

# Voodoo Technology Healed My Foot Wound

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but I was worried about it because it was deep. Dr. Farnworth ordered a specialized dressing called the VAC. As the Certified Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurse explained how the VAC would help my wound, I remembered my great-grandmother who was a *curandera*. She would use leeches to heal wounds. The suction of the VAC made me think about those leeches. I was concerned that the VAC might be painful but it was not. I was able to move about and even took a trip while this remarkable device helped to heal my foot.

**WC, You came to the Wound Center as an outpatient once a week. Who cared for you at home?**

**Ramos:** The extent of my wife's medical knowledge is confined to changing a bandaide. However, she was willing to learn and the nurses taught her everything she needed to know about talking care of my wound. I developed an infection and she had to also learn to give me antibiotics through an intravenous line. She has done a great job.

**WC, Tell me about your experience with The SafeBlood Graft™ procedure.**

**Ramos:** My wound would just not heal completely. Dr. Farnworth asked me if I wanted to try some "voodoo technology". He explained that there are healing components in my blood called growth factors which will help me make new skin cells. In The SafeBlood Graft™ procedure, a small amount of my own blood is drawn and processed right there in the Wound Center. This blood product, rich in the growth factors, is then applied to the wound. The nurses told me that the Wound Center at Parkview Medical Center is the only facility in southern Colorado providing this new technology. I agreed to go for it.

**WC, What was the procedure like?**

**Ramos:** It was easy and painless. The nurse drew my blood and then I just relaxed as she processed it. Then Dr. Farnworth arrived and applied The SafeBlood Graft™ and covered it with a dressing. The dressing stayed on for a week until I returned for my next appointment.

**WC, What kind of results did you get from The SafeBlood Graft™ procedure?**

**Ramos:** I was amazed at the amount of healing that had occurred in just one week. After three weeks, my wound was completely healed except for a tiny scab. Diabetes runs in our family and I watched my grandfather lose both of his legs from diabetic wounds. I cannot help but think that he might have been spared his loss if The SafeBlood Graft™ had been available when he was alive. I believe that both the VAC and The SafeBlood Graft™ procedure saved my foot from amputation.

**WC, What would you like others to know about The SafeBlood Graft™ procedure?**

**Ramos:** Most importantly, SafeBlood works and this "voodoo technology" healed my wound. I would like people to know that it is not painful, that it can be done in the clinic, and that it is very affordable. It saved me from having a skin graft and going back into surgery. I am able to return to work sooner and my insurance company has saved a lot of money.

*Please view Mr. Ramos' wound healing and another successful healing outcome on the reverse side.*

**Editor's Note:** Ben Ramos, 46, works as the Transportation Coordinator for Interfaith Hospitality Network in Pueblo. On July 8, he noticed that tree limbs were obstructing the parking space for his bus. Equipped with pruning shears, he scaled the 8-foot chain link fence and went to work solving his problem. It was not until the very last tree that he lost his balance and fell to the pavement below. He crushed his right heel and could not walk. Yells for help went unheard. Fortunately he had his cell phone and was able to get help. He was admitted to the hospital under the care of Dr. Lance Farnworth, Orthopaedic Surgeon.

**WC, What brought you to the Wound Center at Parkview Medical Center?**

**Ramos:** My heel was crushed and felt like a sponge. Dr. Farnworth had to use screws, pins and plates to even hold it together. Because of the nature of my injury, we expected problems with the healing process. Dr. Farnworth told me about the Wound Center and was confident their services would help me.

**WC, Describe your experience at the Wound Center.**

**Ramos:** I was totally amazed. I had just one place on my foot that would not heal