

HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

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II. DESCRIPTION

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO) is a mode of medical treatment in which the patient is entirely enclosed in a pressure chamber breathing oxygen at a pressure greater than one atmosphere.

III. POLICY

HBO is covered when provided by an approved institutional provider, such as a hospital or specialized treatment facility and only when provided as treatment for approved indications listed by the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Committee of the Undersea Medical Society (<http://www.uhms.org>).

NOTE: The Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Committee is the one national body that regularly reviews all applications of HBO therapy and are supported by current reliable scientific evidence.

IV. EXCLUSION

Topical application of oxygen in unproven.

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