

Making It Possible for Patients with Complex Medical Conditions to Heal at Home

Over the past year, we have been ramping up our ability to provide in-home care to patients with complex medical conditions. Since many of these are wound patients, the organization has been steadily expanding its Home Care nursing staff who specialize in wound care and providing them with enhanced wound management technology.

Our [Home Care](#) team has also adopted enhanced remote care monitoring capabilities and a customized approach to complex patient care that includes cross-referrals to our [Care Management Organization](#), [Behavioral Health](#), Social Work and [Personal Care](#) teams, and other resources as needed.

Result: VNS Health Home Care is now admitting and successfully treating complex patients who in the past might have remained hospitalized—all with the goal of optimizing their outcomes and avoiding rehospitalization.

Why it matters: With shorter post-surgical hospital stays, an increasing number of procedures being performed in outpatient settings, and an aging U.S. population, the need to manage post-surgical complications and chronic conditions is greater than ever. By ramping up its ability to care for these patients, VNS Health Home Care is enabling them to recover where they most want to be—in their homes—and do so at a much reduced cost compared to treatment in a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

Helping a Patient with 30+ Wounds Heal Safely at Home

VNS Health's Home Care team recently admitted a patient with a rare skin condition that left him with over 30 painful wounds. He had been recuperating in a skilled nursing facility, but when his recovery stalled, the patient's physician referred him to VNS Health for in-home treatment. Through the attentive care of two wound care nurses and their branch director—who collaborated to arrange for around-the-clock home health aide care and nutritionist support—the patient's wounds are now healing well.

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