

- ### Critical Care - Monoplace
- 30 minutes, so only key points
  - Highly suggest critical care medicine is involved
  - Pitfalls
  - Ventilator and IV issues

### Critical Care in the Monoplace Chamber

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- ### Key points
- Staff must be certified and experienced in CCM
  - Proximity to CCM services
  - Must have study patient in chamber quickly
  - CCM equipment
    - Without certain modifications, treating critically ill patients is compromised.

- ### CCM Issues for HBO<sub>2</sub> Therapy
- All will be intubated, sedated, so will require pressors
  - IV capability (number, special pass-throughs)
  - IV pumps
  - Monitoring (ECG, invasive BP, EtCO<sub>2</sub>, ABG, ICP, brain PO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Minimize perturbations (insulin, nutrition, sedation, analgesia, other ICU care)
  - Transport

# HBO<sub>2</sub> and Critical Care

# ICU Checklist

## Before the door closes...

### IV Therapy (9 Pumps)



### IV Pass-throughs

- Sechrist and Maxim
- Maxim - removable back-check valve so we can sample blood
- Dead space:
  - Sechrist – 8cc
  - Maxim – 6cc



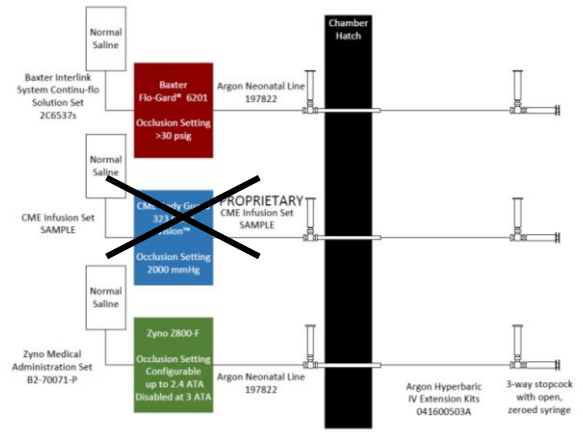
### INTRODUCTION

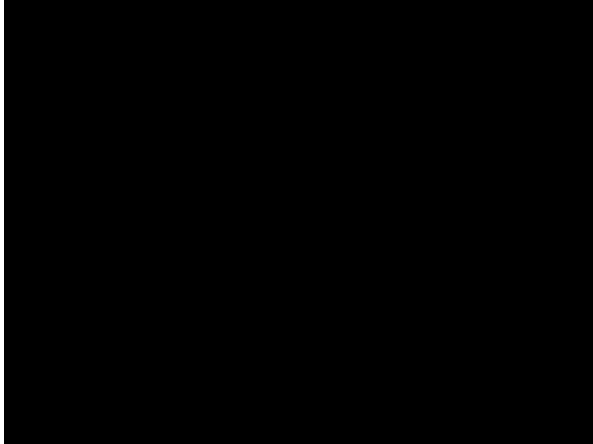
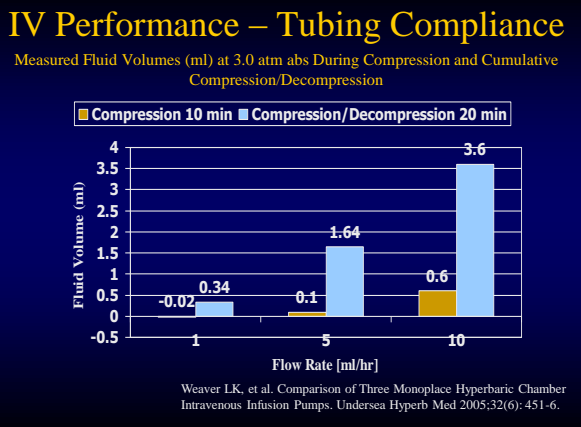
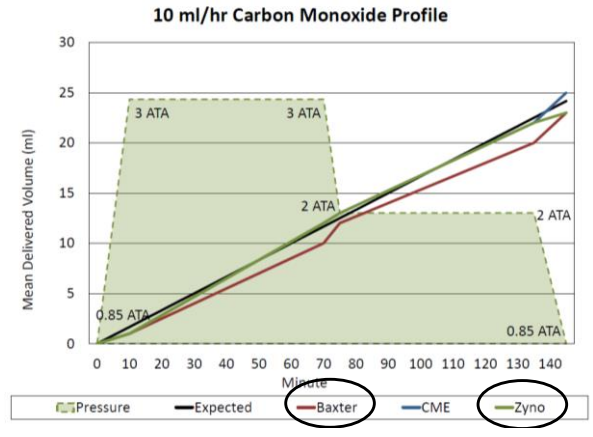
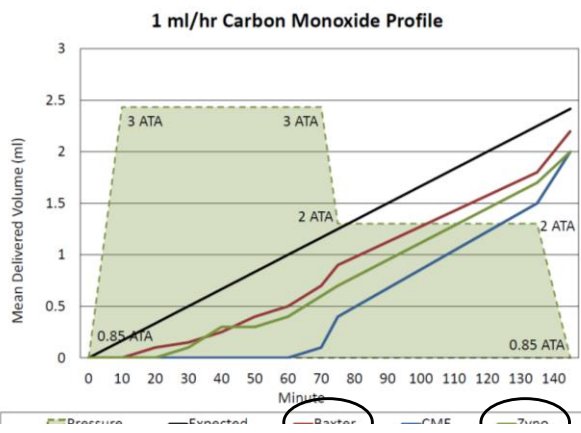
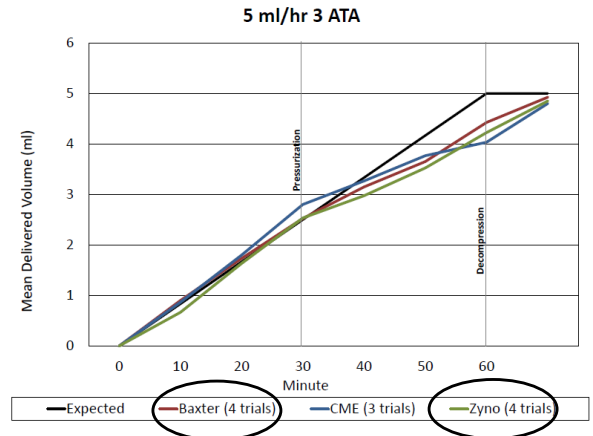
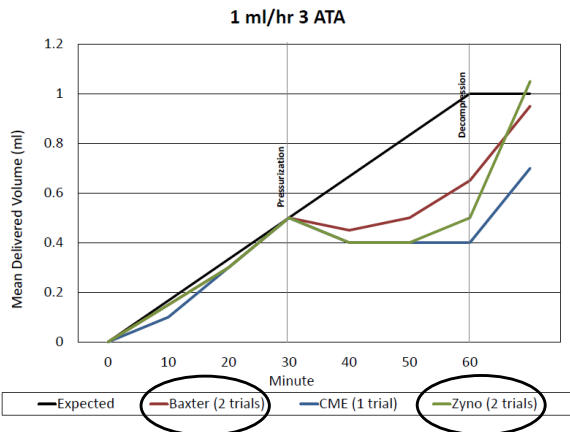
- No FDA cleared infusion pumps for use with monoplace or multiplace chambers
- Two infusion pumps will work:
  - Zyno Medical Z-800F
  - Baxter Flo-Gard® 6201 infusion pumps

Ray D, et al. Baxter Flo-Gard 6201 Volumetric Infusion Pump for Monoplace Chamber Applications. Undersea Hyperb Med 2000;27(2):107-111.  
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 Bell J, et al. Performance of the Hospira Plum A+ (HB) hyperbaric infusion pump. Undersea Hyperb Med 2014; 41(3):235-43.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Occlusion pressure was adjusted for all three pumps
- Pump flow accuracy was tested for the monoplace hyperbaric chambers at different rates, pressures, and volumes





## IV Administration Issues

- IV tubing compliance
- Lack of drug administration for more than 10 minutes with HBO<sub>2</sub> compression
- Bolus during decompression

Weaver LK, et al. Comparison of Three Monoplace Hyperbaric Chamber Intravenous Infusion Pumps. Undersea Hyperb Med 2005;32(6): 451-6.

## A Solution to Tubing Compression

- Hard tubing plumbed from the door of the pump to the chamber
- Use Baxter pump for very low rates
- Pull IV set up as far as possible



## IV, 5 or more lines

- Saline
- Levophed
- Insulin
- Fentanyl
- Propofol (“propofed”)

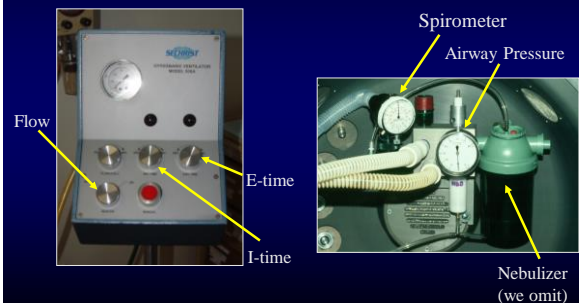
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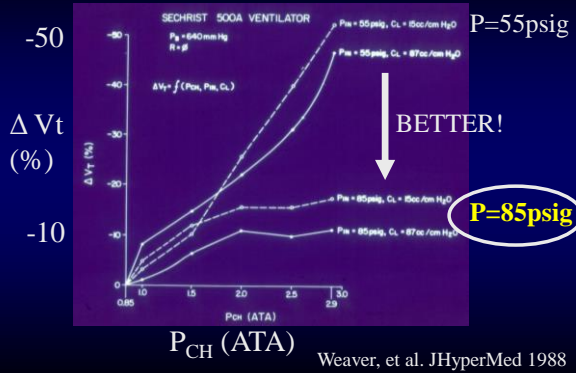
## Ventilator Issues

- Marginal in performance, antiquated in function
  - No assist modes
  - No alarms
- Limited Options
  - Sechrist 500A
  - Omni-vent (Max O<sub>2</sub>, Magellan, Atlantis)
  - Atlantis (based on Omni-vent)

## Sechrist 500A Ventilator



## Sechrist 500A performance



## High Pressure Gases for Optimal Ventilator Operation



Manifold (85 psig)



Source (140 psig)



Sechrist-80 psi

OmniVent-120 psi

## Ventilator Limitations

### Sechrist 500A

< 15 l/m if PEEP > 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O at > 2.4 atm abs

Weaver LK, et al. Performance of the Sechrist 500A Hyperbaric Ventilator in a Monoplace Hyperbaric Chamber. J Hyperbaric Med 1988;3(4):215-225.

### Omni-Vent (Max O<sub>2</sub> or Magellan)

22 l/m at 3 ATA

Monitor RR, Vt!!

Churchill S, et al. Performance of the Omni-vent Mechanical Ventilator for use with the Monoplace Hyperbaric Chamber. Undersea Hyper Med 1999;26(Suppl):70-71.



## Omni-Vent (Magellan); 3 ATA Septic shock, PP = 22 cm H<sub>2</sub>O



## Mechanical Ventilation Concerns

- Air-trapping and hyper-expansion are risks, and seen often with  $V_E > 15 \text{ l/m}$ ,  $PP > 5 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O}$
- Attempts to maintain  $V_E$  prolong I-time, invert I/E, and stack breaths
- Result: decreased BP, pneumothorax, AGE
- If decrease RR to increase E-time, reduce air-trapping, but  $\text{PaCO}_2$  increases (CNS risk for O<sub>2</sub> toxicity and increase in ICP)

## PEEP and the Intubated Patient

- If patient needs >40% O<sub>2</sub>, will need PEEP and higher chamber pressures to have PaO<sub>2</sub> values >1000 torr and brain PO<sub>2</sub> >150 torr.
- If PaO<sub>2</sub> is lower than desired, elevate by:
  - Increasing chamber pressure (per allocation)
  - Increasing PEEP
  - Improving lung function (bronchodilators, suctioning, diuresis)
  - Reducing CaO<sub>2</sub> – CvO<sub>2</sub> (dobutamine?)

## PEEP Valve – CPAP Valves

Vital Signs, Inc. Totowa, NJ



## 500 A does NOT give 100% O<sub>2</sub>!



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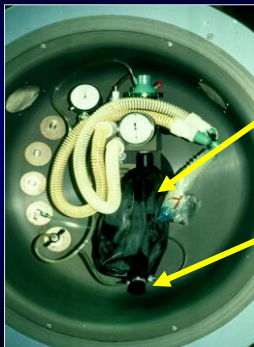


Entrainment valve entrains ambient gas (air, until the chamber fills with oxygen: 15 minutes)

Ambient gas

## Air Breathing & Mechanical Ventilation

(We rarely provide air breathing unless specified by protocol)



Anesthesia bag filled externally

One-way pop-off to prevent over-inflation

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# Oxygen Entrainment Valve

## Sedation for HBO<sub>2</sub>

- Ventilator asynchrony is expected
- Deep sedation and analgesia
  - Fentanyl/Remifentanyl infusion
  - Propofol infusion
  - Levophed (“PropoFed”)
  - Alternative (e.g. Morphine +/- Ativan)
- Paralysis? Prefer none, but if ventilator asynchrony is pronounced, and gas exchange is affected, paralyze (Vecuronium, Cis-atricurium if renal insufficiency).

## HBO<sub>2</sub> & CCM Monitoring

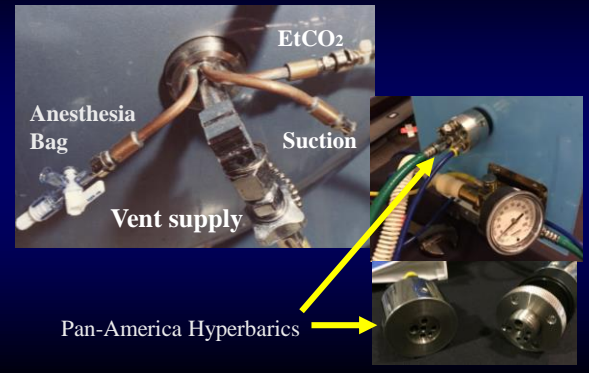


## S-G, Vent, PEEP, Suction

Spirometer PEEP Manometer



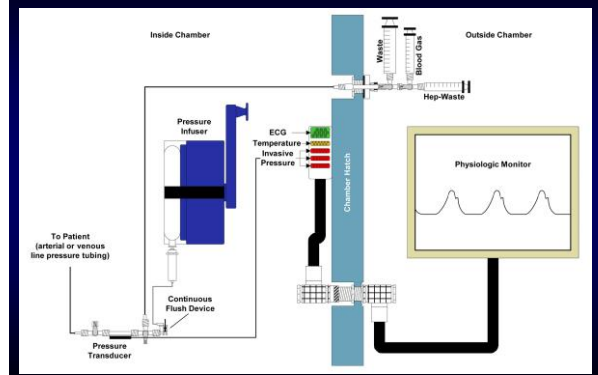
## Multiple gas pass-through



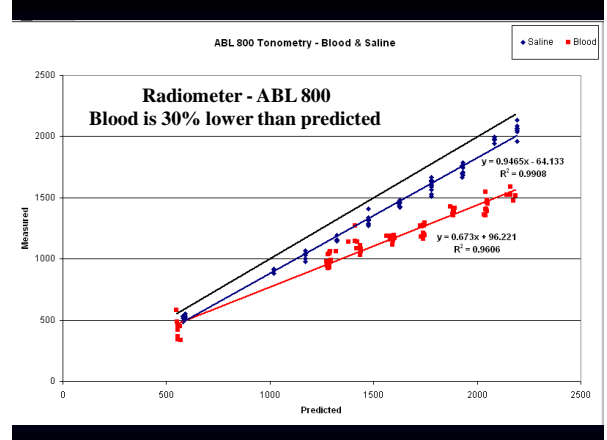
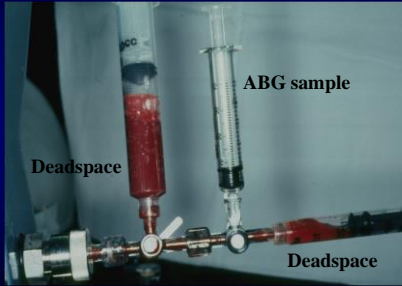
## Oxygenation Monitoring During HBO<sub>2</sub>

- Arterial blood gases:
  - We perform measurements routinely to assess arterial CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> tensions (ABL 525)
- Transcutaneous O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>?
  - Often accurate, occasionally highly inaccurate.

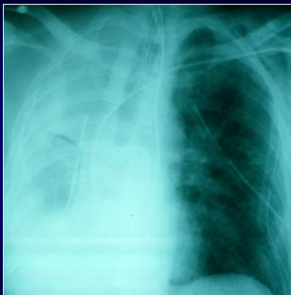
## Arterial Blood Gases



## Blood gas sampling



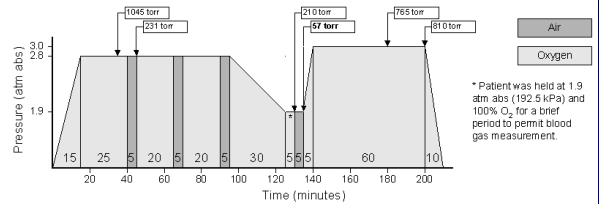
## Hypoxemia During HBO<sub>2</sub>



PaO<sub>2</sub> = 346 torr  
(expected 1500 torr)

Weaver LK, Larson-Lohr V. Hypoxemia During Hyperbaric Oxygen: A Case Report. CHEST 1994;105:1270-1271.

## Hypoxemia with air, Table 6



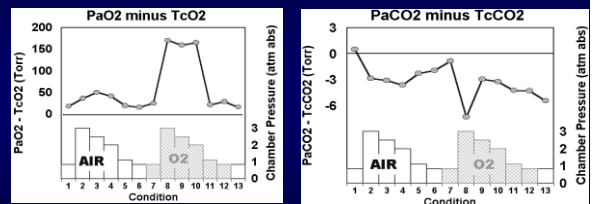
66 y/o female, AGE following IJ CVC removal.  
Hypoxemia with air at 1.9 ata (30 fsw).

Weaver, Churchill. Hypoxemia with air breathing, US Navy TT6. UnderseaHyperbMed 2006.

## Can transcutaneous (P<sub>tc</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) replace PaO<sub>2</sub>? Not always



## P<sub>tc</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>tc</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> v. PaO<sub>2</sub> and PaCO<sub>2</sub>

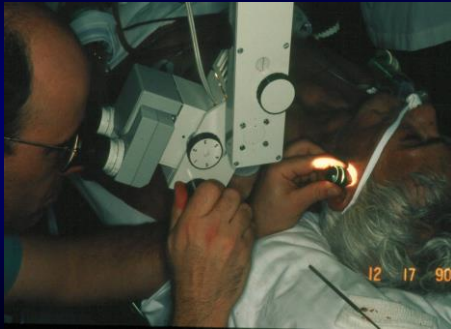


10 healthy subjects

UHM 1999



## Myringotomies: Intubated Patients Required in HOBIT



## Myringotomies: Intubated Patients

- Variable, some do them, others do not
- We did them routinely until 1992, then stopped because of CO RCT and survey results (of 20 centers half did them and half did not).
- No apparent damage to inner ear
- Patients need to be deeply sedated for compression
- Study warranted

## Hypotension

- Compression – insufficient pressors
- At pressure
  - Auto-peeep
  - Sepsis
  - Pressor dosing
- Decompression – Auto-peeep, increasing tidal volume, pneumothorax
- Anytime – sedation level, esp. propofol

## PEEP, sedation, paralysis (Improve oxygenation)

- Auto-PEEP is common. If BP falls during HBO<sub>2</sub>, often due to auto-PEEP
- We increase PEEP to improve lung function
- Recruitment (PEEP) before HBO<sub>2</sub>
- Sedation (Fentanyl, Ativan, Propofol)
- Propofol: have levophed ready (“propofed”)
- Paralysis – rarely, but do this if PaO<sub>2</sub> marginal and HBO<sub>2</sub> continued

## Cardiac Arrest and HBO<sub>2</sub>

- 66 y/o female, AGE following IJ CVC removal, severe hypoxemia. Arrest with dropping PaO<sub>2</sub> as chamber depressurized. Prolonged CPR. Brain injury, died days later (published).
- 60 y/o female, epidural spinal abscess, CRF, shock, levophed, epi; VT – synch cardioversion. MOF, withdrawal days later.
- 55 y/o female, DM, chest wall necrotizing fasciitis, shock, pressors, cardiac arrest: emergent decompression, Defib unsuccessful, pulled chest dressings off, Defib again in the wound, successful. MOF, withdrawal days later.
- Breast Ca, XRT, chronic chest wound, Aortic stenosis, stable heart failure; 3<sup>rd</sup> HBO<sub>2</sub>, acute lung edema...OK; HBO<sub>2</sub> resumed, acute lung edema, then arrest, died (published)

## Mortality and APACHE II

Diagnosis (n)	APACHE II	Mortality (%)	Predicted Mortality (%)
AGE/VGE (5)	29	40	45
Osteomyelitis (2)	26	100	40
<b>Necrotizing Fasc. (45)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>
Acute Ischemia (3)	22	33	30
Mucormycosis (2)	22	50	30
<b>Crush (8)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Gas Gangrene (6)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>CO/Cyanide (13)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>
Failing Flaps (3)	16	0	15