



# WoundExpert

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## Welcome to the WoundExpert Times.

The goal of this publication is to explore concepts in wound care with our monthly spotlight interview, to educate and inform our users all around the country about WoundExpert updates, and to provide a forum for frequently asked questions.

Make sure to pass this newsletter around to your wound care team. If you have questions or story ideas you may submit them to: [ideas@woundexpert.com](mailto:ideas@woundexpert.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Company Updates

For the third consecutive year Net Health was honored as one of the fastest growing fifty technology companies in Pittsburgh. This year's award ceremony was held at Carnegie Music Hall before a crowd that included representatives from nearly two thousand member companies of the Pittsburgh Technology Council. The keynote speech was delivered by Raymond Lane, former President of Oracle.

## Please Welcome the Following Facilities to Our Family of Clients:

- **Wound Healing Center at Harlingen Medical Center**  
Harlingen, Texas
- **Harris Methodist HEB Wound Care Clinic**  
Eules, Texas
- **Colonial Park Care Center**  
Harrisburg, Pa.

## Monthly Profile – Ronald A. Sherman, MD

*Board Chair, Biotherapeutics Education and Research Foundation*  
(<http://www.bterfoundation.org/>)

### What is the purpose of your foundation?

The purpose of the BTER Foundation is to support patient care, education, and research in biotherapy (maggot therapy, leech therapy, apitherapy, helminotherapy, and many other diagnostic and therapeutic modalities that use live animals). Another way of thinking about our mission is to see us as building the infrastructure (educational, logistic, and financial) that is necessary to apply and advance these medical treatments.

### What biotherapeutic alternatives are you currently advocating in the wound care continuum?

For wound care, our primary efforts are in the fields of maggot therapy for non-healing wounds, and leech therapy for congested limbs (usually the early postoperative period after limb reattachment).

### Are there promising outcomes associated with biotherapies used in the treatment of non-healing wounds and congested limbs?

Absolutely, or the FDA would not have granted permission to market both maggots and leeches in the U.S.

FDA notes the following indications for Medical Maggots: "For debriding non-healing necrotic skin and soft tissue wounds, including pressure ulcers, venous stasis ulcers, neuropathic foot ulcers, and non-healing traumatic or post surgical wounds." [Editor's note: 3 biotherapeutic studies are available courtesy of Dr. Sherman, in PDF format; email [mrickard@woundexpert.com](mailto:mrickard@woundexpert.com) for more information.]

### What are your foundation's goals or initiatives?

- Complete and distribute our maggot therapy educational materials (lecture slides, training video, etc)
- Sponsor regional Biotherapy training conferences
- Develop a certification program to ensure maggot and leech therapists competency
- Host the first U.S. meeting of the International Biotherapy Society
- Develop these same programs in other languages, alongside practitioners in other countries, so as to make these effective, low cost, life- and limb-saving methods available in regions of the world where other medical and non-medical resources are limited
- Get funding to complete these goals, and more!

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*Please consult your facility director first with any procedural questions.*

### What are the reporting criteria for the DWLE HBO Eligibility report?

This report lists all patients who are eligible for HBO treatments because of a diabetic wound of the lower extremity (DWLE).

The requirements are as follows:

Currently active patient

Wound status is "Not Healed"

Wound is a Wagner Scale Grade 3, 4, or 5

Wound acquired more than thirty days ago — this is not the same as the admission date.

Have not received HBO Treatment or haven't received HBO Treatment in the last 6 months.

### What's wrong with using the back button on my web browser to go back to a page in WoundExpert?

Duplication of patient data frequently occurs by using the back button to navigate. WoundExpert supplies many opportunities to navigate through the system via navigation buttons at the top of the page or text links. For instance, when adding a wound assessment, the patient's name is a link to that patient's Patient Details page, effectively cancelling the data entry of that wound assessment. If a field is missed when entering data, the proper course of action is to modify the data using the appropriate modify buttons. Most printer-friendly versions of reports have no buttons or text links so the use of the Back button to return to WoundExpert is appropriate.

*Any comments or questions please contact us at 800.411.6281 or email us at [ideas@woundexpert.com](mailto:ideas@woundexpert.com).*

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### 5. What tools do you use to stay educated?

Since we develop state-of-the-art educational programs, we must stay up-to-date by constantly reviewing the medical and popular literature, attending national and international conferences, and networking with colleagues.

Our Board and consultants include medical professionals, business executives, educators, and community representatives. By collaborating with people outside our own disciplines, we gain new perspectives with which to view old problems.

*We would like to thank Sue Cadden for her participation for our last profile.*


## New Features

Our product development team recently enhanced an existing feature in WoundExpert which greatly streamlines data entry efficiency. This feature, the **Patient Daily Activity**, can be accessed via the calendar for our clients who have the Scheduler module, or through the Patient List for those clients who do not have the Scheduler module.

The Patient Daily Activity Process provides access to all available data entry modules on one page and is organized by date of visit. Submitting data directs you immediately back to the Patient Daily Activity page, where one click takes you to the next data entry page. In addition, each time data is submitted through the Patient Daily Activity page, a red check mark displays next to that link, assuring you that this information has been entered.

Patient observation data such as vital signs, patient arrival/discharge information, and lower extremity assessments have been relocated from the wound assessment to the Patient Daily Activity page in order to more logically control the flow and speed of entering visit data.

*As always, if you have any questions about these features or new ideas for future enhancements, please contact our customer support team at 800.411.6281 x13.*

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