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## HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is medically appropriate for the following medical conditions:

- Failed course (at least 30 days) of standard wound therapy, including all of the following:
  - Assessment of a patient's vascular status,
  - Correction of any vascular problems in the affected limb, if possible,
  - optimization of nutritional status,
  - optimization of glucose control,
  - debridement by any means to remove devitalized tissue,
  - maintenance of a clean, moist bed of granulation tissue,
  - treatment to resolve any infection that might be present,

AND

- One of:
  - Acute peripheral arterial insufficiency; **OR**
  - Acute traumatic peripheral ischemia; **OR**
  - Chronic refractory osteomyelitis, Unresponsive to conventional medical and surgical management; **OR**
  - Soft tissue radionecrosis as an adjunct to conventional treatment; **OR**
  - Diabetic wounds of the lower extremities AND all of the following:
    - Type I or type II diabetes and a lower extremity wound that is due to diabetes.
    - Wound classified as Wagner grade III or higher, characterized by deep ulcer with abscess or osteomyelitis.