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Wound Healing Center at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center Honored For Research Project

DANVILLE, Ky. (March 6, 2009) - A leader in bench-to-bedside research accounting for more than 30 percent of the nation's managed and outsourced wound healing centers, National Healing Corporation (NHC) has honored the Wound Healing Center at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville as its Research Participant of the Year.

NHC Chief Clinical Officer, Katherine J. Rowland, presented the award saying, "When National Healing Corporation built its research platform, our goal was to build a research culture within the company, supporting original research from our centers. Ephraim McDowell Wound Healing Center is an example of their genuine interest in research."

Dr. Colin Raitiere, a panel physician at the Wound Healing Center, prepared an observational study protocol to examine Vitamin D deficiency in the elderly. The Wound Healing Center at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center began enrolling patients in the study to evaluate the influence of Vitamin D on wound healing.

Medical Director, Dr. David Liebschutz, Program Director, David Riney, and Clinical Nurse Manager, Angela Salyers accepted the award. Dr. Liebschutz said, "On behalf of Colin, our entire clinical team and everyone at the Wound Healing Center, I want to thank NHC's Research Review Committee for their support and guidance. The 22 patients who have enrolled in our study to-date also share this award and we greatly appreciate their participation."

NHC is an official partner of the Wound Healing Research Program at The Ohio State University in Columbus. The partnership has resulted in the world's largest database of tissue samples providing the most complete catalog of healing and non-healing responses across a wide variety of wound types and patient conditions. NHC also participates in clinical trials and multi-center studies of the effectiveness of new therapies and products with the primary objective of advancing wound care through knowledge driven by research.

The Wound Healing Center at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center specializes in the treatment of chronic wounds and non-responsive conditions and offers state-of-the-art methodologies and treatments including hyperbaric oxygen therapy, the use of vascular studies, tissue culturing and pathology, revascularization, skin grafting and clinical or surgical debridement.

The Wound Healing Center at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center is located at 217 South Third Street in Danville. Call (859) 239-1470 or visit www.emrmc.org.

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About National Healing Corporation

Founded in 1996 and headquartered in Boca Raton, Fla., with offices in Tampa, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., National Healing Corporation provides management services and the latest technology and expertise in wound healing to its client hospitals to establish quality wound healing programs. The Joint Commission has awarded National Healing Disease-Specific Care Certification for wound care. Committed to health care compliance and best practice medicine, National Healing emphasizes these priorities in its extensive clinical and business training programs. The privately-held company accounts for 30 percent of all managed and outsourced wound centers in the United States. For more information, please visit www.nationalhealing.com.