

Handle with Care

Bayshore Community Hospital Experts at Bayshore Center for Wound Healing find a cure for a stubborn condition.

Holmdel resident Dan DeMuria was a sophomore at Pennsylvania State University when he developed a painful pilonidal cyst on his buttocks.

Dan had surgery to remove the cyst in 2012. But after he returned to school, a bleeding wound developed at the surgical site, causing him months of extreme discomfort. Two operations to repair the abscess that ran from his tailbone to his anus proved unsuccessful.

Dan's regular physicians felt they were almost out of options for the care they could provide. They told Dan that they could perform another surgery to transplant a portion of his gluteus maximus muscle to cover the wound that would leave him with a pronounced limp or he could seek care from experts at the Center for Wound Healing at Bayshore Community Hospital.

"I chose option number two," Dan says.

Committed to Curing

Dan was examined by plastic surgeon **Asaad Samra, M.D.**, medical director of the Center for Wound Healing and chair of surgery at Bayshore.

"He had a persistent wound that had become a chronic source of infection," says Dr. Samra. "We took cultures and discovered that he had developed MRSA (an antibiotic-resistant bacteria), which greatly inhibited the area from mending properly."

Dr. Samra created a customized treatment plan that included packing Dan's wound with a powerful dressing comprised of animal collagen (to connect tissues), cellulose (to distract enzymes that break down "good" collagen), and silver (as an antibacterial), as well as prescribing oral antibiotics.

Because he needed weekly treatments at Bayshore and daily dressing changes at home, Dan decided to take a leave of absence during the spring semester.

"I went from a 20-year-old guy living in a fraternity house to being on bed rest at my mom and dad's home," Dan says.

Back to School

By August, after months of treatments, rest, and education, Dan's wound healed to the point that he could return to Penn State for the fall semester.

Dan was grateful that the Center for Wound Healing provided the advanced services he needed to return to college.

"Chronic nonhealing wounds or ulcers don't discriminate and can affect anyone, at any age," says Dr. Samra. "Our wound care specialists have the expertise and technology to tackle complex cases."

"It was an embarrassing, frustrating situation, and I don't know what I would have done without the care that Dr. Samra and his team provided," Dan says. "They treated me like family, guided me through my treatment, and got me on the road to recovery."



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After the care he received at the Center for Wound Healing, Dan DeMuria is back on his feet.



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