

ENHANCING PATIENT
EDUCATION FOR WOUND
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



SAVE A LIMB CAMPAIGN

- The **“Save A Limb Campaign”** will help decrease the amputation rate in the United States and will help reduce the estimated 50% to 80% of the amputations performed in the United States.
 - We can help increase the survival rate following a single leg amputation which is now only 50% at three years and 40% at five years.
 - Your dollars will help in the preservation and enhanced quality of life for patients
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- Check www.AmWCF.org for free upcoming seminars for patients and caregivers
 - Request a free seminar for your group



Enhancing Patient Care



Working together we can make a difference

The American Wound Care Foundation welcomes your tax-deductible contributions.

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As of January 2007, after almost four years of armed conflict in Iraq, a total of 500 service men and women had lost a limb to wounds suffered in combat. As tragic as these casualties of war are, a far worse devastation is occurring as a result of



disease: right here in the United States, the same number of Americans lose a limb due to chronic, diabetes-related wounds *every three days*. This year, an estimated 86,000 Americans will suffer amputations as a consequence of serious, unhealed wounds. Half of these people will lose an opposing limb within two to three years — while tens of thousands of others will endure debilitating, chronic wounds resulting from burns, bed sores and non-healing surgical sites.



These outcomes can be avoided for many, if not most, patients. But a lack of awareness, and in some cases a lack of financial resources, leads to inadequate treat-

ment of chronic wounds. Amputation, disability and death are the result. The American Wound Care Foundation (AmWCF) was established to help inform and enable people to manage these wounds properly, and live better, happier lives as a result.

The Foundation is a charitable, non-profit organization (501 [C] [3]) and focuses on educating the public regarding treatment for non-healing wounds requiring aggressive intervention. Individuals afflicted with non-healing wounds, which could occur anywhere there is skin, must be aware of possible limb loss, major infection and death. This Foundation educates the public so they are aware of risk factors and how and where to seek appropriate treatment by:



Providing information in plain language for the general public

Conducting public seminars for patients and caregivers

Presenting programs for print and electronic media so the public can make informed decisions regarding wound care.

Wound care has become increasingly sophisticated in the past few decades, and new methods of treatment are constantly being developed. However, public knowledge of wound-related health risks and treatment options has not kept pace with scientific advances. The Foundation was established to raise public awareness, educate patients about their treatment options and improve access to wound care resources.

The AmWCF has launched the "Save A Limb Campaign" to educate caregivers and the public about treatment options and resources, and to encourage patient compliance with prescribed wound care treatment.



In addition to treatment of wounds, the Foundation's efforts are also focused on prevention of the underlying pathologies that lead to chronic wounds, in particular: the rise of morbid obesity in children and the increased incidence of diabetes in all age groups. Through education and treatment, the Foundation seeks to improve patient quality of life and decrease overall health care delivery costs.