

Wound Healing Services Brings Relief.

Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services offers treatments for wounds or ulcers that have resisted conventional treatment for 30 days or more. The physician driven clinic is equipped to address all types of wounds and 92 percent of patients heal with their expert care. IU Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services frequently works with personal physicians throughout treatments. Once a wound is healed, patients return to their physician for follow-up care.

Tests may be conducted to tell more about blood flow, tissue oxygenation and to determine if there is an infection present. Physicians take the time to thoroughly evaluate the wound, inform patients about their wound and to teach them about caring for the wound at home.

All treatments are documented regularly and adjusted when necessary and treatments are adjusted to allow optimal healing. Physicians see most patients weekly and are able to evaluate treatment effectiveness and if the patient is comfortable and healing. Wounds commonly treated at IU Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services include:

- Diabetic foot, venous stasis and pressure ulcers
- Skin tears
- Post-surgical incisions
- Radiation wounds
- Burns
- Traumatic injuries

Complicated wounds are treated with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO). During HBO treatment, patients are lying on a stretcher inside a clear chamber and breathing 100 percent oxygen. Treatments typically last two hours and the number of treatments vary based on the diagnosis. Strict procedures ensure that HBO is safe and that patients are comfortable. IU Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services has three HBO chambers to assist in the healing of severe wounds. Types of wounds requiring HBO therapy include:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency
- Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia
- Compromised skin grafts
- Osteoradionecrosis
- Progressive necrotizing osteomyelitis

- Soft tissue radionecrosis, including radiation cystitis and radiation proctitis

IU Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services is open Monday through Friday and is located at 2901 W. Jackson Street. Most treatments are covered by Medicaid; Medicare; HMOs and other private insurance plans. For more information, please contact IU Health Ball Memorial Wound Healing Services at 765.751.5010, visit iuhealth.org/ball-memorial.