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All of us have treated patients, who, during the course of treatment, have developed tissue ischemia. This is especially unnerving if it occurs in an elective cosmetic surgery patient.

Some years ago I had the opportunity of treating a post-operative face lift patient who developed ischemia on one side, almost to the point of necrosis. I was unaware of a smoking history prior to surgery. We were able to put her in the hospital's hyperbaric oxygen chamber, and she responded immediately. She did not lose skin either in the pre- or in the post-auricular area, which I thought would have to be debrided and grafted. Neither did she develop significant scarring.

Since that time, technology in the form of an affordable, portable hyperbaric oxygen chamber has come on the market that has proved itself to be very helpful to me in treating patients with similar problems. I have used this successfully treating patients with borderline ischemia after face lifts, abdominoplasties, reduction mammoplasties, etc. I am convinced that using this chamber, three to seven days both pre- and post-surgery, has resulted in no loss of tissue as opposed to significant loss of tissue and improved healing time.

Let me assure you that I have no financial interest in this product whatsoever, but I want to pass along to you the fact that this technology is available, it's affordable to your patients, and it can be placed in your office. I have a hyperbaric chamber in my office, and treatment is safely and efficiently administered by an assistant.

I know you will be interested in at least reading about this treatment option, and more material is enclosed for your perusal. I can assure you that all you need to do is save one significant section of skin on a patient's body. You will find, as I did, that this is a very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

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