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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:

- Acute carbon monoxide intoxication;
- Decompression illness;
- Gas embolism;
- Gas gangrene;
- 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;
- Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy would be an adjunctive treatment when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened;
- Progressive necrotizing infections (necrotizing fasciitis);
- Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency;
- Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts (not for primary management of wounds);
- Chronic refractory osteomyelitis, unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management;
- Osteoradionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;
- Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment;

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- Cyanide poisoning;
- Actinomycosis, only as an adjunct to conventional therapy when the disease process is refractory to antibiotics and surgical treatment; and
- 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.