# **HealthyConnections**

Summer 2015

# Eliminating the agony of de feet

"Your feet are a complex system of bones, ligaments, nerves and muscles that work together to help you do what you want to do," notes Tom Nachtigal, DPM, one of three podiatrists at Winona Health.

Because feet are so complex, and because of the demands placed on them every day, it's not uncommon for problems to develop. According to Dr. Nachtigal, plantar fasciitis (fass-see-eye-tis) is one of the most common causes of foot pain specifically heel pain.

"Plantar fasciitis occurs when the ligament band connecting the heel to the ball of the foot gets stretched and strained and pulls on the heel bone, leading to inflammation," explains Dr. Nachtigal. "Usually, the most severe pain occurs where the plantar fascia inserts into the heel bone." Symptoms of plantar fasciitis include pain in the bottom of the heel when first getting up in the morning or after long periods of sitting. Usually there is a gradual onset, but sometimes it comes on suddenly--triggered by an increase in activity level.

Common causes of plantar fasciitis include overuse of the feet without adequate rest, wearing the wrong kind of shoes or shoes that don't fit right. Age, weight gain, change of activity and a high, flexible arch structure also may be factors.

If you're experiencing symptoms of plantar fasciitis, Dr. Nachtigal advises, at the very least, putting an arch support in your shoes. "Start with a good, over-thecounter support. You also can do stretching exercises, and put ice on your heel try rolling your foot and heel over a frozen water bottle. Taking an overthe-counter anti-inflammatory, such as ibuprofen, also may ease the pain."

But sometimes symptoms won't go away with home treatment.

"People who are more active generally come in sooner because they want to be able to stay active," says Dr. Nachtigal. "There are many treatment options. We'll determine the extent of the issue and begin with the most conservative approach possible to get you back to doing what you want to do—pain free."

If foot pain is preventing you from doing what you want to do, it's time to have it checked out. No referral is needed to schedule an appointment with a podiatrist, but coverage depends on your insurance, so it's a good idea to contact your insurance company first.



From diabetic foot care to total ankle replacements, Winona Health podiatrists help keep you on your feet. To schedule an appointment, call 507.474.FEET (3338).

Winona Health podiatrists (I-r): William Hanson, DPM; Mike Donnenwerth, DPM; and Tom Nachtigal, DPM.

> Winona Health Healthy starts here





# The Dog Days of **DIABETES**

"When I learned I had diabetes, I had no symptoms. I figured if you ignore it, it doesn't exist. But that's not the case," says IdellAnn Larson of Winona (pictured at right). Larson has dealt with a number of health issues including numbness in her legs, which can be attributed to diabetes.



"I call diabetes the job you didn't want, you don't like and you can't quit," says Ann Heesacker, RN, CDE. Heesacker and Sue Haug, RD, LD, CDE, are certified diabetes educators at Winona Health.



"We begin with an assessment to learn about each person's individual needs," explains Heesacker. "We don't take a 'one size fits all' approach. We want to help each person meet his or her goals to live the longest, healthiest, happiest life possible."

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Sue Haug, RD, LD, CDE life possible.

Heesacker notes there are three treatment options for diabetes, and the person who has diabetes is 99-percent in charge of these things:

- What you put in your mouth
- What you do for physical activity
- Whether you take your medication as prescribed

Heesacker encourages those with diabetes to learn how to take charge right away. "Diabetes is very manageable with the right information and attitude—and a little help from your friends at Winona Health."

"Ann and Sue became my team. They empowered me and, with their help, I'm back on track," says Larson. "I'm not hungry. I'm not so tired. I have energy, and I feel so much better."

## Healthy starts here.

Diabetes education at Winona Health is usually provided by a dietitian and a nurse. Most people see both educators, but you might see one or the other, depending on your needs. The dietitian and the nurse are Certified Diabetes Educators, which means they have been nationally recognized for expertise in Diabetes Self-Management Education.

Most insurance companies cover Diabetes Self-Management Training (or education) when it is ordered by the provider you see for diabetes. Check with your insurance company to see if you are eligible.

## You should know:

If diabetes is on one side of you family, there is a 25-to-35 percent chance you'll develop it. If it is on both sides of the family, your risk goes up to 60 to 100 percent.



#### Best ways to prevent or delay diabetes:

- Lose roughly 7 percent of body weight
- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity at least 5 days per week.

If you think you'd benefit from diabetes education, talk with your primary care provider or call 507.457.4521.



Thinking about expanding your family? For couples attempting pregnancy, there is a 15-to 20-percent chance of pregnancy per month. Within one year of trying, 85 percent of women will become pregnant. However, 10-to 15-percent of couples may have difficulty conceiving a baby.

If you and your partner have been considering pregnancy or trying to have a baby for a year or more without success, consider scheduling an appointment with a women's health provider. Our clinicians can offer reassurance along with answers to your fertility questions.

"Fertility can be affected by age and physical factors related to both male and female reproductive organs," notes Melissa Richards, MD, one of three obstetrician/gynecologists in the Women's Health Center at Winona Health. "The first step in determining a plan for couples who are having trouble conceiving is a reproductive health assessment." Our clinicians offer initial fertility testing that is non-invasive and looks at both male and female factors. In addition, Winona Health providers offer a range of fertility services that include assisting with ovulation and intrauterine insemination (IUI).

"Once we determine the most likely cause of the problem, we discuss various treatment options, possible side effects



L-R: Suzanne Cooley, certified nurse midwife (CNM); Melissa Richards, MD, OB/GYN; Troy Shelton, MD, OB/GYN; Tara Suffrins, certified nurse practitioner (CNP); and Scott Birdsall, MD, OB/GYN.

and the potential for the treatment to be effective," says Dr. Richards. "Meeting with your healthcare provider is also a great opportunity to prepare for a healthy pregnancy, which can reduce the risk of complications."

If you've been trying to get pregnant for a year or more, schedule an appointment in the Women's Health Center at Winona Health, call 507.457.7701.

### **Briefly...**

#### Community Care Network receives Community Benefit Award

Winona Health's Community Care Network (CCN) received the Minnesota Hospital Association 2015 Community Benefit Award. Pictured (I-r) are program coordinators Cassie Boddy, MSW, LGSW, and Paula Philipps, RN. The CCN is a proactive approach to care that provides nonmedical and medical support, resources and education for people managing chronic illnesses such as COPD, diabetes, or



mental health issues. To learn more, call 507.494.5724.

#### **MEDICARE** Coverage

Do you have questions about your Medicare coverage? Stop in our business office located on the clinic first floor, or find information online at *winonahealth.org/medicare*.

#### Healthy starts here— with weight loss support

Winona Health has been awarded a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). SHIP grants help communities develop and implement programs to "create good health." Winona Health is using the grant to develop an adult weight loss program, and is currently conducting a pilot program. The 14-week program with weekly classes touches on all aspects of health management – healthy eating,

physical activity, and mental health. Based on the results of the pilot program, Winona Health will roll out the program to the community this fall. More details coming as plans are confirmed.

#### **Connect with us!**

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## I chose Winona Health.



One of the reasons I chose Winona Health is because when I interviewed, I could tell that the people here are sincere and they are committed to doing things right. This is also a beautiful place to raise a family." - Andrew Stowell, PA-C

Behavioral Health

## These healthcare providers also chose Winona Health and are coming soon!

- Mark Midthun, MD, Behavioral Health (July)
- · Jennifer Forsyth, DO, Family Practice (July)
- · Chris Watras, MD, Emergency Medicine (July)
- Andrew Stowell, PA, Behavioral Health (July)
- Tim Huang, MD, Orthopedics (August)
- Laura Chesher, CNP, Urgent Care (August)
- Stephanie Frisch, PA-C, Urgent Care (August)
- Vicky Haines, MD, General Surgeon (October)

# **Generosity Inspires** Winona Health Foundation Newsletter

# Volunteering Runs in the Family

Winona Health volunteers sometimes think of themselves as family, but for three local women, it's literally true. Carol Byrne, her daughter Shelley Alseth, and Shelley's daughter Danielle Alseth are all active volunteers at Lake Winona Manor.

Carol started volunteering in 2001, after her mother passed away, as a way to pay back the kindness she and her family had received at Winona Health. When Danielle was 13, she began volunteering through the Junior Volunteer program. Shelley got in on the action two years ago, on Easter Sunday. At the time, Carol was helping residents at Lake Winona Manor get from their rooms to the chapel for Sunday worship services. She realized that on Easter, she was going to need some help. She reached out to her daughter and granddaughter, who responded enthusiastically, and the trio has been helping in that capacity ever since.

Shelley says that one of the reasons she keeps volunteering is the way the residents brighten up when she comes in to help them. "The looks on residents' faces show how much they appreciate you." Danielle agrees that they are "super grateful." Carol states that while Manor residents have the ability to watch the worship services on TV, there's something special about being there as a part of a community, and that's something the residents value.

All three women agree that they get more out of their volunteer experiences than the residents do. Shelley says that when she sees a couple who has been married for fifty or sixty years, it gives her hope. Carol has a regular resident who refers to her as "an angel," and there's one who takes great delight in teasing Danielle about her dimples. The women enjoy the camaraderie they have with many of their "regulars," and their Sunday morning experiences give them a lift for the week.

> Family traditions may vary, but this family's volunteering has provided a way for three generations to bond, to work together, and to bring a little more joy to the residents of Lake Winona Manor.

Pictured (I-r): Winona Health Volunteers Carol Byrne, Danielle Alseth and Shelley Alseth. Thank you to the following volunteers who have achieved over 2,500 or more cumulative hours of service as of December 31, 2014. Their generous gifts of time and energy are greatly appreciated.

**10,500 Hours** Mary Brenno

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**5,500 Hours** Marlene Walther

Diane Barge

**2,500 Hours** Candace Kohner Kim Schwab

3,000 Hours

**3,500 Hours** Carole Matejka

Winona Health Auxiliary is always looking for energetic and enthusiastic individuals willing to share their valuable time and talent. More than 350 active volunteers contribute thousands of hours of service through Winona Health and senior services. If you're looking for a fulfilling opportunity to dedicate your time through an experience rich in history and meaning, become a Winona Health Auxiliary Volunteer. For more information, visit winonahealthfoundation.org/ volunteering or call 507.457.4342.

# **Behavioral Health Unit Updated**

End tables with the finish worn completely off. A hodgepodge of conference room chairs. "Rugged" chairs and "rough" tables in the day room. The inpatient behavioral health unit furnishings had seen better days. With support from the Winona Health Auxiliary and the Winona Health Foundation, the unit is looking better—and feeling better—for patients and visitors.

Auxiliary funds helped purchase four beds, tables and chairs for the day room, a conference table and chairs, and dining room furniture, as well as cling art for the walls. John Rislove, director of Behavioral Health Inpatient Services, says that while a patient in the throes of a mental health emergency may not be too concerned with the furnishings, it makes a difference to the overall appearance of the unit, making everything look much more professional. Patients' friends and family notice the difference, too, and appreciate the unit's updated, more welcoming look. Rislove compares the new look to taking the time to chart a patient's progress accurately.

"When the charts are neat and orderly," it's easier to see that "the work is clinically sound." The new look of the unit assures visitors, friends, and the patients themselves that patients are well cared-for, valued and important.



# **Dancing with Winona Stars**



DANCING for the BUS! Steve Blue, President & CEO, Miller Ingenuity

Steve Blue is dancing to raise money for a new bus that will accommodate 10 to 14 people and wheel chairs. The new vehicle will be used to transport residents from Lake Winona Manor, Adith Miller and Roger Metz Manors, and Senior Living at Watkins to life-enriching experiences in the community.

### Dancing with Winona Stars

Saturday, August 15, 2015 WSU's McCown Gymnasium Show starts at 7:30 pm



DANCING for KIDS! Merchants Bank, "Business Loans and Broken Bones"

The Merchants Bank team will be dancing to enhance the caring environment for our pediatric population, birth to age 21. The WH Peds Department cares for over 7250 children each year and tends to over 350 newborns. The money raised will provide educational and stimulating experiences for our youngest patients, including new exam tables and a play area.



DANCING for HOSPICE! Traci Morken, CNP, Winona Health Internal Medicine

Traci Morken, nurse practitioner, is dancing to raise money for Winona Health Hospice, a team-oriented program which provides support for those who have a terminal illness. Hospice improves comfort and increases peace of mind for patients and their families who use Winona Health Hospice services. Our program cares for over 200 patients each year.

To make a donation to any of these three funds, you can donate online at *winonahealthfoundation.org/dance* or call 507.457.4116. There are also Dancing with Winona Stars canisters located in the front lobby of the Winona Clinic and in the cafeteria as well as in various departments. For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, visit *dancingwithwinonastars.com*.



## From Flashdance to Friendly

Kris Cichon, director of Inpatient Services, says that families of pediatric inpatients often mentioned that it was too bad that there was no good technique to "hide" an IV needle from an anxious or curious child, to prevent them from picking at or dislodging it. A grandmother was inspired to bring in a leg warmer, which worked beautifully.

Volunteer Judy Ledebuhr heard the success story and started knitting. She is involved in "Knitting for Others," a group that meets at a local shop called Yarnology. She had made

baby hats, shawls and blankets, but the IV covers were a new experience. She says it took her "about three tries" to get the sizes right, but she has since mastered the art of knitting the IV covers. She feels that knitting "is a nice pastime and, when you're retired, you have the time to help people." The covers, which Cichon says, "improve and enhance the inpatient pediatric experience," are now making Winona Health pediatric patients' encounters with IV needles a little less scary.

# 2015 High School Scholarship Recipients

Winona Health is pleased to announce the 2015 recipients of the Winona Health Scholarship Program for Graduating High School Seniors Seeking a Career in Healthcare. Thirteen students were chosen based on a review of their healthcare career goals, academic excellence and community service experience. Each winner receives a \$1000 scholarship for their first year in college that can be renewed up to four years if specific conditions are met. The recipients and career pursuits include:

#### **Cochrane-Fountain City High School:**

- Andy Alleman, Saint Mary's University, Physical Therapy
- Jill Hiebert, University of MN Mankato, Nursing
- Carley Hilt, Edgewood College, Child Life
- Tylor Jilk, Stanford University, Pre-medicine

#### **Cotter High School:**

- Jennifer Beranek, Creighton University, Anesthesiology
- Calli Marg, St. Catherine's University, Occupational Therapy
- Bryanna Meier, Winona State University, Nursing
- · Alex Strelow, Winona State University, Nursing

David Benson

Sandra Berndt

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Kyann Brown

#### Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School:

- Megan Hoppe, Winona State University, Nursing
- Julia Oanes, University of WI Madison, Nursing

#### **Winona Senior High School:**

- Kaytee Johns, University of WI LaCrosse, Psychology
- Michael Lubahn, Clarke University, Physical Therapy
- Elaina Smith, Winona State University, Psychology

For more information about scholarships at Winona Health, visit winonahealthfoundation.org or call 507.474.3328.

#### Thank you for your generosity—

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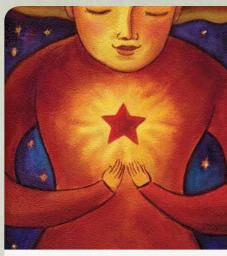
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