

# WOUND AWARENESS MONTH

Due to pain, mobility limitations and other consequences, venous leg ulcers have been associated with increased rates of depression and substantial decreases in patient quality of life.



## 1 Million

people in the U.S. are  
affected by venous leg ulcers



## 21%

of all wounds seen in wound  
care clinics are characterized  
as venous ulcers



## 50%-70%

of lower extremity ulcers  
are venous



## \$14.9 Billion

is spent annually to  
treat venous ulcers



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### **Venous Ulcer**

Lower leg, usually medial (most common near medial malleolus) • Irregular borders, commonly with hyperpigmented surrounding skin • May or may not be painful (relieved by elevating legs.)

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### **Arterial Ulcer**

Lower leg, usually lateral (most common near lateral malleolus) • “Punched-out” circular borders commonly with shiny hairless skin • Very painful (relieved by dangling legs down)

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### **Diabetic Ulcer**

Located at pressure points • Typically bottoms of feet, bony prominences  
• Painless (diabetic neuropathy)



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