

Hyperbaric Oxygen Heals Osteomyelitis

The FDA, AMA and Medicare support the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) to help heal chronic refractory osteomyelitis, and numerous private insurance companies also cover the condition. Our physician partners refer patients to HBOT as an adjunct to antibiotics and surgery.

This is the **Patient view** of the brochure.



How Hyperbarics Helps



Kills bacteria and infections and makes antibiotics more effective



Increases blood supply to tissue and bones



Supercharges the bone and tissues with oxygen



Regrows new blood vessels and improves blood flow



Grows new tissue, skin and collagen



Often completely heals bone infections

Supercharge bones and tissues with oxygen and trigger a variety of healing pathways.

Osteomyelitis is an infection of the bone or bone marrow. It is called refractory osteomyelitis when the bacteria continues to reside in the bone, even after antibiotics and surgery have been attempted to cure it. Refractory means it is in the chronic stage. Refractory osteomyelitis is often treated with hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), after other methods to heal the bone have failed. This is

usually after a period of 4 to 6 weeks of infection and when the other therapies such as antibiotics and debridement (removal of infected or dead tissue and bone) could not clear out the infection.

Frequently, physicians prescribe Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) as a therapy in conjunction



with oral or IV antibiotics and debridement. There are however some bones that cannot be debrided, and in such situations, they use antibiotics and HBOT by themselves. There is an approximately 50% cure rate for bone infections using surgery and antibiotics alone. When hyperbaric oxygen therapy is used, the success rate rises to over 85%. HBOT is an effective, painless and low risk treatment that supercharges bones and tissues with oxygen and triggers a variety of healing pathways. Oxygen under pressure provides unique healing properties. We have seen many bone infections in our clinics over the last 24 years.

We have treated people with infections in the face,

orbit, ear, skull, vertebrae, chest, ribs, pelvis, arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet and toes. Most of these patients have healed completely when treated with HBOT. As a story near and dear to our hearts, our founder Lisa St. John used HBOT to heal the infected bones in her face. This experience turned her into such a convert that she decided to put her MS in Public Health from Harvard to use, and started Bay Area Hyperbarics!

Give us a call and we will discuss any questions or concerns you might have, and see if HBOT is right for you or your loved one. It is time to stop the suffering and heal naturally with oxygen!

Patient Experiences

Listen to what real patients have to say about their experiences.

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Lisa St John, the clinic director for Bay Area Hyperbarics, had chronic refractory osteomyelitis that lasted seven years with no relief. The infection induced severe fatigue and cognitive impairment that prevented her from working, and required her to sleep up to 18 hours per day.

Finally, a physician recommended hyperbaric oxygen therapy with antibiotics, which after 60 treatments, healed her. Shortly after being healed, she sold her home to begin her first hyperbaric oxygen therapy clinic, which she has owned for almost 25 years!

Lisa, 44

After seven years of suffering, hyperbaric oxygen therapy healed her osteomyelitis.



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Jennifer had osteomyelitis of the lower jaw (mandible), which proved difficult to heal. Her teeth were becoming loose, and her doctor thought she would need surgery. However, he prescribed hyperbaric oxygen therapy before the surgery, and after 60 treatments, her chronic refractory osteomyelitis healed completely, regrowing bone in her mandible. Jennifer was able to keep her teeth, and was able to return to her active lifestyle, hiking regularly with her husband.

Jennifer, 68

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy eliminated the need for surgery to heal her bone infection.

Patients: Get Started with Hyperbarics

Its easy to get started with Hyperbarics. Just follow these simple steps.

1 Give us a call

Did a physician refer you? If so, they can download and fax us back a patient referral form. If not, our medical staff will discuss whether hyperbarics is right for you.

2 We talk with your insurance

Our medical staff contacts Medicare or private insurance to receive authorization and create a plan with you.

3 Patient starts HBOT

Our medical staff meets with the patient to ensure that HBOT is appropriate, and contacts Medicare or private insurance to receive authorization.



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