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New Enterostomal Therapy Outpatient Consultation Services
Available at Verdugo Hills Hospital

(GLENDALE, CA – July 27, 2007) – Beginning in August, individuals scheduled for ostomy surgery and those with a new or established stoma can now benefit from services offered by The Wound Care Advantage at Verdugo Hills Hospital. The services will be provided by a Certified Wound Ostomy Nurse (CWON) in an ostomy clinic.

The ostomy clinic will provide patients long-term accessibility to a specialist, essential for people who need – or live with – ostomies. Preoperative visits for education and stoma-site marking, post-surgical visits for follow-up or problem resolution, and guidance and suggestions for patients who have lived with an ostomy for years help promote holistic care.

“I’m excited to be able to provide this service to the community,” said Leddy Hoffman, RN, MSN, CWON. “An opportunity to develop a relationship with a Certified Wound Ostomy Nurse is so important to patients upon discharge. It gives them the education and support needed to adapt successfully to this change in their lives.”

The Wound Care Advantage at Verdugo Hills Hospital is known for its doctors and nurses who are specially trained in treating wounds, including many that have resisted healing after months and even years of traditional treatment. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact The Wound Care Advantage at Verdugo Hills Hospital – 818.952.2239 (1808 Verdugo Blvd., Suite 413, Glendale, CA 91208).

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Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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