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EMH Healthcare Opens 2nd Wound Care Center in Westlake

WESTLAKE, OH – EMH Healthcare is proud to announce the grand opening of their second wound care center at 25200 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. Located within the Premier Physicians Health Center, the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center is designed to provide the highest level of care for patients with wounds that are difficult to heal due to illness or injury. The Westlake facility is in addition to the EMH Elyria Wound Care Center, which opened in July 2008.

Members of the media are invited to a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new EMH Westlake Wound Care Center on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 10:30am until Noon. EMH president and CEO Dr. Donald Sheldon, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and Premier Physicians' CEO, David Appel will be in attendance.

More than eight million people in the U.S. suffer from chronic wounds of which healing has been impeded by such diseases and conditions as diabetes, obesity, aging and the late effects of radiation therapy. The opening of the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center brings a much-needed service to the people of Westlake and surrounding communities – currently there is no other wound care provider within the city limits. At EMH's Elyria Wound Care Center, the staff is on pace to treat 650 new wound care patients in 2013.

The EMH Westlake Wound Care Center, like its sister facility in Elyria, is a member of the Healogics™ network, and will be staffed primarily by physicians with the Premier Physicians group, including Medical Director Dr. Habib Khoury. “Our team of physicians is Northeast Ohio's largest multispecialty group practice, and we are pleased to work with EMH Healthcare to bring this service to our patients,” said Khoury. “The Premier Physicians philosophy is to offer patients quality, compassionate and affordable healthcare, and through the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center, we are able to expand our services even further.”

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Dr. Donald Sheldon, president and CEO of EMH Healthcare, believes the new EMH Westlake Wound Care Center will fill a niche, stating: "We are thrilled to introduce this essential service to the people of Westlake and beyond." He continued, "With the skill and expertise of the Premier Physicians group, as well as the evidence-based approach to healing utilized by Healogics, I am confident that the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center will quickly become an important part of the Westlake healthcare community."

The facility features two state-of-the-art hyperbaric oxygen chambers, outfitted with flat screen TVs and premium sound systems for patient enjoyment during treatments. Whether they prefer to watch television, a DVD, or listen to a CD, patients can relax while 100 percent oxygen speeds the healing of their wounds. Patients will also find flat screen televisions in each treatment room. The latest wound care techniques, including bioengineered tissue, will be utilized at the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center.

Likely candidates for treatment at the new center are those suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections, radiation injuries to soft tissue and bone, compromised skin grafts and flaps, and wounds that haven't healed within 30 days.

For more information on the EMH Westlake Wound Care Center, please call 440.329.HEAL (5435), or log on to EMH-Healthcare.org.

About EMH Healthcare

EMH Healthcare's mission is to improve the health of our community through safe, high-quality and cost-effective care. To fulfill this mission, EMH Elyria Medical Center, EMH Amherst Campus, The EMH Center for Health & Fitness in Avon, and a multi-disciplinary medical staff provide services to meet the needs of the community. EMH Elyria Medical Center was founded in 1908 as a community hospital and is committed to providing expert care and exceptional caring to all. For more information, visit www.emh-healthcare.org.

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