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#### The role of Hyperbaric Oxygen Wound Management



The Mechanism of Action of Hyperbaric Oxygen in Wound Healing.

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# **Robert Boyle**

"At constant temperature, the pressure and volume "of a gas are inversely proportional to each other."







Sylvia S. Mader, Inquiry into Life, 8th edition. Copyright © 1997 The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved.





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Mechanisms: Cellular & Immunologic – from J.Kozikowski MD, 2004

# Oxygen plays an important role in each phase of wound healing.

3 Phases of Wound Healing:



Superoxide radicals reduce bacterial load



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Hydroxylated proline and lysine form procollagen

Hypoxia-upregulated VEGF

stimulates anglogenesis

(Acute-Phase)



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Oxygen-dependent hydroxylases form mature collagen fibers

Keratinocyte rate of migration and reepithelization are proportional to pO<sub>2</sub>

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# **Mechanism of Action, Direct**

Mechanism	Effect	Clinical Application
Hyper- oxygenation	<ul> <li>Greater oxygen carrying capacity</li> <li>Increased oxygen diffusion in tissue fluid.</li> <li>Diffusion distance proportional to the square root of dissolved oxygen</li> </ul>	Severe blood loss anemia (unable to carry oxygen) Crush injury, compartment syndrome graft, and flap salvage (decreased perfusion) Edema (increased diffusion barrier)
Decrease Bubble size	Gas law	Air Embolism Decompression sickness

# Angiogenesis dependent on Oxygen gradient

- In irradiated tissue oxygen gradient 10-20mmHg
- Under hyperbaric conditions increases to 230mm Hg.





From Marx, <u>Problem Wounds</u> (Davis & Hunt, eds. 1988)

## **Nitric Oxide**



## HBO stimulates stem cell release

Hyperbaric oxygen stimulates vasculogenic stem cell growth and differentiation in vivo. Milovanova TN, , Velazquez OC, Thom SR. J Appl Physiol. 2009 Feb;106(2):711-28.

We hypothesized that oxidative stress from hyperbaric oxygen HBO, exerts a trophic effect on vasculogenic stem cells. In a mouse model, circulating stem/ progenitor cell (SPC) recruitment and differentiation in subcutaneous Matrigel were stimulated by HBO and by a physiological oxidative stressor, lactate. In combination, HBO and lactate had additive effects, Vascular channels. lined by SPCs were identified. HBO and lactate accelerated channel development, cell differentiation based on surface marker expression, and cell cycle entry. SPCs exhibited increases in thioredoxin-1 (Trx1), Trx reductase, hypoxia-inducible factors (HIF), phosphorylated mitogen-activated protein kinases, vascular endothelial growth factor, and stromal cell-derived factor-1. Cell recruitment to Matrigel and protein synthesis responses were abrogated by N-acetyl cysteine, dithioerythritol, oxamate, apocynin, and several other agents as well as mice conditionally null for HIF-1 in myeloid cells. By causing an oxidative stress, HBO activates a physiological redox-active autocrine loop in SPCs that stimulates vasculogenesis. Thioredoxin system activation leads to elevations in HIF-1 and -2, followed by synthesis of HIF-dependent growth factors. HIF-3 has a negative impact on SPCs.

Diabetic impairments in NO-mediated endothelial progenitor cell mobilization and homing are reversed by hyperoxia and SDF-1 alpha. *Gallagher KA, Thom SR, Velazquez OC, J Clin Invest. 2007 May;117(5):1249-59.* 

Endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs) are essential in vasculogenesis and wound healing, but their circulating and wound level numbers are decreased in diabetes. This study aimed to determine mechanisms responsible for the diabetic defect in circulating and wound EPCs. Since mobilization of BM EPCs occurs via eNOS activation, we hypothesized that eNOS activation is impaired in diabetes, which results in reduced EPC mobilization. Since hyperoxia activates NOS in other tissues, we investigated whether hyperoxia restores EPC mobilization in diabetic mice through BM NOS activation. Additionally, we studied the hypothesis that impaired EPC homing in diabetes is due to decreased wound level stromal cell-derived factor-1alpha (SDF-1alpha), a chemokine that mediates EPC recruitment in ischemia. Diabetic mice showed impaired phosphorylation of BM eNOS, decreased circulating EPCs, and diminished SDF-1alpha expression in cutaneous wounds. Hyperoxia increased BM NO and circulating EPCs, effects inhibited by the NOS inhibitor N-nitro-Larginine-methyl ester. Administration of SDF-1alpha into wounds reversed the EPC homing impairment and, with hyperoxia, synergistically enhanced EPC mobilization, homing, and wound healing. Both hyperoxia and SDF-1alpha reversed the diabetic defect in EPC homing. The targets identified, which we believe to be novel, can significantly advance the field of diabetic wound healing.



HUMAN STEM CELL MOBILIZATION BY HBO<sub>2</sub> Am. J. Physiology 290: H1378, 2006



- PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY EXPOSED TO RADIATION -





Doctor (Postgrad Med 49: 54, '92) – RCT - Mod Faglia (Diab Care 19: 1338, '96) – RCT - High Kalani (J Diab Comp 16: 153, '02) – Prosp Cohort - Mod Baroni (Diab Care 10: 81, '87) – Prosp Cohort - Mod Oriani (J Hyperb Med 5: 171, '90) – Retro Cohort - Mod Duzgun (J Foot & Ankle S. 47: 545, '08) – RCT - Mod Abidia (U Hyperb Med 28: 64, '01) – RCT - High Kalani (J Diab Comp 16: 153, '02) – Prosp Cohort - Mod Zamboni (U Hyp Med 24: 175, '97) – Prosp Cohort - Mod Baroni (Daib Care 10: 81, '87) – Prosp Cohort - Low Oriani (J Hyperb Med 5: 171, '90) – Prosp Cohort - Low Löndahl (Diab Care 33: 998, '10) – RCT - High





Post-HBO: There is less fibrosis and increased cellularity.



# - DIABETIC PATIENTS -NEWLY MOBILIZED SPCs HAVE MORE HIFs



Thom, et al. Wound Repair & Regeneration – 19: 149-161, 2011



### **Growth Factor Production**

- HBOT increases VEGF in experimental wounds (Arch Surg 135: 1293,2000).
- HBOT increases synthesis of bFGF and TGF beta-1 in human dermal fibroblasts (Arch Facial Plas Surg 6: 31, 2004).
- Increased homing molecule production.
   Stromal Derived Factor 1 alpha (SDF-1).
- HBOT up-regulates PDGF (UHMS 25: 211, 1998).

# What Hyperbaric is NOT



# What Hyperbaric Oxygen is NOT







# **Integrin beta-2**

#### **HBOT Inhibition**



Inhibition of human neutrophil beta2-integrindependent adherence by hyperbaric O2

### The Protective Effects Of Treatment With Hyperbaric Oxygen Prior To Bypass Heart Surgery(clinical trials.gov)



- Chronic stroke and stroke rehabilitation
- Reperfusion.
  - Pre and Post stent placement
- Cardiac indications
- Carotid Surgery and stenting.
- Critical Limb Ischemia
  - In combination with stenting
  - Non surgical candidates
  - In combination with other angiogenic modalities



# **Traumatic Brain Injury Cerebrovascular Disease**



#### Before HBO



#### Marked <u>improvement</u> in perfusion

No increase in stroke size



72 hrs After HBO