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**VIDEO NEWS RELEASE**

**PATIENT WITH “FLESH EATING DISEASE” ON HER LEG WALKS OUT OF SUNRISE  
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

*Severe necrotizing fasciitis detected during emergency admission healed with advanced wound care*

**Las Vegas, NV** (May 30, 2017) – Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center today issued a news story for public release about a Kingman, Arizona patient account of unusual wound healing. The case involves Virginia Nixon, 72 who was transferred to Sunrise Hospital’s Emergency Department (ED) in early January 2017 with grim odds for survival. That is because in addition to being severely septic and barely conscious, her inflamed, blistering right leg carried a deep and infected wound. It seemed her only hope would be amputation.

As part of the hospital’s advanced wound care protocol, a nurse in the ED collected an image of the wound and uploaded it to the electronic health system. Three hours later, when Nancy Estocado, program supervisor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, arrived at work, the photograph caught her trained eyes. She immediately suspected Nixon had necrotizing fasciitis, commonly known as flesh-eating bacteria. She called the Advanced Wound Care Team, a first of its kind, to the ED. During the early days of Nixon’s 111-day stay, a multi-disciplinary team would wage war against a disease only one person in one thousand could survive. For religious reasons, surgery was not an option for Virginia Nixon. For four months, teamwork stayed Virginia’s death sentence from flesh-eating disease and other acute medical conditions.

Key points in the video news release include:

How the Advanced Wound Care Team – which includes Medical Director Neri Blanco, MD and a host of nurses and therapists on the front lines of wound healing - leveraged communication and teamwork to save their patient’s limb.

How a game-changing clinical tool invented by Sunrise Hospital’s own Wound Care Team supervisor, Nancy Estocado, called “NE1” held the key to Virginia Nixon’s survival.

Why Virginia Nixon would not give up the fight to regain her quality of life.

Media may view the VNR [here](#). B-roll, soundbites and storyline are available upon request.

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As Nevada's largest acute care facility and Level II Trauma Center, Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center offers high quality, patient-centered healthcare to the residents of Southern Nevada, its surrounding region, and the millions of visitors that come to Las Vegas. The Heart Center at Sunrise offers the most advanced cardiac care and features an Accredited Chest Pain Center. The Nevada Neurosciences Institute – the region's most comprehensive Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center – provides world-class care for stroke, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and other neurological conditions. The Breast Center at Sunrise Hospital is the only NAPBC Accredited Breast Center in Southern Nevada. Located on the same campus is Sunrise Children's Hospital, Nevada's largest, most comprehensive children's hospital. For more information on Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center, visit [sunrisehospital.com](http://sunrisehospital.com), follow on Twitter [@SunriseLasVegas](https://twitter.com/SunriseLasVegas) and [facebook.com/SunriseHospital](https://facebook.com/SunriseHospital).

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