

Interview with Shannon Kenitz: from a prognosis of death— to thriving via hyperbaric oxygen therapy

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Abstract

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, also known as HBOT, uses an increase in atmospheric pressure to allow the body to incorporate more oxygen into blood cells, blood plasma, cerebral-spinal fluid, and other body fluids. Mitochondria are responsible for processing oxygen and converting substances from the foods we eat into energy for essential cell functions. Shannon Kenitz's daughter, Grace, was diagnosed with a very rare mitochondrial disease: cytochrome C reductase. After virtually living the first three years of her life in the hospital, considered in a vegetative state, and blind, doctors refused to continue measures to prolong Grace's life. Shannon Kenitz took her daughter to receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy – the only thing that was changed – and Grace has progressed to, among other things, being off seizure and GI medicines and the feeding tube; and Grace is no longer blind, she is walking, she is thriving, and she has received normal EEG's and a normal muscle biopsy.

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