



Non-Invasive Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Provides Healing for Angie Heiling

In 1991, Angie Heiling underwent radiation treatment for a malignant fibrous sarcoma on the top of her left foot. The fact she was alive and was able to save her leg was the best-case scenario, but the radiation treatment left her leg burned, wounded and in need of healing.

A grueling journey that included skin grafts, debridements and six surgeries led to eventual healing but also left her leg very susceptible to injury with what is called soft tissue radiation necrosis.

In 2009, a minor injury turned into a major problem as the resulting open wound refused to heal. Angie faced another frustrating process that finally led to healing, but only after 10 trips to the operating room and a series of skin and muscle grafts.

When a similar incident led to another wound in summer 2017, Angie was referred to the BDCH Advanced Wound Center.

"At first I was skeptical because I didn't think it would help," Angie said. "But the staff members of the wound care center were all very ecstatic because they felt I was a perfect candidate for Hyperbaric

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They were right. After each non-invasive treatment in the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy chamber, Angie could see results. The wound slowly began to close during three months of treatment, and now it is completely healed.

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