



Hyperbaric Medicine The Depths of Healing

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Outline

History of Hyperbaric Medicine Pathophysiology Indications Contraindications Side Effects Current State of Affairs in HBO







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Call from the Emergency Dept...

"56 y/o female diver presents in cardiopulmonary arrest while diving 'the Yukon' off the coast of San Diego and after >1 hour of CPR, we got a pulse back... We may need to dive

her..."









Some More History...

56 y/o female diver

- PMHx: "adrenal fatigue", obesity
- Allergies: NKDA
- Meds: None

Dive History: Prior open water certification; 18 dives in her lifetime mostly in warm water, prepping for her advanced certification

Dive Profile

Yukon Wreck Dive

Air tanks, Dive lasted total of 15 minutes, 1 minute of bottom time at 85'-90', after which patient proceeds to surface ascending hand over hand on line, attempted to be held by divemaster to slow her ascent, spits out her regulator at 15' with vomit and shoots for the surface...



90' / 1m

"I can't breathe" → LOC, Cardiopulmonary Arrest



Differential Diagnosis?



Pre-Hospital Care



- Bystander CPR delayed, started on reaching Humboldt (dive boat) and O2 administered via NRBM
- Lifeguards alerted to boat in distress and dispatched to dive boat location
- Patient transferred to lifeguard boat, patient found to be in V-fib arrest, defibrillated twice, PEA noted, BLS CPR continued

Prehospital Care Continued...

- EMS arrives at shore with ALS ambulance to meet lifeguards
- IV started, patient receives epi x 3 en route to hospital



- CPR continued and PEA continues on monitor
- Intubation attempted by medics in the field unsuccessful, BVM ventilation continued until emergency department...
- Total transport time from water to ED is 45 minutes

ED Course

- Patient intubated on first attempt successfully
- ACLS meds of Epinephrine, Vasopressin, NaHCO3 administered
- ROSC with sinus rhythm
- Dopamine and Norepinephrine started to maintain BP
- Vitals: BP 91/68, P 79, R 16T, O2Sat 100%, Temp 96.9





Critical Actions...

How would you manage this patient?
Would you dive such a patient?
If diving, how many staff will you need for the dive/critical care?
Any Other Concerns?









Hospital Course

Patient completes TT6 therapy

- Transferred to ICU where patient is maintained on pressors, started on CRRT
- Multiple pressors added to regimen
- Albumin and IVF to maintain BP
- Patient never stable enough for transport to CT scanner for CT Head

Hospital Course Cont'd...

- Patient maintained in critical condition in ICU on multiple pressors
- Neurologically comatose, dilated pupils, no gag reflex, off all sedation
- EEG reveals no brain activity
- HD#3 patient is extubated and patient made Comfort care
- Patient expires the same day at 7:36am.

And the Autopsy Shows...

Normal coronary arteries
 No bullous / emphysematous changes of the lungs
 No significant pathology seen on

autopsy

Summary Points

Patient likely suffered from IPE at depth and had an AGE near the surface

- Risk vs benefit?
- Should we have dove her at all?
- Would you have done anything differently?

Duke Research - IPE



Katherine Calder-Becker. "Kat"



Kat Re-tells her story of IPE

In my case, the first occurrence of SIPE was at the Mooseman ¹/₂ Iron race in June 2007. I began experiencing shortness of breath at 750m into the swim. I felt tightness in my chest - almost like an asthma attack, or that my wetsuit was too tight. Then, fluid began to build in my lungs and I developed a slight 'cough'. I ended up doing the 'backstroke' for the last 750m of the swim in order to get to shore. At that point, tried to keep racing and pushed through the complete bike leg, then had to stop at the beginning of the run as I was completely unable to get oxygen and was wheezing. That was 4 hours and 17 minutes into the event. I ended up in an ambulance on oxygen, and was released on site once my breathing improved....

Immersion Pulmonary Edema

1st reported in SCUBA divers in 1984
Also seen in Long Dist Military swimmers, Breath Hold Divers, Tri-athl
Incidence is low - up to 1.8%
Risks incl

 HTN, Fish oil supplements, Wet suit use, Long distance swims, cold h2o, prev hx of IPE, increasing age, Women

IPE cont

Sx incl DOE, Hemoptysis, Frothy sputum, Cough, fatigue, chest tightness, hypoxemia. No CP
 Onset Rapid (Less than 10-30+min), exac by exertion, resolves rapidly
Treatment

- remove from water, normobaric oxygen, bed rest
- diuretics, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), inhaled beta 2 agonists
- Return to diving?
 - some flexibility for single incident
 - less favorable for repeated insult

EFFECTS OF IMMERSION Intrathoracic blood volume ↑ 0.7 L Arborelius et al. (1972) Forced vital capacity (FVC) ↓ ~9% Liner and Andersson (2008) Forced expiratory volume in first second (FEV₁) ↓ ~12% Liner and Andersson (2008) • Residual volume (RV) \downarrow ~40% Total lung capacity (TLC) / RV increases ~40%

IPE - Pathophysiology

Inc C.O. and inc PAP / PCWP

- If PAP/PCW high enough→ Cap leak / CHF
- Immersion Inc Hydrostatic pressure
 - redistributes blood
 - 700cc inc in intra-thoracic vol
 - Inc PAP 12mmhg
 - Cold redistributes blood centrally
 - Inc preload
 - Tight wet suit inc hydrostatic pressure

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Screening Tests for Susceptibility to Immersion Pulmonary Edema

Subjects are needed for a U.S. Navy-funded research study at Duke University Medical Center's <u>Center for Hyperbaric Medicine and Environmental Physiology</u>.

Volunteers are needed for a research study of the effect of exercise while immersed to the neck in water on cardiac (heart) function.

Related Content

Health Articles

Understanding Clinical Trials: A participants' guide

Compensation

Subjects will be paid \$25 for the pre-screen and \$150 for completion of the entire study.

For more information, contact Mike Natoli at 919-668-0017 or michael.natoli@duke.edu. AA

Good Reference

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Hyperbaric oxygen in the critically ill

Lindell K. Weaver, MD, FACP, FCCP, FCCM



Definition of HBO:

The inhalation of 100% oxygen while at increased atmospheric pressure

1 ATA = 14.7 PSI = 760 mHg = 33 fsw

Air = 21% o2 \rightarrow 100% w supplemental o2

This is Hyperbaric Oxygen



This is Hyperbaric Oxygen



Even this is Hyperbaric Oxygen



This is NOT Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy!!





What we are battling...



RIP



Non-approved uses

Brain injury Cerebral palsy - Stroke Chronic brain injury Chronic fatigue Multiple sclerosis Anti-aging

HISTORY OF HBO

1662 – British clergyman / MD (Henshaw) built the "Domicilium".
Chamber pressurized with bellows.
Oxygen has not been discovered yet.
Seemed like a good idea. Attempted to treat broad array of ailments.

Kindwall, 1999

"Domicilium"

 "In times of good health this" domicilium is proposed as a good expedient to help digestion, to promote insensible respiration, to facilitate breathing and expectoration, and consequently, of excellent use for prevention of most affections of the lungs"

Domicilium



History of HBOT

1670 Boyle

- Produces bubbles in the vitreous humor of a snake
- "I once observed a viper furiously tortured in our exhausted receiver... that had manifestly a conspicuous bubble moving to and fro in the waterish humour of one of its eyes."







 Triger desinged the "Caison" – box in French

- Steel rings 5 ft in diameter
- Shaft sealed w an air lock
- compressed air to expel the water



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Eads Bridge

✓ 1870-89

 ✓ 25% mortality among caisson workers on Hudson River Project

 After installation of recompression chamber, mortality decreased to 1%





Caisson workers: "sandhogs"





Decompression sickness becomes a problem



History of HBOT

1837-77: European "pneumatic spas"



"Le Bain d' air comprime" – Compressed air bath

Increase circulation to the internal organs, improve the cerebral blood flow, and produce a feeling of well being"

HISTORY OF HBO

1879 – French surgeon (Fontaine) built a mobile operating room/hyperbaric chamber.

Hypothesis: safer surgery because higher ppO₂.

Patients are not the usual cyanotic color when coming out of anesthesia." Kindwall, 1999









HISTORY OF HBO

 1915 - Dr. Cunningham (Kansas City) built 88 x 10 foot hyperbaric chamber.
 1918 – successfully treats a resident physician with influenza.

> Patients whose lips bore the blue-black livid stamp of the kiss of death and were deeply unconscious, but if not too far beyond the brink, in a matter of minutes were brought back to normal color and to return of consciousness"

History of HBOT

Cunningham's Chamber

"...used to treat diseases such as syphilis, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and cancer. The reasoning was based on the assumption that anaerobic infections play a role in the etiology of all such diseases."



Steel Ball Hospital

- 1928 Timken -Cunningham's Steel Ball Hospital
- Mr Timkin Cured of uremia
- owner of Timkin Rollerbearing Co
- Gratitude = \$\$



"Steel Ball Hospital": Cleveland, Ohio 1928.



 AMA and Cleveland Med Society force closure in 1930.
 Used for scrap in

Used for scrap in WWII.

(AMA Bureau of Investigation. The Cunningham "Tank treatment." The Alleged Value of Compressed Air in the Treatment of DM, pernicious anemia and Carcinoma. JAMA 1928;90: 1494)

HBO History

1956 Bohrema

 Cardiothoracic surgeon
 "Life without Blood"





What is the O₂ content needed to sustain life?



About 6 mL/dL

Porcine study
 Removed all Hgb
 100% O₂ at 3 ATA
 All survived
 Boerema, 1960

Hyperbaric Oxygen Dissolved Plasma Oxygen

CaO2=(SaO2 x 1.39 X Hgb) + PaO2 x 0.0031

- $\square PaO_2 \times 0.0031 = vol\% \text{ oxygen}$
- Sea level air (PaO_2 100 mmHg) = 0.3 vol%
- 3 atm abs 100% O₂ (PaO₂ 2100 mmHg) = 6.6 vol%


INDICATIONS FOR HBO
 Primary Therapeutic Modality:
 (Decompression Sickness and AGE)

 Adjunctive Therapeutic Modality: (Everything else)



14 INDICATIONS (UHMS)

- 1. Decompression Sickness (DCS)
- 2. Arterial Gas Embolism (AGE)
- 3. Carbon Monoxide
- 4. Exceptional Anemia
- 5. Necrotizing Infections
- 6. Clostridial Myonecrosis
- 7. Intracranial Abscesses

- 8. Crush Injuries
- 9. Compromised Skin Grafts
- 10. Effects of Radiation
- 11. Refractory Osteomyelitis
- 12. Thermal Burns
- Arterial Insufficiencies: CRAO and select problem wounds
- 14. Idiopathic sensorineural hearing loss

(UHMS Committee Report 2008)

Indications - Emergent

- CO_/_CN poisoning
- CRAO
- Gas Gangrene
- Necrotizing STI
- Acute thermal Burns
- ISSNHL
- Crush Injury
- Compartment syndrome
- Intracranial abscess
- Exceptional blood loss anemia
- Flaps / Grafts



Diabetic Foot Ulcers
Radiation wounds
Chronic Osteo
Limb salvage

WCUNDCARE

HOW HBO WORKS (PHYSIOLOGY)

- Mechanical effects of pressure ("crush the bubble")
- 2. Diffusion gradient ("shrink the bubble")
- 3. Increased O_2 delivery to tissue
- 4. Biochemical effects

Mechanical Effects





Applicable to AGE (diving and iatrogenic)



Increase O₂ delivery to tissue (Hyperoxygenation):



More oxygen in the blood / plasma to be delivered

Oxygen content = (Hgb)(O₂ sat)(1.34) + 0.31 * Po2

Hyperoxyia: Applicable to:

- Compromised tissue flaps and skin grafts
- Poorly perfused tissue
- Stimulates fibroblast activity in hypoxemic tissue
- Promotes wound healing in hypoxemic tissue
- Prevents growth of anaerobic bacteria
- Promotes Angiogenesis

(UHMS Committee Report 2008)

HBOT – Angiogenesis



BIOCHEMICAL EFFECTS OF HBO:

- *Halts production of alpha toxin in clostridial infections (gas gangrene). Van Unnik, 1965
- *Reduces the inhibition of mitochondrial resp. chain enzymes by CO. Brown, 1991
- *Edema reduction through vasoconstriction while maintaining perfusion. Strauss, 1986
- *Limits reperfusion injury. Thom, 1993; Zamboni, 1993

HBOT – Problem Wounds



Problem Wounds

These patients frequently undergo

- Prolonged hospitalization
- Multiple surgical procedures
- Significant disability
- High morbidity
- Exorbitant cost

Hypoxia and Wound Healing The relationship between hypoxia and impaired healing has been well documented

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Chronic Wound Hypoxia Interstitial and Transcutaneous PO₂

PtO₂ TcPO₂ Healthy control 30-50 mmHg 50-80 mmHg tissue

Chronic nonhealing 5-20 mmHg 20 mmHg wound

Hypoxia and Nonhealing Effect of PO₂ < 30 mm Hg

Decreased neutrophil killing
Decreased fibroblast growth
Decreased collagen production
Impaired capillary growth

Rationale for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Hyperbaric Oxygen Mechanisms in Chronic Wounds

- HBO₂ stimulates wound macrophages to produce growth factors
- Fibroblasts produce and express more surface growth factor receptors
- Fibroblast proliferation rate is increased for 24-72 hours after a single HBO₂ exposure
- Improve PMN oxidative killing of microorganisms
- Stimulate angiogenesis

Knighton DR 1983; Hehenburger K 1997; Tompach PC 1997; Pipmeier EH 1999; Reenstra WR 1999

Diabetic Foot Ulcers

Up to 6% of hospitalizations for diabetics incl Ulcer as DC Dx

- When present, DFU inc hosp LOS 59%
- Once an amputation occurs,
 - Up to 20% will req a repeat amupation by 1 yr, and up 52% in 5 yrs

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40 HBOTs

HBOT – Radiation Injury

- Approx 600,000 patients recv XRT annually in the US
- Likelihood of Complication is 1-5% (30,000 pts)
- Result in surgery in an irradiated field →post op complication up to 50%

HBOT – Angiogenesis



HBOT – ORN











HBOT – Gas Gangrene

- Clostridial Myonecrosis (Gas Gangrene)
 - Anaerobic, spore-forming G+ encapsulated bacillus
 - C. Perfringens (80-90%)
 - 20 toxins, most prevalent and lethal is alpha toxin



Clostridial Myonecrosis Role of Hyperbaric Oxygen

HBO₂ is adjunctive to antibiotics and surgery Oxygen is bactericidal for C. perfringens at PO₂ = 1400 mmHg At 3 ATA oxygen exotoxin production is

stopped

Clostridial Myonecrosis Outcomes with HBO₂

Mortality (classically 50%):

- Bakker (2002) 12% in 462 HBO₂ cases
- Heimbach (1994) 5% in 58 patients treated within 24 hours
- Him (1993) 28%
- Korhonen (1999) 23% in 53 cases
- Amputation Rates:

17-18% vs. 50-55%


Myonecrosis from gas gangrene due to C. perfringes



HBOT – Skin Grafts and Flaps

Rationale

 Improves tissue oxygenation and increase flap capillary density







HBOT -Osteomyelitis

Rationale

- Osteomyelitis refractory to standard therapy
- HBO causes osteoclastic stimulation in animals
- Enhance host defenses, PMN stimulation
- Indications
 - Adjunct with aggressive debridement and antibiotics for refractory cases













Sternal osteomyelitis following CABG who failed repeated debridements and two 6 weeks courses of IV antibiotics



Other Wounds

HBO not Approved in

 Venous
 Decubitus / pressure ulcers
 HBO may be beneficial to support skin grafting / or flaps

Complications and Side Effects of HBOT

Middle Ear BarotraumaSinus Barotrauma

Claustrophobia

Visual Refractive ChangesSeizures

ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATIONS

Untreated pneumothorax
 once a chest tube is in place, OK to treat

Doxorubicin (Adriamycin) cardiotoxicity
 Cis-Platinum increase cytotoxic effect
 Bleomycin pulmonary toxicity

RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS

Inability to equalize ears or sinuses

 URI, OM, acute/chronic sinusitis

 Emphysema with CO₂ Retention
 Seizure Disorder
 Pregnancy

 Pregnancy
 Description

not contraindicated in an emergency

HBO Centers

505 centers registered in the US as of 2005

- 403 monoplace
- 81 multiplace
- 21 have both





Half Century Growth of Clinical Hyperbaric Facilities in USA (1965 – 2015)



Monoplace Chambers





MONOPLACE CHAMBERS

- Majority of chambers
- Less space, less expensive
- Pressurized 100% O₂
- Can be configured for invasive monitoring
- Direct access limited
- Depth of treatment limited



Multiplace Chambers







MULTIPLACE CHAMBER

- More than one patient
- Compressed with air,
 O₂ by mask or head tent
- Inside attendant, immediate access
- ICU level monitoring
- 6 ATA (165 fsw)
- Disadvantage
 - DCS risk to tender
 - more expensive



UCSD Chamber













Animal Chamber



ENTRANCE VIRGINIA

↑ Emergency ●

9-9" CLEARANCE

Hospital Main Entrance

 ↑ 9th Ave Parking Buck Pavilion Inn at Virginia Mason
 Lindeman Pavilion Parking

→ 9th Ave Parking Buck Pavilion Inn at Virginia Mason Lindeman Pavilion Parking

















HFHS HBO - 1988



Michael Eichenhron, MD




Typical HBO Treatment

Treatment Table 9

- 1. Descent rate 20 ft/min.
- Ascent rate 20 fl/min. Rate may be slowed to 1 fl/min depending upon the patient's medical condition.
- 3. Time at 45 feet begins on arrival at 45 feet.
- If oxygen breathing must be interrupted because of CNS Oxygen Toxicity, oxygen breathing may be restarted 15 minutes after all symptoms have subsided. Resume schedule at point of interruption (see paragraph 20-7.11.1.1).
- Tender breathes 100 percent O₂ during last 15 minutes at 45 feet and during ascent to the surface regardless of ascent rate used.
- If patient cannot tolerate oxygen at 45 feet, this table can be modified to allow a treatment depth of 30 feet. The oxygen breathing time can be extended to a maximum of 3 to 4 hours.



Figure 20-11. Treatment Table 9.

Future Directions

Pre-Conditioning

Mitigates ischemia-reperfusion

Modulation of the inflammatory cascade

 IBD and other chronic inflammatory conditions



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