

# Hyperbarics Heals Diabetic Wounds and Foot Ulcers

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy helps heal diabetic wounds and prevents amputations by delivering up to 1,200% more oxygen to hypoxic, oxygen-starved tissues.

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



## How Hyperbarics Helps



Reduces amputation rates



Increases oxygen to oxygen-starved tissues and veins by 1,200 %



Stimulates the growth of veins and capillaries



Stimulates stem cells to grow and move to where they are needed



Speeds surgical repair



Reduces inflammation



Decreases fluid retention

## Medicare and insurance companies cover hyperbaric oxygen therapy for non-healing wounds and foot ulcers

Numerous studies conducted over the last twenty years show that hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) supports the healing of complex wounds, even those that arise from underlying diseases such as diabetes, radiation injuries, and tissue or bone infection.

Fortunately, Medicare and most private insurance companies, such as Kaiser and Blue Shield, cover the use of hyperbarics for non-healing wounds, and the treatment is supported by the FDA and the AMA.

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Bay Area Hyperbarics has helped hundreds of patients heal from wounds and ulcers in the arms, legs and extremities (feet and hands) that have been caused by diabetes, surgeries where tissue in or around the wound does not heal, radiation damage and tissue or bone infection. Physicians often send us patients who are at risk for amputation, though they also send us patients with more minor wounds that are simply having trouble healing.

Problem wounds often arise due to decreased circulation, resulting in insufficient oxygen. Oxygen is essential in the healing process itself, and it helps to promote the growth of new blood vessels, nerves, skin and bones. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy increases oxygenation by 1,200% to hypoxic, oxygen-starved tissues, and these healthy new blood vessels, nerves, skin and bones all help the body to deliver more oxygen on its own. HBOT has been proven to accelerate healing, reduce amputation rates, and improve patients' quality of life!

Without proper treatment, non-healing wounds can lead to complications such as infections, amputations, and even death.

Another benefit of HBOT for non-healing wounds is that it can help to fight infections. The oxygen-rich environment can kill bacteria and other microorganisms that may be present in the wound. This can help to reduce the risk of infection and promote healing.

HBOT can also help to reduce inflammation in non-healing wounds. Inflammation is a natural response to injury or infection, but when it becomes chronic, it can interfere with the healing process. HBOT has been shown to reduce inflammation in non-healing wounds, which helps promote healing.

Call us, so we can discuss whether HBOT is the right choice for you or your loved one.

To learn more about the research into the benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to heal non-healing wounds, refer to the Provider version of this page.

## Patient Experiences

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

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Arun had ambitions to attend junior college after high school. However, he developed a tumor on the left side of his chest wall just over his upper ribs. Arun's physician used radiation to treat the tumor area. Fortunately, this eliminated the tumor. However, it also resulted in a two inch long non-healing chest wound where the tumor had been. Fortunately for him, the hyperbaric treatments healed his chest and skin, so he could return to finish high school, and move on to junior college!

### **Arun, 17**

Healed a two inch long chest wound where a tumor had been removed.





Jesus is an active contractor. He also has diabetes. One day a pallet fell on his foot, causing an open wound that would not heal. After several weeks, much of the wound had closed up, but there was still an area on the top of his foot that was infected and would not heal. In addition, his foot remained numb, even where the skin had healed. The hyperbaric treatments Jesus received, healed the rest of the sore on his foot, but it also healed the numbness!

### **Jesus, 57**

Healed a wound and numbness in his foot.



Ten years previous to her visit to Bay Area Hyperbarics, Mary Ann had been hit by a drunk driver. Sadly, she was paralysed below her shoulders, and her source of mobility was an electric wheelchair. Her problem was that she developed bedsores on her buttocks that would not heal for months. The sores continued to worsen and got infected so badly that she developed a bone infection (called osteomyelitis). Her husband was worried about her infections and brought her in for HBOT. After treatment, her bone infection and sores healed completely. She and her husband were very pleased.

### **Mary Ann, 54**

Recovered from paralysis caused by a truck accident 10 years earlier

# 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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