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Clinical Application of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

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Hyperbaric Oxygen Cases Managed in Stonecutters Island

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Up to 1994, recompression therapy was provided in Hong Kong by the UK Royal Navy at one of its bases, the HMS Tamar. Therapy was only available for the treatment of diving related conditions. In April 1994, the Recompression Treatment Centre (RTC) on Stonecutters Island was opened. Hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy is given to patients by means of a compression chamber. The facility is operated by the Hong Kong Fire Services Department under the medical supervision of the Occupational Medicine Division of the Labour Department. Over the years, hospitals referred a variety of diving-related and other conditions were treated in the Recompression Treatment Centre on Stonecutters Island such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, osteoradionecrosis and so on. Fire Services Department and Labour Department would mobilise their staff to provide treatment for the cases. The history, operation and the statistics of HBO cases would be briefly discussed.