

## **MIDLANDS ORTHOPAEDICS OPENS ADVANCED WOUND CARE CENTER**

(Columbia, SC) – March 21, 2007 -- Midlands Orthopaedics is pleased to announce the expansion of our services to include the opening of the **Advanced Wound Care Center**. The AWCC will allow us to provide specialized treatment for a variety of wounds including diabetic ulcers, venous insufficiency ulcers, and peripheral vascular wounds. This clinic will utilize both our surgical and non-surgical skills to ensure every opportunity possible to achieve healing and skin maintenance.

South Carolina has the third highest prevalence of diabetes in the nation. Foot ulcerations and infections are the #3 cause of hospital admissions for diabetic patients. The cost of diabetic foot ulcerations exceeds billions of dollars annually. Studies show that 70% of patients with an ulcer do not receive the follow-up care and treatment they need. A neglected wound could lead to amputation. 80,000 amputations are performed every year due to diabetic complications and it is widely believed that 50% of those amputations are preventable with proper wound care.

The new Advanced Wound Care Center at Midlands Orthopaedics will help manage, heal, and prevent wounds and ulcers of all types. In addition, we will continue to provide routine diabetic foot evaluations and well-patient follow-up visits.

Contact us for patient referrals by calling 803-933-6664. We will be happy to assist you.

### **Advanced Wound Care Center Location:**

Gregg Street Entrance  
1910 Blanding Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Telephone: 803-256-4107

### **Additional Office Locations:**

1013 Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo, SC 29063  
2989 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169  
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