

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**POLICY: USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN**

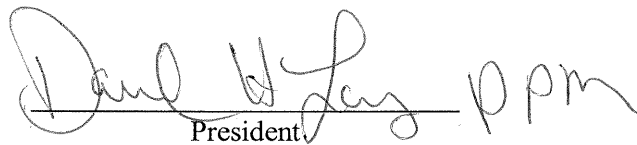
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A podiatrist is authorized to perform surgical procedures on “ailments of the human foot, ankle, and soft tissue structures extending no higher than the distal tibial metaphyseal flair”

Tenn. Code Ann. §63-3-101(a).

If a podiatrist is treating a wound or other injury at or below the distal tibial metaphyseal flair, they may utilize hyperbaric oxygen as one possible mode of treatment so long as the treatment is performed within the standard of care for a podiatrist licensed in Tennessee. The Board has not ruled as to whether the use of hyperbaric oxygen is a treatment within the standard of care for all cases.

**Adopted by the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David W. Long", followed by the initials "ppm". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

President

Tennessee Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners