



The power to heal

## About Healogics Wound Science Initiative

### About the wound care challenge

Chronic wounds are often poorly understood and insufficiently treated. In the United States, chronic wounds affect approximately 6.7 million people.<sup>i</sup> An excess of \$50 billion is spent annually on the treatment of chronic wounds and the problem is growing rapidly due to an aging population and a sharp rise in chronic diseases such as diabetes, peripheral artery disease (PAD) and heart disease.

As an example: Foot ulcers are the most frequently recognized complication of people with diabetes. A separate U.S. assessment of 785 million outpatient hospital visits by people with diabetes between 2007 and 2013 suggested that diabetic foot ulcers are more common reasons for emergency room and hospital admissions than congestive heart failure, renal disease, depression and most forms of cancer.

These challenges, along with:

- Limited wound care research funding
- Fragmented wound care industry still reliant on individual judgment
- Wide-ranging set of products and solutions
- Ongoing government pressure to improve patient outcomes and lower costs...

... indicate that chronic wound care research and data science deserves a higher level of awareness and cross-continuum prioritization.

**Healogics Wound Science Initiative** is a strategic program that aims to accelerate evidence-based improvements in the treatment of chronic wounds through research, technology and data science, cross sector and government collaboration.

- **Mission**
  - Catalyze cross-sector collaboration and galvanize action toward the advancement of wound science and the practice of standardized, evidence-based wound care, thereby overcoming challenges associated with traditionally siloed efforts and promoting patient access to evidence-based wound care.
- **Approach**
  - Create new, translate existing and share unique insights and research that drive the science of wound care.
  - Develop and share content from a unique wound care perspective.
  - Engage, educate and extend awareness of the complicated wound care challenge.

### **About Healogics**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., Healogics and its affiliated companies manage approximately 700 Wound Care Centers® across 46 states and serve over 500 skilled nursing facilities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and multiple locations in the United Kingdom. Healogics currently has more than 3,200 employees, including nearly 300 employed physicians (Healogics Specialty Physicians) and a network of approximately 4,000 panel physicians. More than 300,000 patients were treated through the Healogics network in 2016. Visit us at [Healogics.com](http://Healogics.com).

For more information about Healogics Wound Science Initiative, visit [solutions.healogics.com](http://solutions.healogics.com).

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<sup>i</sup> Criscitelli, T. Caring for Patients With Chronic Wounds: Safety Considerations During the Surgical Experience, AORN Journal, 104(1),67 – 70. Accessed at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.aorn.2016.05.002>