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#### The 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium For Hyperbaric Oxygen And The Recoverable Brain

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#### Introduction

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### The Pressurized Environment is Not New

The 1<sup>st</sup> Recorded Use in History was a Diving Bell Alexander the Great Used in the Siege of Tyre in 332 B.C. Oxygen was Discovered by Priestly in 1774

He Cautioned Increased Pressure May Be Toxic

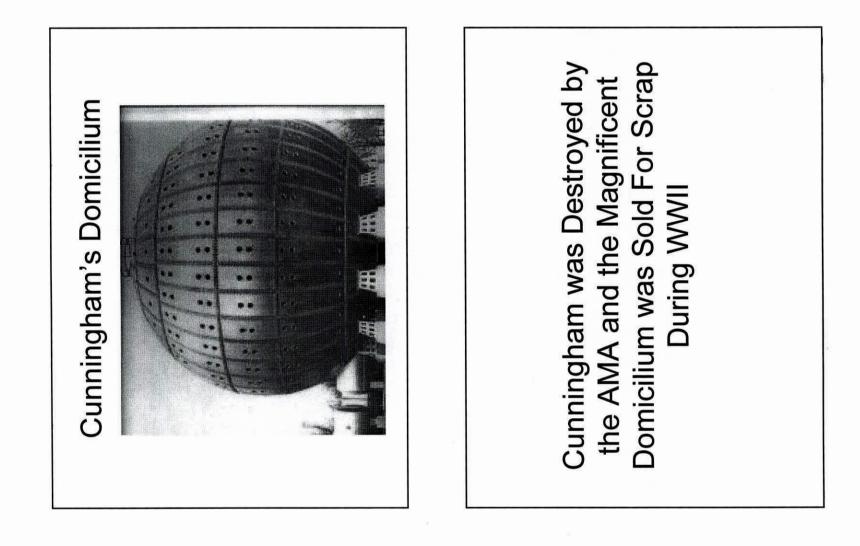
This Held the Field Back Many Years

1885 - The Confidence This Treatment Deserves Might Be Lost By Over Emphasizing Its Value

> British Medical Journal Dr C. Theodore Williams Brompton Hospital

1920s – 30s Remarkable Clinical Results Were Obtained by Orville Cunningham, Professor of Anesthesia, Univ. of Kansas

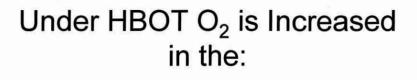
1928 - The 6 Story Stainless Steel Domicilium Was Erected For Cunningham by Timken Ball Bearing Company in Cleveland



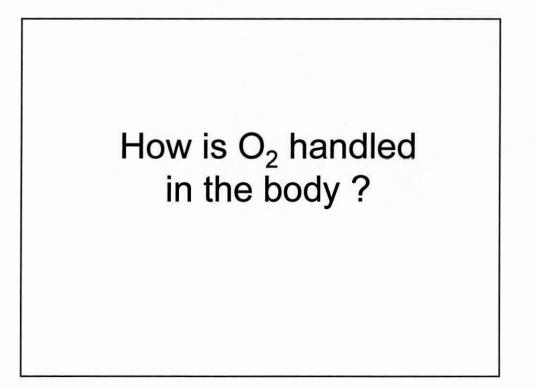
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is the use of 100% Oxygen at greater than atmospheric pressure

Pressurized O<sub>2</sub> adheres to all gas laws of physics

Henry's Law states there is a direct relationship between pressure and the amount of gas dissolved in solutes

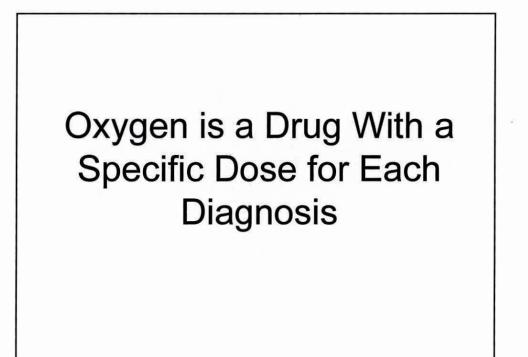


- Bone
- Urine
- Plasma
- Lymph
- And Most Importantly the Cerebrospinal Fluid



Under pressure free molecular oxygen is delivered directly to the cell for immediate metabolic use without energy exchange.

Edward Teller, Ph.D.



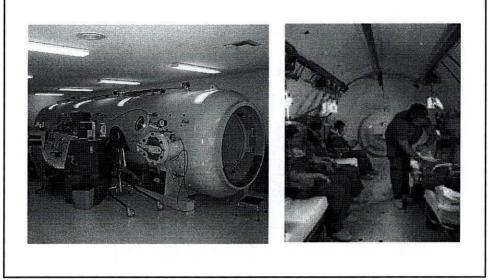
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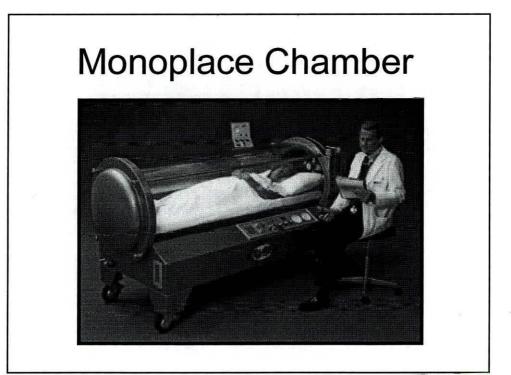
- Depth of Pressure
- Time (length) of Exposure
- Frequency
- Total Number of Treatments

## How Administered -Pressure Vessel

- Multiplace Chamber
- Monoplace Chamber
- Low Pressure Portable Chamber

## **Multiplace Chamber**





### **Proper Protocols**

- For Insurance Reimbursement
  20 60 treatments may be
  recommended
- Some Patients May Require Hundreds of Treatments

Oxygen toxicity does not occur when administered properly, and, in fact, hyperbaric oxygen works as a scavenger of free radicals.

#### Effects of Pressurized Oxygen in Acute Brain Insult (I)

- Reduces cerebral edema & ICP
- Limits the ischemic cascade
- Reduces CNS lactate peak in hypoxia
- Neutralizes toxic amines
- Deaggragation of platelets
- Increases Phagocytic activity of PMN cells (white blood cells)

### Effects of Pressurized Oxygen in Acute Brain Insult (II)

- Reduces Adhesiveness of WBCs to endothelium
- Perfuses all tissue spaces
- Life sustaining O<sub>2</sub> available via retrograde perfusion in absence of a trickle phenomena
- Delivers metabolically available O<sub>2</sub> without chemical energy transfer – Enough to sustain life without blood

#### Effects of Pressurized Oxygen in Acute Brain Insult (III)

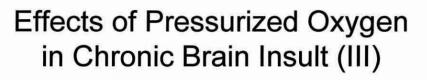
- Under pressure O<sub>2</sub> adheres to all the gas laws of physics
- Displaces all other gases in the body:
   N<sub>2</sub>, CO
- Follows the Law of Mass Action
- Completely saturates hemoglobin
- Increases plasma O<sub>2</sub> by 2000%
- Dissolves in cerebrospinal fluid, lymph, bone and urine

#### Effects of Pressurized Oxygen in Chronic Brain Insult (I)

- Reactivates idling neurons
- Enhances plasticity
- Efficiently elevates diffusional driving force for O<sub>2</sub> thereby increasing tissue oxygen availability
- Promotes phagocytosis (internal debridement)
- Ameliorates multiple biochemical changes

#### Effects of Pressurized Oxygen in Chronic Brain Insult (II)

- Restores the integrity of the blood brain barrier and cell membranes
- Improves cell respiration, Reduces cell byproducts – cytokines
- Promotes Neovascularization
- Promotes Epithelization



- Acts as scavenger of free radicals
- Bacteriostatic effects, synergizes with certain antibiotics
- Neutralizes certain Toxins: Clostridium, anaerobes
- Stimulates the adaptive immune system, especially in elderly (mice)
- Activates the dendrite system

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