

THE ROBERT M. LOMBARD HYPERBARIC OXYGENATION MEDICAL CENTER, INC.

Back in 1978, Robert M. Lombard, M.D. saw the potential of hyperbaric oxygenation to help patients with certain conditions, so he contracted with the Columbia Hospital to install a hyperbaric oxygen chamber at the hospital. Although the hospital closed many years ago, hyperbaric oxygenation therapy is available in his namesake building located at 255 N 6th Street, Columbia. Dr. Lombard retired in 2000, but not before growing the center to one of the largest, freestanding hyperbaric facilities in the country.

Today, Connie Waltz RN, Nursing Director, is the heart and soul of the center, having over 40 years of experience in the field. Each of the certified staff has an impressive 20 years or more of working experience at the center. What is hyperbaric oxygenation therapy? It is a prescribed medical treatment in which a patient breathes pure oxygen at a greater than normal atmospheric pressure. A patient sits or lies in a sealed chamber while its atmospheric pressure is increased to a therapeutic level. The Lombard Hyperbaric Center uses single-person chambers, and each vessel is pressurized with pure oxygen so no masks or hoods are needed. This treatment allows an increased amount of oxygen to circulate in the body which promotes healing through physical changes, boosts the immune system, reduces inflammation and low oxygen areas in the body, and adversely affects many microbes. It can have a positive impact on a wide range of diagnoses or conditions. Compatible therapies are also offered with the treatments: the PEMF mat, a far infrared sauna, Kangen alkaline water, and a Quadriciser therapy machine. The mat, sauna and water help to detoxify the body, among other therapeutic benefits. Hyperbaric oxygenation therapy can be life changing for patients.

For information about The Robert M. Lombard Hyperbaric Oxygenation Medical Center, please view their website at www.hboxygen.com, email them at hboxygen@earthlink.net, or give them a call at 717-684-3228. Their business hours are Monday through Friday, by appointment only.

