers
- Burns that are appropriate for outpatient management <http://ameriburn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/burncenterreferralcriteria.pdf>
- Wounds involving tendons, ligaments, bone, or joints (recommend taking an X-ray if bone involvement is suspected)
- Ostomy patients- send as soon as possible, we will see two weeks or more pre-op, then post-op resource for life
- Tube site skin breakdown, incontinence associated dermatitis
- Patients who have home health care, live in nursing home, assisted living etc.

- No open wound/ulcer (e.g., cellulitis without wound)
- Needs I&D - send to primary care provider, urgent care, emergency department surgeon, based on patient need
- Closed surgical incisions or routine suture/staple removal
- Burns that require burn center - send to UNM <http://ameriburn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/burncenterreferralcriteria.pdf>
- Rash - send to dermatology
- Non-complicated surgical wounds during the post-operative window
- Lymphedema without wounds- send to PT/OT lymphedema therapist
- Medicare patient who is in a short-term care facility such as skilled nursing or rehab facility

How you can help us accurately triage your referral and care for your patient

- Enter referral as soon as possible. It's easier to cancel it than request ASAP evaluation when things are not going well
- Use tools on our website to start care for your patient:
 - Presbyterian providers: <http://presnet.phs.org/dpts/pds/wndcar/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Contracted providers: <https://www.phs.org/doctors-services/services-centers/Pages/wound-center.aspx>
- It would be very beneficial for triage if you take photo using Haiku/Canto and include in your visit note
- If patient had previous care outside of Presbyterian, please fax records to (505) 823-8875 including accurate problem list, medication list, allergies, any tests or consults done or ordered
- Provide adequate pain management; we will assist as possible with local measures only
- Priority referrals: burns, children age 12 and younger, patient needing cancer treatment, ostomy problems