

# Your Diabetic Wound

## Diabetic foot ulcer offloading initiative

***Your doctor, nurse practitioner, or other health care provider has identified that you would benefit from a Diabetic Foot Ulcer (DFU) offloading device.***

### What is a DFU offloading device?

A DFU Offloading Device allows for what is called pressure redistribution. Offloading devices decrease the pressure on the wound, which is often a reason why it is not healing.

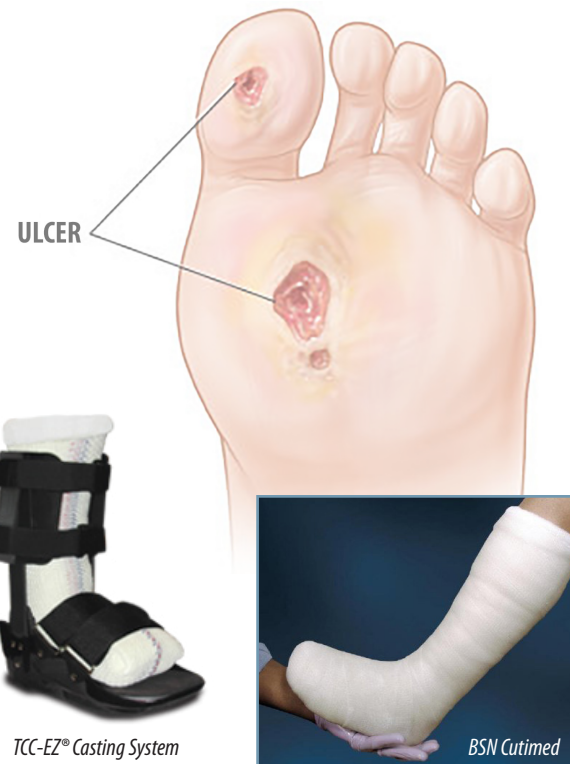
***The best treatment is a Total Contact Cast.***

### Does it work?

***Yes! Look at these pictures:***

### What to expect?

- Referral placed to Home and Community Care
- You will receive a call from a Care Coordinator
- You will then receive a call from a Wound Care Specialist arranging an appointment with the Community Nursing Clinic
- Community Nursing Clinics allow for access to sterile equipment for dressing changes which reduce the chance of infection



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For questions specific to the DFU Offloading Initiative please call **1-800-811-5146** and ask to speak to the South West Regional Wound Care Program or email **[SWRWCP@lhins.on.ca](mailto:SWRWCP@lhins.on.ca)**