

What medical conditions are covered by Medicare for Hyperbaric treatment?

Not all medical conditions are coverable by Medicare and other insurance carriers for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. Below is a list of the current medical conditions/diagnoses that Medicare allows:

1. Diabetic Wounds of the lower extremity that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Patient has Type I or II diabetes and a lower extremity wound due to diabetes.
 - b. Patient has a wound classified as a Wagner grade III or higher.
 - c. Patient has documented record of 30 days failure to heal from an adequate course of standard wound care.
2. Acute Carbon Monoxide intoxication
3. Decompression illness (The Bends)
4. Crush injuries and suturing of severed limbs as adjunctive treatment when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened.
5. Osteoradionecrosis and soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment.
6. Carbon Monoxide poisoning complicated by Cyanide poisoning (smoke inhalation).
7. Gas Embolism.
8. Gas Gangrene.
9. Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia in conjunction with accepted standard therapeutic measures when loss of function, limb, or life is threatened.
10. Necrotizing Fascitis.
11. Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency.
12. Preparation and preservation of compromised skin grafts (not for primary management of wounds or for artificial skin grafts).
13. Chronic non-healing osteomyelitis, unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management.
14. Actinomycosis only as an adjunct to conventional therapy when the disease is non-responsive to antibiotics and surgical treatment.