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## **PRESS RELEASE**

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland's Wound Care Center  
recognized for Clinical Excellence for third year in a row

**HIGHLAND**— The Wound Care Center at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland has been named a recipient of the *Center of Distinction* award by [Healogics](#)<sup>®</sup>, the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services. This is the third consecutive year that the center has achieved this recognition.

The Wound Care Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction rates higher than 92%. There were 532 centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award and 305 achieved the honor. Other Hospital Sisters Health System (HS) hospitals receiving this same honor include HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon and HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham.

St. Joseph's Hospital Chief Nursing Officer and interim President and CEO Teresa Cornelius shared, "We are honored to again receive this national award which recognizes the high quality and exceptional care provided by our Wound Care Center colleagues and providers, Medical Director Dr. Jose Diaz, Dr. Janet Alvarado, and Lauren Lawson, APRN. It is a true demonstration of the team's commitment to helping people achieve healing in their lives," she said.

St. Joseph's Wound Care Center is a member of the Healogics network of over 600 [Wound Care Centers](#)<sup>®</sup> and offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other [chronic wounds](#) which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time.

Advanced wound care modalities provided by the hospital's wound care experts include negative pressure wound therapy, total contact casting, bio-engineered tissues, biosynthetic dressings and

growth factor therapies. The Wound Care Center also offers hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which works by surrounding the patient with 100% oxygen to help progress the healing of the wound.

The Wound Care Center's Clinical Program Director Melissa Albert shared, "Receiving this award once again reflects the dedication, commitment and talent of our colleagues and physicians to achieve this high level of care," she said. "I couldn't be prouder of the exceptional and compassionate care we are able to give to those in need of wound healing to get back to their lives."

Contact HSHS St. Joseph's Wound Care Center if you have a wound that will not heal with traditional treatment methods. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call 618-651-2502. Patients may be seen with or without a physician's referral.

For more information about HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, visit the hospital's website at [stjosephshighland.org](http://stjosephshighland.org).

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#### **About Hospital Sisters Health System**

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high-quality Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our physician practices and 15 local hospitals in two states – Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](http://Hospital Sisters of St. Francis) is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit [www.hshs.org](http://www.hshs.org). For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit [www.hospitalsisters.org](http://www.hospitalsisters.org).

#### **About Healogics**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., Healogics is the nation's wound healing expert. Last year over 300,000 patients received advanced wound care through a network of over 600 [Wound Care Centers](#). Healogics also partners with over 300 skilled nursing facilities to care for patients with chronic wounds and provides inpatient consults at more than 60 partner hospitals. As the industry leader, Healogics has the largest repository of chronic wound-specific patient data in the country. The [Healogics Wound Science Initiative](#) offers peer-reviewed research and advanced analytics in the pursuit of not only better outcomes, but a better way to provide care.