Hyperbaric Oxygen Radiation Tissue Injury Study - IV (Radiation proctitis)

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Registration date	Overall study status Stopped Condition category	Statistical analysis plan		
18/05/2005		Results		
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Scientific

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ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

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Acronym

Study objectives

Radiation of prostate, urological and gynecological cancers frequently places the rectum within the radiation portal. Resulting tissue injury will manifest months to years later in a not insignificant percentage of patients. Symptoms include pain, bleeding, bowel dysfunction, stricture, oedema, erythema, tissue friability, ulceration, necrosis and fistulae. Therapeutic approaches include topical agents, transfusions, careful diet, pain control, laser coagulation and surgical resection.

Clinical experience and clinical evidence of a beneficial role of hyperbaric oxygen are generally encouraging but no prospective systematic analysis of outcomes has been reported. HORTIS IV represents the first randomised controlled trial to investigate hyperbaric medicine's therapeutic role at this anatomic site.

Aim:

To determine the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy as either a prophylaxis against, or treatment of, late radiation tissue injury (RTI).

Overview of the study can be found at: http://www.baromedicalresearch.org/pdf/HORTIS_Overview.pdf

All HORTIS trials that have been registered with ISRCTN can be found at: http://www.controlled-trials.com/isrctn/search.html?srch=HORTIS&sort=3&dir=desc&max=10

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Radiation Proctitis

Interventions

Patients enrolled in the trial have undergone (and failed to respond to) standard care for a period of not less than 90 days. These patients are included in the trial and assigned to either an active arm (hyperbaric oxygen therapy) or a placebo arm. Patients may require some kind of standard care while in the trial to overcome acute exigiencies (e.g., blood transfusion, surgical cauterisation, etc.).

This trial has been closed to further patient recruitment. The protocol can be found at http://www.baromedicalresearch.org/pdf/HORTISIV_Protocol.pdf.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

SOMA (subjective, objective, management, analytic) scale used to determine late effects to normal tissue (LENT) score. Time frame: pre-treatment, post-treatment (HBO and placebo) and at follow ups at 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year through 5 years.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Clinical assessment using one of the following criteria:

- 1. Healed
- 2. Modestly improved (less than 50% lesion resolution)
- 3. Not improved
- 4. Other (e.g., lesion recurrence, lesion size progression)
- 5. Significant improvement (greater than 50% lesion resolution)

Time frame: post-treatment (HBO and placebo) and at follow-ups at 3 and 6 months, and 1 year through 5 years

Completion date

12/02/2005

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Patients whose cancer treatment included radiotherapy and who have developed late radiation tissue injury, manifesting as one or more of the following diagnostic criteria:

- 1. Endarteritis
- 2. Hypocellularity
- 3. Hypovascularity
- 4. Mucosal thickening
- 5. Diarrhoea
- 6. Vomiting
- 7. Cramping
- 8. Tenesmus
- 9. Obstruction
- 10. Constipation
- 11. Stricture
- 12. Perforation
- 13. Pain
- 14. Fistula
- 15. Haemorrhage
- 16. Obstipation
- 17. Wall changes

- 18. Tissue hypoxia
- 19. Ulceration

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Patients, who are pregnant or have any of the following illnesses, conditions or requirement:

- 1. Pregnancy
- 2. Reactive airway disease
- 3. Radiographic evidence of pulmonary blebs or bullae
- 4. Untreated pneumothorax
- 5. Previously documented ejection fraction less than 35%
- 6. History of seizures except childhood febrile seizures
- 7. Cardiovascular instability
- 8. Mechanical ventilator support
- 9. Unable to follow simple commands
- 10. Not orientated to person, place, time
- 11. Participating as a subject in any other medical or biomedical research project if previously involved as a subject, sufficient time must have elapsed to permit 'wash out' of any investigational agent

Date of first enrolment

01/01/2001

Date of final enrolment

12/02/2005

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Australia

Mexico

South Africa

Türkiye

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Baromedical Research Foundation (USA)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

The Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation (Canada)

Funder Name

The Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation (USA)

Funder Name

Atlantic Hyperbaric Associates (USA)

Funder Name

Mercy Health Partners (USA)

Funder Name

Hyperbaric Physician Services (USA)

Funder Name

National Baromedical Services (USA)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes