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People who suffer from chronic wounds often have 3-4 other CHRONIC conditions, such as Coronary Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease or Diabetes.

**Know the Risks**

- Coronary Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease and other issues with the heart and vessels can cause blockages that **obstruct the flow of blood**.
- Decreased blood flow hinders the delivery of **oxygen and nutrition** needed for proper wound healing.
- An unhealed wound on the foot or leg can **lead to amputation**.
- **82%** of lower leg amputations are due to poor circulation of the affected limb.
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  - People with diabetes are **2-4 times** more likely to have a cardiovascular disease.

**Seek Care**

- **Take off your socks** at your next appointment.
- **Timely detection and treatment** of any wound can reduce risk of amputation and improve quality of life.
- **Wound Care Centers®** offer specialized wound care, technology and research. That means patients heal faster than those who receive only generalized wound care.

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