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Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a modality in which the entire body is exposed to oxygen under increased atmospheric pressure.

Covered Conditions

Reimbursement for hyperbaric oxygen therapy is limited to treatments administered in a hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is covered for the following conditions, if deemed medically necessary:

1. Acute carbon monoxide intoxication;
2. Decompression illness;
3. Gas embolism;
4. Gas gangrene;
5. Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a valuable adjunctive treatment to be used in combination with accepted standard therapeutic measures when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened;
6. Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy would be an adjunctive treatment when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened;
7. Progressive necrotizing infections (necrotizing fasciitis);
8. Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency;
9. Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts (not for primary management of wounds);
10. Chronic refractory osteomyelitis, unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management;
11. Osteoradionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;
12. Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;

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13. Cyanide poisoning;
14. Actinomycosis, only as an adjunct to conventional therapy when the disease process is refractory to antibiotics and surgical treatment; and
15. Diabetic wounds of the lower extremities when the wound is classified as Wagner grade 3 or higher and an adequate course of standard wound therapy was not sufficient to lead to healing.