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Wound Center at Bucyrus Community Hospital Discovers Power of Honey

BUCYRUS – January 6, 2012 – Experts at the Wound Center at Bucyrus Community Hospital have added a specialized medical grade of honey to their vast array of wound care treatments. This specialized honey has been approved by the FDA to treat chronic and acute wounds such as diabetic foot ulcers and pressure ulcers.

Wound dressings that contain active leptospermum honey, a unique honey from New Zealand and Australia, have beneficial plant-derived properties. Recent tests have revealed that honey contains antibacterial agents, and leptospermum honey yields more antibacterial activity than honey from other sources.

“We use this type of honey because it helps us manage the amount of bacteria that the wound is exposed to,” comments Dr. Chris Johnson, Medical Director of the

Wound Center at BCH. “It also reduces the inflammation and pain associated with most wounds.”

The effects of the dressing last up to one week, reducing the need for more frequent visits to the Wound Center.

Medical honey dressings have been shown in several large randomized and controlled studies to be effective on hard-to-heal wounds. Chronic wounds are those which have not healed or responded to previous treatments in 30 days. Treating wounds with honey is just one of the methodologies and treatments offered at the Wound Center at BCH, and is coupled with negative pressure wound therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, bioengineered tissue, biosynthetic dressings or growth factor therapies.

For more information on the Wound Center, or other Avita Health System services, visit www.avitahealth.org.

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