



## TreatNOW Coalition Successes, 2008-2024

**SUMMARY:** The TreatNOW Coalition is Veterans working pro bono, physicians, foundations, clinics, academicians, volunteers, and donors working to expand DOD's and the VA's standard of care for Suicide Prevention through use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) and other proven alternative therapies for TBI/PTSD. With the suicide epidemic growing across all military services, the National Guard, the Reserves, the VA, Special Operations and in society, Congress should insist that HBOT be insured and made available for all brain-wounded service members and veterans without delay. Past and proposed legislation calls for the use of and payment for HBOT in the private sector.

### TreatNOW Coalition Successes

- \* 150+ HBOT clinics organized to treat Veterans through the TreatNOW Coalition
- \* Over 31,000 patients treated successfully. In more than 12,435 cases, we have returned enhanced Quality of Life to Veterans and Special Operations warriors who were brain wounded in combat.
- \* Over 700 Special Ops warriors have been treated for their TBI/PTSD/PCS. Successes are more than 90%. Hundreds of Navy SEALs, Force Recon Marines, Rangers, Delta, EOD, SWCC and other SOF Warriors have been treated, allowing most of them to remain on active duty, saving millions of dollars for each successful treatment.
- \* Sponsored peer-reviewed published research on HBOT Mechanisms of Action showing evidence of medicinal properties with any increase in pressure or oxygen concentration
- \* The TreatNOW Coalition published a book in October 2021, ***The National Brain-Wounded Veteran Brain Drain: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Changing the DoD and VA Standard of Care for TBI and Suicide Prevention.***
- \* Conducted peer-reviewed published Observational study: NBIRR, ***The National Brain Injury, Rescue and Rehabilitation Study – a multicenter observational study of hyperbaric oxygen for mild traumatic brain injury with post-concussive symptoms.*** 32 successes
- \* The TreatNOW Coalition issued an Investigational Report on Diabetic Foot Ulcers: ***The Veteran Diabetic Foot Ulcer (DFU) Epidemic: A U.S. Department of Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Services Review.***
- \* With our support, ten states have passed legislation or resolutions calling for the use of HBOT for TBI. [ OK, TX, IN, KY, AZ, FL, NC, MD, WY, and VA. FL, AZ, IN, NC, MD, KY and VA have allocated more than \$30M to treat Veterans using HBOT for TBI. Five more are drafting Bills.
- \* Pushed successfully for the VA Pilot Demonstration observing HBOT for PTSD. Over 33-successfully-treated Veterans showed safety and efficacy in all patients treated, all of whom were VA failures, as defined by the VA.

- \* HBOT has been proven to virtually eradicate Suicidal Ideation. With only two exceptions, Special Operations Warriors quit thinking about suicide. And we can't forget the organizations that are donating to those treatments: Marines Helping Heroes Foundation and the Anne Arundel County Detachment of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE; America's Mighty Warriors; the HOW Foundation; the 22Project; Stand for the Troops; the Pro Football Retired Players Association, ANDI International; GRUNT STYLE, over 150 clinics in the TreatNOW Coalition; dozens of anonymous donors; and the Martin R. Hoffmann (former SEC Army) Fund
- \* Wounded Warrior Battalion/Camp Lejeune doctors, initially skeptical, now routinely send brain wounded TBI patients to EXTIVITA Clinic in Durham NC for HBOT treatment. We have working relationships with medical staff at Camp Lejeune to treat brain wounded Marines before they are medically retired from service. To date, over twenty Marines have shown significant medical success.
- \* Doctors in the MHS/Intrepid Spirit Centers are now prescribing HBOT for TBI. Active-duty service members are receiving free treatments using donated funds to receive brain-wound healing unavailable under current standard of care in both the MHS and VHA.
- \* Legislative efforts in Indiana led to 5 hospitals under IRB preparing to treat Veterans. Kentucky hospitals who are complying with the law are following suit. A remarkable success story, the original Forrest Gump, MOH SGT Sam Davis <https://youtu.be/G7WDkr2dbjc>
- \* Data continue to mount that COVID-infected patients avoid ventilators if they get HBOT and get out of the ICU after a few dives. Some observational and Case studies show long-haulers are getting remarkable relief. We're still waiting for people to start talking about "hypoxia" and the need for Oxygen for the system healing that has to take place. Over 17 studies were underway on [clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) at the height of COVID; 3 are listed now. Articles and studies: [https://treatnow.org/?s=covid&post\\_type=kbe\\_knowledgebase](https://treatnow.org/?s=covid&post_type=kbe_knowledgebase)
- \* Burn Pits Victims are receiving life-altering care from HBOT treatments, and a special protocol developed by Coalition Dr. Carol Henricks at NorthStar Hyperbarics in Tucson, AZ.
- \* The Coalition has informed 14 VA Secretaries since 9/11 of the power of HBOT to help heal brain wounds. They have all been unable or unwilling to stop the suicide epidemic by enhancing the "standard of care" for treating over 876,000 brain-wounded service members. Emergency Use Authorization is available to overcome the resistance of "not proven."
- \* Continuing a campaign to Have Congress demand that the VA provide **Informed Consent** about on-label indications, as well as off-label. Victims of suicide, prescribed drug overdose, and lower limb amputations due to DFUs have not been told about nor enabled to use HBOT for wound healing and suicide prevention.
- \* We have educated the 3.75 million members of The American Legion, DAV, AMVETS, AFSA, and Vietnam Veterans of America, leading to their endorsement and support for HBOT in the treatment of mild TBI/PTSD Veterans.
- \* HBOT Coalition researchers have exposed the "Sham Scam" in the USG erroneous studies. ["Science" around HBOT is complicated by erroneous DoD/VA/Army RCTs that started with an erroneous sham. Their data on all 5 of their studies clearly show HBOT is](#)

safe and effective. The Principal Investigator on the first USG study, contrary to editorial comments in the study, declares that HBOT works to heal TBI, and that it should be used. Research partially sponsored by TreatNOW in 2021 shows conclusively that "These data necessitate an immediate reevaluation of all historical studies using hyperbaric air as a sham control. . . It is highly probable that the 'placebo effect' findings in these studies are most likely an incorrect interpretation of the hyperbaric air cohort. Rather, the 'sham control' is a dose treatment."

\* Helped produce Investigative reporter Duane Pohlman's four-part series "Dying for a Cure." The series chronicles the successful use and scientific certainty of the use of HBOT-for-TBI/Concussion/PTSD used with service members, professional athletes, and citizens.

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1. The language of HBOT healing brain wounds is beginning to take hold. Mechanisms of Action behind HBOT have more and more science, particularly in the area of "wound healing." [see Attached: **HBOT Overview 2022**].
2. Legislative efforts in Indiana led to 5 hospitals under IRB preparing to treat Veterans. Kentucky hospitals who are complying with the law are following suit. A remarkable success story, the original Forrest Gump, MOH SGT Sam Davis <https://youtu.be/G7WDkr2dbjc>
3. The Coalition continues its strategy to educate, starting on the HILL, getting legislators to enforce laws they've already written about VA indolence on a Pilot evaluating HBOT-for-TBI. We're also helping get Bills into the hopper, currently three. Congress must demand that the VA provide **Informed Consent** [attached] about on-label indications, as well as off-label.
4. The Coalition has increased the education campaign on the need for the VA to use HBOT for approved indications. The VA has continued to avoid having chambers in their system. It is difficult to impossible to find doctors who will inform about the use of HBOT for even Diabetic Foot Ulcers (DFU), an approved and insured Indication. Amputations are the norm. From 1989 through 2020, it is estimated 796,340 veterans have experienced Lower Limb Amputations (LLA's), or on average of 6,032 LLA's per year at an estimated surgical total cost of \$12.5B. 70.9% of these veterans die within three years. FDA approved HBOT for DFU could potentially lower this cost in half or more while saving as many lives yearly.
5. The Coalition has been called on to present information about how HBOT can be used to help treat victims of Havana Syndrome. Published research says:
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