

## LETTER

*To the Editor:*

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine open letter to hyperbaric physicians written by Dr. Phillip B. James that appeared in the December 1991 issue of the *Journal of Hyperbaric Medicine*.

By using a specific category of diseases, Dr. James has accurately articulated the frustration that I feel as I attempt to increase the utilization of HBO in the clinical setting. Like Dr. James, I feel that research data and the subsequent clinical application of that information have not proceeded well. In fact, the list of "approved" indications for HBO has been shrinking instead of expanding, in spite of current research.

As a clinical coordinator and HBO department manager, I am in vital need of a constant flow of research that progresses and supports the clinical application of HBO in both the old and the new approved indications. Armed with this information, I can contribute to the successful treatment of more individuals who would benefit from HBO therapy.

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