

I first became aware of Hyperbarics when several friends pointed me towards a WI Public Radio interview with Dr. Paul Harch, a leader in the field. (You can hear by accessing the WPR archives at their website. The broadcast was on 5/17/07.)

I am on the waiting list for a liver transplant and my use of HBOT is somewhat of a trial as it hasn't been widely for my condition in the US. I understand its use is more prevalent for a variety of conditions in Europe, but finding research reports is difficult.

Dr. Harch's interview got my attention when he told an anecdotal story about a pre-transplant patient who was removed from the list after accompanying a young family member into a chamber for that family member's treatment for cerebral palsy.

That's all I needed to hear as I'm up for anything that might have a chance at improving my condition.

So far, after 50 treatments, there is no indication that my liver is healing. However, I am still experiencing huge benefits for HBOT.

Most of it comes in the form of improved quality of life. My energy level is considerably better than it has been in the past two years. The abdominal discomfort and pain that is with me 24/7 has greatly declined. I had a decent summer for the first time in a couple of years.

In addition to those benefits, the staff at WIHC actually makes it all quite fun. Walking in to every appointment is like reuniting with a bunch of old friends. It's like "Cheers", a place where everyone knows your name. They are a truly great group of people, dedicated to what they do and clearly interested in every patient and their families. Great senses of humor too. They even laugh at my corny jokes.

I am not only getting health benefits from HBOT, I'm having fun doing it too.

--Doug Robichaud, Mazomanie WI