

CHAMBER OPERATION FOR PATIENT EVACUATION

Serious injury to you, the patient, and damage to the facility will occur if door is opened before completing this procedure

1. Call hospital operator and have the hyperbaric provider paged to HBO STAT
2. Lift up the BLACK PHONE on chamber and inform patient you are going to decompress him/her. You may need to turn up the "volume in" for the patient to hear you. Inform patient decompression will take about 8 minutes (this is faster than they are used to) and to breathe normally. You will need to turn up the "volume out" to hear the patient's response. **Note the time on the clock next to the phone.**

3. Turn **RATE SET** knob to 2.



4. Turn **PRESSURE SET** knob counterclockwise full turns until **SET PRESSURE** gauge is 0 (zero)



5. **CHAMBER PRESSURE** gauge will slowly decrease toward zero at approximately 2 psi/minute. When this gauge is below 2 psi (large numbers, inside ring), the chamber will not decompress further until the **MASTER VALVE** is rotated to "off".



6. **Do not attempt to open the chamber door until the red PRESSURE: CHAMBER indicator changes fully to black.**



7. *use this step ONLY if emergent decompression is needed: Note time on clock. Rotate the MASTER VALVE to "off", then flip up the red EMERGENCY switch cover and activate switch. There will be a loud rushing noise. The chamber will decompress in about 80 seconds, but there will be a significant risk of pneumothorax and eardrum rupture.



8. Go to the door end of the chamber, grasp the silver knob on the top right or left side of the door. Pull handle toward you and continue rotating the handle until it stops, then use the handle to push the entire cam bar away from the door.



9. **NOTE TIME ON CLOCK.** Carefully open the chamber door with the vertical silver handle. (it is heavy)



10. Align both of the protruding white cart pieces with rubber bumpers into the silver tubes inside the chamber. **LOCK THE CART BRAKES.**

11. Look at the back left of the cart the patient is laying on inside the chamber for a **LIFT PIN** that must be raised to pull the cart out of the chamber. Ensure this pin clicks at the top of the cart to prevent patient fall before releasing brake.

