

Medicare announcement big boost for Brevard Hyperbaric Center

By Ken Datzman

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which is commonly used to treat hard-to-heal diabetic wounds of the lower extremities and prevent the amputation of limbs, as well as treat other select conditions, has evolved to become a powerful tool in the field of noninvasive medicine.

This type of therapy is often used in conjunction with other treatments, and it may also be used when other treatments have failed. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy involves breathing pure oxygen inside a pressurized chamber. Wounds need oxygen to heal properly and a number of studies have shown that hyperbaric oxygen therapy does speed healing for many types of wounds.

Tracing its decades-old roots to the U.S. military, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is administered in pressurized “mono” (single person) or “multiplace” chambers that can hold up to six or more patients at one time. The therapy is especially effective healing diabetic wounds, from the inside-out.

“The nonhealing diabetic wound that has failed appropriate intervention for 30 days is probably the mainstay of our practice right now,” said Dr. Paul Buza, the founder and medical director of Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center on West Hibiscus Boulevard in Melbourne, a private practice.

“Diabetics have a very difficult time healing because their microcirculation is poor. There is not enough oxygen getting to the wound in order for it to do what it needs to do to heal. Sometimes it’s just that simple. Once an infection feeds into a wound or into a bone, it becomes extremely hard to treat with antibiotics.”

Dr. Buza said diabetics “are very smart” about their health. They know if they have a lower extremity wound that is not healing after 30 days, they could be at risk for amputation. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment reduces a patient’s risk for amputation, particularly if they have diabetes.

An expert in his field, Dr. Buza has dedicated more than 15 years of his career to hyperbaric medicine and its medical applications. His leading-edge, large hyperbaric chamber — housed in a 5,000-square-foot custom-designed facility in Hibiscus Office Park, near The Oaks Plaza, behind Melbourne Square Mall — has treated more than 45,000 patients since 1999.

Now, with a recent announcement by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center is positioned to serve even more patients in the future.

Medicare Part B now covers hyperbaric therapy at outpatient, independent treatment centers, including for



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Dr. Paul Buza is medical director of Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center in Melbourne. His longstanding facility houses one of the largest hyperbaric chambers in the nation. It’s 10 feet in diameter, 32-feet long, and weighs 77,000 pounds. The chamber is commonly used to treat nonhealing diabetic wounds of the lower extremities. A board-certified neurologist, Dr. Buza is an expert in hyperbaric medicine and helped design the chamber. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid recently approved hyperbaric therapy for independent, outpatient treatment facilities such as Dr. Buza’s. Previously, only hospital-based facilities were covered under Medicare for this type of therapy.

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Chiefs for Change names six new members to its board, including Dr. Desmond Blackburn of BCPS

Mike Magee, the chief executive officer of Chiefs for Change (CFC), has announced that six new education Chiefs have joined the organization. Magee said CFC's board unanimously approved all six new members, brining the board to 17 members.

"The success of the Every Student Succeeds Act, and obviously the success of our students, demands energy and commitment," said John White, CFC board chairman and Louisiana State Superintendent of Education. "These six new members have that energy and commitment. We're very excited about the record of achievement they bring to the table."

"These leaders understand that change is not a criticism of the past, but a recognition that our schools and systems need to adapt to serve today's students, as well as tomorrow's," added Magee. "They are focused on empowering students, families, teachers and school leaders. These Chiefs will help us continue to advocate for students across the country, and we look forward to working closely with each of them."

The six new members are:

- Robert Avossa, superintendent of Palm Beach County Schools.
- Desmond Blackburn, superintendent of Brevard County Schools.
- Tom Boasberg, superintendent of Denver (Colo.) Public Schools.
- Chris Cerf, superintendent of Newark (N.J.) Public Schools.
- Barbara Jenkins, superintendent of Orange County (Fla.) Public Schools.
- Antwan Wilson, superintendent of Oakland (Calif.) Unified School District.

These six Chiefs "all have a reputation for courageous leadership in their districts and working hard to make every student ready to take on the demands of college and careers." They all are focused on engaging with teachers, leaders, students and families to envision what is possible for children and school systems in the new era of American education.

Here are some comments on each new Chief:

Wilson: "I'm energized by the emphasis that Chiefs for Change is placing on diversifying education leadership, as well as what it really means to educate all students. This is an incredible group of leaders with a lot of potential for further growth, and I'm looking forward to working together."

Boasberg: "It is very important that we work together to prepare our next generation of school leadership and to ensure that generation reflects the students whom we serve. I look forward to working with Mike Magee, John White, and the other Chiefs on developing leaders and scaling emerging, innovative practices."

Jenkins: "I am pleased to be joining forces with mission-aligned colleagues from around the country. I believe these committed leaders will offer diverse solutions to the challenges our students face, and that our alignment around a common vision for educating all students will afford us an opportunity to impact change on a national scale."

Cerf: "Chiefs for Change is moving ahead in an exciting new direction, and I'm thrilled to be part of this next phase of the organization." Cerf was previously a CFC member when he served as New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

Blackburn: "Public education is at a crossroads in our nation, which requires educators to strategically plan our

priorities and create collaborative partnerships that will help us prepare students for 21st century careers. Chiefs for Change is one of these partners that I know will provide the right support to help us achieve our goals to provide excellent education options for every student."

Avossa: "To me, being a member of Chiefs for Change means working together with a diverse group of leaders from different political contexts, from all over the country, toward common objectives. With the support and shared expertise of our colleagues, we become more effective in supporting our teams, our teachers, and our students."

CFC Board Chairman John White noted: "We've reached a new and important moment in our nation's effort to transform schools. It's a moment that requires new, transformational ideas, and the leadership of state and district Chiefs has never been more critical. The turnover in Chief roles is incredibly high, and we know that education leadership is not diverse enough. The work we are doing together to build a pipeline of diverse Future Chiefs, and to envision new systems to support students and teachers under ESSA, is essential and exciting. Chiefs for Change is fortunate to have leaders of this caliber joining us in this work."

Contact Media@ChiefsForChange.org or visit ChiefsForChange.org to learn more about the organization.

Royal Oaks Medical Center teams with the Health First Medical Group

ROCKLEDGE — Health First Inc. recently announced that Royal Oaks Medical Center has joined the Health First Medical Group, with locations in Port St. John and Titusville.

"We are pleased the exceptional medical teams at Royal Oaks Medical Center are now part of the Health First Medical Group," said Dr. Jeffrey Stalnaker, Health First Medical Group CEO. "The providers at Royal Oaks bring more than 27 years of experience to the Health First Medical Group, and we are proud to be able to expand our ability to serve our north county Brevard residents."

Both the Titusville and Port St. John locations will continue to offer walk-in appointment availability, laboratory services, minor procedures, on-site general radiology, primary care, sports and school physicals, well-women care and workers' compensation.

The hours of operation at the Port St. John and Titusville locations are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most health-insurance carriers are accepted at the offices. For more information about the Health First Medical Group, visit myHFMG.org.



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Tapping into the thorny, multi-sided issue of phone privacy in America

By Elizabeth Santiago
UCF Forum columnist

Technology has brought us so much innovation the past few years. We now have the ability to stream movies from our cell phones and contact people across the globe. We can send important messages in a matter of seconds and essentially pack our entire lives into one small device.

Our laptops and cell phones have a large influence over our lives, but like Spiderman's Uncle Ben said, "With great power comes great responsibility." With every phone call made and text message sent, we trust that our correspondence and anything else on our devices stays private.

Up to this point there has been a solid wall between the user and the manufacturer. For instance, once the cell phone is handed from producer to consumer, the producer no longer has access to the device. But it has been seen recently that the once sturdy wall is in danger of being cracked.

This is the issue that Apple faced when the Federal

Bureau of Investigation asked the company to unlock the phone of two terrorists who were responsible for the massacre of 14 people last year in San Bernardino, Calif. The FBI argued that unlocking this phone was necessary to get a glimpse into the series of events prior to the attack. They said that knowing who the terrorists corresponded with and what websites they visited, federal agents would gain knowledge that could help them learn more about the background of the two.

Apple argues that it isn't as simple as unlocking an iPhone to help the good guys win. For them, it goes deeper than that. They believe that in the grand scheme, this will have a long-lasting effect after this case is settled. If they develop software for this particular instance, who is to say that it won't happen again or that the new breaching software wouldn't fall in the wrong hands?

They say this "master key" would give access for anyone to open any cell phone, including yours.

When I first heard this news, I was conflicted because I understood both sides to the story. Trying to formulate an opinion was like trying to choose between my heart and my head. While my heart was leaning towards doing whatever it took to put this case to rest, my head was weary of the damage this case could do toward our privacy for tomorrow.

I eventually found myself siding with Apple. My heart ached for the families lost and the unanswered questions, however I couldn't help but think of all the lives that are guarded by our privacy. Through encryption, our most private thoughts and conversations are protected. If exposed and exploited, there can be consequences that take

us to a different playing field where there isn't a defense. We would run the risk of being left vulnerable to cybercriminals and to those whose goal is to destroy anyone with opposing beliefs.

In this day and age we have become so reliant on technology that it holds our business plans, schedules, contact information, emails, and memories through photographs, and is key to accessing the internet.

Just think about it this way: While at work, what if the computers and cell phones just power off, what work could get done? I am sure there would be housekeeping work to be done, but there are very few businesses that could operate on a normal standard without the technology.

Now, picture a different scenario: What if the reason they powered down was because of a mass hacking? Every document read, transaction known, and plans for action foreseen?

For some businesses this might be the equivalent of a benign tumor — inconvenient but not too harmful. But for institutions such as the U.S. government, it could mean something catastrophic.

Though the breaking in of one phone isn't going to instantly send us in to a national crisis, who is to say that it won't open the door, even just a little, and set precedence to other instances that continue to pry that door open.

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Space Coast Chapter of FPRA to host its 'Media Summit' event at Canaveral Port Authority

The Space Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association will host its annual "Media Summit" from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at the Canaveral Port Authority Maritime Center. The event will bring together 70 to 80 local public relations and marketing professionals and 15 to 20 journalists, TV anchors, reporters and editors, to ask questions and learn new strategies for communicating news stories and ideas.

For event tickets and to register for this program, visit www.SpaceCoastFPRA.com.

Participating organizations include CNN, AmericaSpace, the Associated Press, Brevard Business News, CBS Radio, Central Florida News 13, CNN, Orlando Business Journal, Florida Today, Florida News Network Radio/iHeart Radio, FOX35 News Orlando WOFL, Orlando Sentinel, Space Coast Business, Space Coast Daily, Space Coast Living, Space Coast Medicine, Spaceflight Insider, Viera Voice and WFTV 9 ABC.

The lunch presentation will feature two keynote speakers. Alyson Lundell, director of corporate communications for Universal Orlando Resort, will present a case study. She will share insight into the challenges and opportunities that Universal Orlando embraced when presented with the opening of both "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter — Hogsmeade" (2010) and "Diagon Alley" (2014).

The second keynote speaker will be Steve Helling, senior correspondent with "People" magazine, who will shed light on what public relations professionals need to know when pitching story ideas to the national media.

During the lunch program, the Space Coast Chapter of FPRA will also announce this year's winners of the 2016 Image Awards, the FPRA's top program to recognize outstanding public relations programs in Florida and to encourage and promote public relations excellence in the state.

The event's headline sponsor is Canaveral Port Authority. Tickets are \$30 for nonprofit organizations and for students. They are \$35 for current 2015-2016 FPRA members and \$45 for guests.

Barnes & Noble to host awards reception for contest

Barnes & Noble at 1955 W. New Haven Ave. in West Melbourne will host "My Favorite Teacher Contest Awards Reception" at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 11. Barnes & Noble will honor the finalists from the My Favorite Teacher writing contest as the finalists read their essay, poem, or letter recognizing their favorite teacher, with their teacher by their side. Brevard Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Desmond Blackburn will be presenting awards of recognition to the finalists. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

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therapies and medical treatment of the minor child, subject to review by this Court

2. The Former Wife, Aimee Casey, is directed to return the child into the temporary sole majority care of Timothy Michaud, in Massachusetts, on April 18, 2011 at 11 00 a m The parties shall coordinate this exchange The Former Husband shall be responsible for the costs of transportation.

3 The Former Wife may have timesharing when established by further order of the Court in a subsequent hearing. The Former Wife may telephone the child on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 6 00 p m and 7 00 p m., and may have contact with the child for fifteen minutes. Neither party shall discuss this case with the child The telephone contact may be monitored and terminated if the Former Wife attempts to discuss this case

4. All subsequent issues regarding summer visitation, increased timesharing, medical authority, or any other matters relating to the minor child are reserved by this Court

5 Any further obligation of the Former Husband to pay child support is suspended as of April 18, 2011, until further Order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Brevard County Courthouse, Vero, Florida, this _____ day of April, 2011.

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UCF is recognized as a 'Diversity Champion' by magazine, one of seven nationwide; 43 percent minorities

By Zenaida Gonzalez Kotala
UCF News & Information

ORLANDO — A new program from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion aimed at helping students succeed by matching them with peer mentors is just one of the many examples of the University of Central Florida's commitment to diversity.

CREAR (College Readiness, Achievement and Retention) Futuros, which means "To Create Futures" in Spanish, pairs students with knowledgeable and highly trained student mentors who will introduce them to campus resources, provide tips on stress and time management, and offer insights on how to make the most out of their time at UCF.

UCF is always looking for ways to become more diverse and inclusive, one of President John Hitt's five goals.

UCF's commitment led "Insight into Diversity" magazine to recognize the University of Central Florida as one of seven "Diversity Champions" nationwide.

Those honored "exemplify an unyielding commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout their campus communities, across academic programs, and at the highest administrative levels."

"We consider UCF a national leader in diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of the magazine. "As a Diversity Champion school, UCF has developed an overwhelming number of successful strategies and programs that serve as models of excellence for other institutions of higher education."

This fall, a record 43 percent of UCF students are minorities.

UCF established an Office of Diversity and Inclusion (<http://diversity.ucf.edu/>) in 1994 to collaborate with members of the UCF community to advocate for and education about the university's goal of diversity and inclusion. The office conducts more than 300 workshops on 120 related topics each year. It also manages professional development and student development

programs such as the Leadership Enhancement Program for members of the UCF faculty and staff and the LEGACY Leadership and Mentoring Program for students, which focuses on scholarship, identity development, leadership, career development and community service.

The office also coordinates the UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference diversity track on curriculum transformation and organizes the annual Diversity Week celebration in October.

"UCF provides extensive educational and support services to our students, staff and faculty," said Karen Morrison, UCF's chief diversity officer. "This year's #RespectUCF campaign and innovative programs promoting cultural competency, collaboration and personal accountability for an inclusive environment demonstrate UCF's success and its continuing pursuit of excellence as a higher education diversity and inclusion leader."

Many other departments and student organizations enhance the welcoming environment at the university through programs focused on college readiness and access. Some of them are:

- Seizing Opportunities through Achievement and Retention Program (SOAR) — This six-week summer bridge program serves students from underserved and underrepresented populations as they make the

transition from high school to college.

- Pegasus Success Program — This program assists students with bridging the gap between the life they had in high school and the life that stands before them as a UCF college student.

- First Generation Program — This program assists first-generation students by providing guidance and resources to promote their self-esteem, confidence and academic achievement.

- Brother to Brother Program (B2B) — B2B is intended to increase the retention and graduation rates of multicultural and first-generation men on campus. The program includes workshops and social events.

- MASS Mentoring Program — Peer mentors provide support services, financial literacy education, coaching, leadership and direction to students.

- Knight Alliance Network — The Knight Alliance Network helps students from foster care make a healthy transition to become successful students at UCF.

- Student-led groups hold multiple workshops and other activities that encourage cultural diversity.

The other universities recognized as Diversity Champions this year are: Florida State University, Columbia University, Kennesaw State University, Pennsylvania State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Texas Tech University.

Brevard Health Alliance celebrates 11 years of serving residents in Brevard County

Brevard Health Alliance is celebrating 11 years of service in the county. The organization began operations on March 7, 2005, with 16 associates and "a desire to improve the health of the medically underserved population of Brevard County." Today it employs 275 associates and BHA has a registered population base of roughly 94,400 patients.

Over the years, it has opened six medical clinics across the county; has provided medical, dental or behavioral health services to more than 98,000 individuals; has provided more than \$31.5 million in discounted services to Brevard's citizens, as well as more than \$44.9 million in free medications to its patients (as valued at the average wholesale price).

BHA has also contributed to the Brevard economy by providing more than \$78 million in compensation and benefits to its associates over the 11 years of operations.

And finally, through the "generosity" of Health First, Parrish Medical Center, and the Space Coast Health Foundation, BHA has provided more than \$45.7 million in free diagnostic and laboratory services to its patients.

BHA is looking forward to expanding its services in the Cocoa-Rockledge area, and at its new Port St. John clinic.



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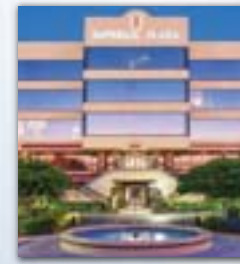


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Cindy Mann, known for leading implementation of ACA, to keynote Florida Health Care Affordability Summit

TALLAHASSEE — The Foundation of Associated Industries of Florida has announced that Cindy Mann, a former top government official, will deliver the keynote address at the 2016 Florida Health Care Affordability Summit on Tuesday, April 26, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The program is scheduled from Monday, April 25, through Wednesday, April 27.

Mann is a former deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"We are honored that Cindy Mann, one of the nation's pre-eminent authorities on health-care policy and reform, will be joining us as the keynote speaker at the 2016 Florida Health Care Affordability Summit," said Tom Feeney, president and chief executive officer of AIF.

"With more than 30 years of experience in federal and state health policy, Cindy will deliver thought-provoking insights and predictions on the future of the health-care

landscape, and we are truly looking forward to her being a part of this year's summit."

Mann, one of the nation's foremost authorities on health-care policy and reform, is known for leading the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. She will share her insights and predictions on the future of health care in America. Mann has more than 30 years experience in federal and state health policy.

Lars Houmann will serve as the opening speaker of the

Summit. Houmann, who is recognized each year as one of Florida's most influential people in health care, will talk about how leaders can better serve clients and employees through building healthier communities. He has been "instrumental in setting the standard of excellence for health care and business in Florida."

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Attorney Jack Kirschenbaum certified as a Civil Mediator

Attorney Jack Kirschenbaum, a shareholder in GrayRobinson's Melbourne law firm office, received his certification as a Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator. His practice includes a variety of commercial litigation matters, such as business and contract disputes, eminent domain, family law and personal injury. Kirschenbaum is an "AV-rated" experienced civil trial lawyer and has litigated and mediated cases for more than 30 years. He said he will continue to litigate and mediate cases as part of his practice. Kirschenbaum's clients "will benefit" from GrayRobinson's litigation and mediation practice and its facilities in the Melbourne office where they can utilize these features: eight conference rooms, wireless Internet available for guest log-in, and videoconference capabilities.



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Twin Rivers Insurance is all set to help customers at its new office in downtown Melbourne. The address is 730 E. Strawbridge Ave. The team includes, from left: Matthew Moore, account manager; Matthew Susin, business development; Cindy Wooten, president; Holly Richter, Aflac claims manager; Tara Andrews, account manager; Kelly Conway, account manager; and Brad Sullivan, director, commercial insurance. Edith 'Edie' Maxwell, account manager, is a team member, too.

Twin Rivers Insurance expands, moves to new office on Strawbridge Avenue in downtown Melbourne; on growth track as it marks 15th year in business

By Ken Datzman

Twin Rivers Insurance Agency Inc., celebrating its 15th year in business in 2016, has moved into a new, expanded office at 730 E. Strawbridge Ave., Suite 101, in downtown Melbourne. The full-service independent agency was previously located downtown on East New Haven Avenue.

With the relocation, Twin Rivers Insurance has increased its office space from 2,200 square feet to 3,500 square feet. The move has uplifted its visibility in the area and has also greatly improved its parking capability for staff and clients. "We had been exceeding our capacity at our former office for some time because of our growth," said businesswoman Cindy Wooten, the president and owner of Twin Rivers Insurance.

"We wanted to stay in the downtown Melbourne market. We love downtown Melbourne. We had been looking for a new location and found an opportunity with Certified General Contractors. Everything worked out great. We're super-excited about our new office."

Also headquartered on the first floor of the two-story building is Certified General Contractors Inc., which renovated the facility. CGC purchased the 7,000-square-foot first floor of that facility, which is commonly known as

the Morgan & Barbary building. The law firm occupies the second floor. CGC leased part of the first floor to Twin Rivers Insurance.

"Adrienne Chandler (of AC Design Concepts LLC) designed the space for us and Certified General Contractors did the build out," said Wooten. "We have room to spread out and the office's exposure on East Strawbridge Avenue is terrific."

Another big step forward for the agency is its full conversion to a "paperless" office environment. The process was completed last year, said Wooten. "We are a totally paperless office; everything is now scanned, even on the life and health side of the business, which we considered a monumental accomplishment."

She added, "The commercial side has been paperless since day one, and so has the personal lines part of the business. But we never imagined having a paperless life and health operation. It's a smooth process and it has made us much more efficient in a number of ways, including being able to quickly locate customer data. Everything is right in front of you."

As part of the move to the new office, Wooten said her firm did some "shredding" of paper documents and "dwindled down its file cabinets." Twin Rivers Insurance is an Apple Macintosh-based office. "We love Macs." Her

husband, businessman Jay Wooten, owns Visual Dynamics Inc., an Apple Premier Partner with stores in Indian Harbour Beach and at The Avenue Viera.

Though technology can make businesses more productive, many offices still rely largely on paper documents. A recent report by Software Advice Inc., a computer consultant in Austin, Texas, found that workers in traditional offices spend an average of "six hours per week" physically searching for paper documents. "That's so true. We would search for a certain paper file and it would eat up valuable time," said Cindy Wooten.

The Software Advice survey also found that workers in traditional offices spend an average of eight hours per week creating reports from paper documents.

Among businesses that have transitioned to mostly digital files, the types of communications that most frequently remain in paper form are faxes (35 percent), notes to coworkers (35 percent), and legal documents and contracts (29 percent).

Twin Rivers Insurance has been ramping up its investment in technology in order to be able to provide more customized services to clients. One of the agency's goals this year is to roll out online services for human

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'Men Cooking from the Heart' set for Melbourne Auditorium; program benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters; community-minded Slaughter family to cook up surprises

By Ken Datzman

Brevard County has many talented amateur chefs, mainly schooled in their own home kitchens, as opposed to trained professionals who cook for a living.

Once a year, these weekday and weekend chefs are given a local platform to showcase their skills to the community-at-large in a fun atmosphere that raises money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida, which includes the local market.

More than two decades ago, Big Brothers Big Sisters rolled out a program in Melbourne that is now a centerpiece of the organization's fund-raising efforts — "Men Cooking from the Heart."

Over the years, it has attracted a lot of interest from volunteer chefs whose prepared dishes have earned the praise of attendees who sample their specialties, going from station-to-station.

"I think you would be surprised by the caliber of volunteer chefs who participate in this event," said U.S. Army veteran Stafford Slaughter, who has been involved in the event as a volunteer chef for the last 10 years and is gearing up for the 22nd annual "Men Cooking from the Heart," set for Saturday, April 16, at the Melbourne Auditorium.

"The volunteer chefs take a lot of pride in cooking up their specialties. 'Men Cooking from the Heart' raises money for a great organization and you have the opportunity to meet interesting people from the community and sample a lot of really good food. And, of course, when you have your children involved, like I do, it's even more rewarding."

"Men Cooking from the Heart" will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. at the auditorium on Hibiscus Boulevard. The program includes food and beverages, live entertainment, and the presentation of the "Big Brother Big Sister of the Year Awards," given to two outstanding volunteer mentors.

Single tickets for the event are \$50; multiple tickets are \$45 each. To purchase tickets or to sign up to be a volunteer chef or inquire about being a sponsor, visit bbbscf.org.

Stafford Slaughter retired from the U.S. Army after a 21-year career. He then worked for 11 years locally in civil



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The 22nd 'Men Cooking from the Heart' fund-raiser begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Melbourne Auditorium. Volunteer chefs from the community will be showcasing some of their specialties for attendees to sample. Stafford Slaughter, left, and his sons Akeem, center, and Stafford II, will be taking part in the event. The program includes food, beverages and live entertainment. Tickets, \$45 and \$50, are sold on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida website. They are at Chez Quan's, a restaurant in Melbourne.

service, and just retired from that job. His wife, Nelly Slaughter, also served in the U.S. Army. She now works at Patrick Air Force Base.

Their two sons, Akeem Slaughter and Stafford Slaughter II, will be taking part in Men Cooking from the Heart. "Akeem, my youngest son, has always been my sous chef for this event," said his father.

"I like to have fun with my family and this event is a great way to do that and to also meet new people," said Akeem

Slaughter, who is a volunteer at Health First Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne.

Stafford Slaughter II, the oldest of the two sons, will be competing against his father at Men Cooking from the Heart. "But, for the record, I really don't have any competition," said the elder Slaughter, smiling, as his oldest son looked across the table at him and snickered.

The father added, "My son tends to go outside the boundaries of cooking, but I kind of stay in close proximity of what I'm used to cooking."

Stafford Slaughter said he prepares a different dish each year for Men Cooking from the Heart. "This year I will have a special treat, and it will be unveiled at the event."

Some of his entries have included

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Parrish Medical Center ranks among top '150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare'

TITUSVILLE –Parrish Medical Center has been ranked as one of America's "150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare" by a premier national health-care publication.

The ranking is by "Becker's Hospital Review" for 2016. Becker's Hospital Review is one of five industry-leading trade publications from Becker's Healthcare, a business and legal information source for health-care industry leaders.

"We've worked hard to create an engaging, healing environment in which PMC's care partners can do, and be, their best," said George Mikitarian, PMC president and chief executive officer. "Everyone — most importantly, our patients — benefits from the results."

Becker's analyzes a series of factors to compile its list of great places to work: benefit offerings; wellness initiatives; professional development; diversity and inclusion; work-life balance; a sense of community; and previously earned national, state or local recognition for workplace excellence.

PMC in recent years has earned multiple national workplace excellence awards including: The Jackson Group Laureate Award for Workplace Excellence (2015); "Modern Healthcare Magazine's" Top 100 Places to Work in Healthcare Award (2011); and the Gallup Great Workplace Award (2010).

"Building and sustaining a healing work environment while our nation's healthcare system is facing unprecedented change is a reflection of our care partners living our mission of healing experiences for everyone all the time," Mikitarian said. "This devotion to our mission starts with the leadership of our board of directors and is shared by our leaders, employees, medical staff, and volunteers."

He added that PMC's "talented and dedicated team of care partners is achieving nationally recognized clinical quality, safety, and service on behalf of our patients, families and community. Being a great place to work goes hand-in-hand with being a great hospital, and why it matters which health-care organization people choose."

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Elks Lodge to host Youth Camp Dance benefit

Titusville Elks Lodge 2113 will host its annual Youth Camp Dance fund-raiser, which helps send needy girls and boys to summer camp, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. The event will be at the Titusville Elks Lodge, 2955 Columbia Blvd. Musical entertainment will be provided by "3's Company." The program will include a Chinese auction and a silent auction. There will be door prizes and a 50-50 drawing. The cost to attend the fund-raiser is \$5. Bring your own snack to share. For more information on this event, call Marilyn Gudel at 269-7673 or contact Linda Trawle at LTrawle@yahoo.com.

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'Cycle Jam for the Kids' benefit set April 24; non-competitive bicycle ride is open to all

Space Coast Early Intervention Center will be conducting its annual "Cycle Jam for the Kids," a non-competitive group ride through Brevard County, starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 24. Proceeds from the event will benefit SCEIC, a local nonprofit preschool that specializes in inclusion environments for children with and without disabilities.

Cycle Jam for the Kids is open to adults and children of all ages, with several ride categories to choose from, including a Family Fun Ride (10 miles) all the way up to a Metric Century (62 miles). Full support and gear will be provided by experienced ride organizers throughout the event.

Cycle Jam's Family Fun Ride option encourages families to ride together. This ride will have a police escort for the entire event, and is designed for families with young children. Children too young to ride a 20-inch bike may be pulled in bike trailers or put in child carriers.

The pre-ride menu will include coffee, juice, water, bagels and fruit. Roving support will be available on the 62-mile and 33-mile rides for technical aid.

Visit Events.hakuapp.com/cycle-jam-for-the-kids to register to participate in Cycle Jam for the Kids, or to make a donation to SCEIC.

SCEIC's inclusion programs enable children to "excel academically, develop friendships, become leaders and role models, learn acceptance and appreciate diversity." For more information about this organization, visit sceic.com or contact Sue Bryant at SBryant@SCEIC.com, or phone 729-6858, extension 208.

Women's Center to host 'The Essence of Spring' at Hilton Melbourne Oceanfront

The Women's Center will be hosting "The Essence of Spring," a special Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3003 N. Highway A1A in Melbourne. The luncheon will feature guest speaker Dr. Jenny Gessler, director of the Melbourne-based Women's Center, who will be accompanied by a client during the presentation.

The Fashion Show will feature spring attire and accessories from La Moda Boutique and Mica and Molly's Boutique, with shoes by Swanky Soles. All models will be "well-known women in the charitable community." Other exclusive vendors will have fashion items available to purchase, and there will also be a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle.

La Moda will be holding a "Shop for a Cause" event at their retail location from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3; and Mica and Molly's will also participate at their location on Wednesday, May 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The events will include an evening of wine, snacks and cheese, with a special raffle gift. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Center.

Luncheon tickets are \$55 each and reservations can be made at www.WomensCenter.net or by send an e-mail message to CEMurtha@aol.com. The public is welcome.

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"The idea is not to replace the HR professional, but to work with and supplement their effort. The portals we'll have will be able to handle Affordable Care Act reporting, which is going to be huge. Learning ACA reporting is a challenge right now for a lot of employers, especially small-to-mid-sized companies."

There will be both client-facing portals for employers and employee-facing portals for workers to look up their benefits and get information.

More independent insurance agents and brokers around the U.S. are moving in this direction, providing some of the basics, such as benefits-enrollment administration during the open-enrollment period, assistance with employee-benefits communication, and consulting on government compliance issues.

As many are discovering, meeting the ACA's employer reporting requirements is a complex, multistep process that presents hurdles. The first year of reporting for the ACA presented new challenges for many companies with more than 50 employees, various reports have said.

With the new office and new initiatives, Cindy Wooten said she believes 2016 will be a growth year for her agency. "I think it's going to be an excellent year for the firm. I see nothing but growth on the horizon for 2016. We've positioned the company to be a one-stop shop for the customer, whether it's an individual or a business. We market commercial insurance, health insurance, and personal lines of insurance, such as homeowners and

automobile coverage."

She said Twin Rivers Insurance's commercial department is pacing the agency's growth. "Our commercial department continues to grow. Year after year it has performed very well."

Commercial lines insurance is on track for positive underwriting gains this year. Favorable losses across most insurance lines and lack of multiple property losses are driving this trend, according to the 2016 "Market Outlook" issued by Wells Fargo. The report forecasts market conditions for a wide variety of product segments, including liability, workers' compensation, and cybersecurity.

The forecast says "2015 was another buyer's market for both property and casualty commercial insurance and affiliated lines, with rate decreases from medium-to-high single digits to low double digits.

Barring any "catastrophic events," Wells Fargo analysts expect similar trends will continue in 2016 for a majority of industries and coverage lines. Rate decreases are expected in the mid-to-high single-digit range for most lines as new and existing capital is deployed into the property and casualty market, the report says.

Cindy Wooten said Twin Rivers Insurance is looking to grow its involvement in a number of areas, including with general contractors and manufacturers. "We have an exclusive insurance program for manufacturers covering property and liability. It's specifically designed and customized for the individual manufacturer."

Matthew Susin, a former educator who heads up

business development for Twin Rivers Insurance, is actively involved with programs and organizations in the region that work to promote and raise awareness of the importance of manufacturing jobs in the county and manufacturing internships for students. He is a big proponent of career and technical education in schools.

"Matt is doing a great job in the community. He's involved with a number of organizations, including the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast," said Cindy Wooten.

The EDC's Certified Production Technician program for high school students is an example of his involvement. The purpose of the program is to recognize, through certification, individuals who demonstrate mastery of the core competencies of manufacturing production at the front-line (entry level through front-line supervisor) through successful completion of the certification assessments.

The goal of the CPT program is to raise the level of performance of production workers both to assist the individuals in finding higher-wage jobs and to help employers ensure their work force increases the company's productivity and competitiveness.

"It's a stackable credential, a really important career education program for the community," said Susin. Participating students receive 16 credit hours from Eastern Florida State College and have access to job openings in manufacturing, and also benefit in other ways.

Susin also chairs the Space Coast Tech Council's Manufacturing Committee.



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Borinqueneers Gold Medal Ceremony set; legislation introduced by Rep. Bill Posey

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Speaker Paul Ryan has announced that at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, a ceremony will take place in Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers.

On June 10, 2014, President Obama signed into law bipartisan, bicameral legislation introduced by U.S. Representative Bill Posey (R-Rockledge) and Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR) to formally recognize the service and sacrifices made by these brave American soldiers by presenting them with the highest civilian award that Congress can bestow.

"This is a historic occasion, and I would like to express my gratitude to the soldiers of the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers for their service and the great sacrifices they have made for our nation and the cause of freedom," said Posey.

"The ceremony on April 13 will be extraordinarily significant and emotionally moving because Congress — on behalf of a grateful nation — will formally recognize the surviving soldiers of the 65th Infantry Regiment and honor the memory of those members of the unit who have passed away," said Pierluisi, who represents Puerto Rico in the U.S. House. "The Borinqueneers are a source of tremendous pride for the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico. They personify the qualities of courage, hard work, resilience, brotherhood, and patriotism. I am so glad that, with the help of many people inside and outside of Congress, especially Congressman Posey, we were able to get this bill passed."

The 65th Infantry Regiment was created by Congress in 1898 as an all-Puerto Rican segregated unit and was called upon to serve our nation in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, where they fought some of the fiercest battles to date and became known as the Borinqueneers. During the now-famous Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, the Borinqueneers fought alongside the First Marine Division, covering them through what is recognized as one of the greatest strategic withdrawals in military history.

As a unit, they earned a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations, including personal praise from General MacArthur when they were called to the front lines of the Korean War. Individuals within the regiment were also awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star.

Beth Young attends national meeting in Virginia

Beth Young, president of the Brevard Federated Republican Women and District Executive of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, attended the recent quarterly meeting of the National Federation of Republican Women in Alexandria, Va. Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The Brevard Federated Republican Women meet monthly at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Melbourne. Visit www.BrevardFederatedRepublicanWomen.org.

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banana pudding as well as barbecue ribs. Recently, cooking at home, he prepared a crab boil with lobster and shrimp. Collard greens and cornbread with rosemary chicken is another one of his favorite recipes.

The three men recently gathered at Chez Quan's, a Thai- and Latin-influenced restaurant on Aurora Road in Melbourne, to talk about their cooking, their involvement in this event, and their participation as community volunteers.

"Growing up, my father would cook different styles of food — including Spanish, Italian, and Caribbean," said Stafford Slaughter II. "And my mother is from Haiti, so she brings that aspect to the table as well. There's hardly anything this family hasn't cooked or hasn't sampled."

Stafford Slaughter II said outside of all the volunteering the family does in the community, "we all just love to cook. My father taught us how to cook."

He added, "At one point, it was like I wanted to become the teacher instead of the student. So that is where this competition comes in. I'm always challenging myself trying to outdo my father in different areas of cooking, though there are a lot of things where he's going to outshine me. I like to bend the boundaries and go places where he might not go."

Like his father and his mother, Stafford Slaughter II is a U.S. Army veteran. He was a human resource specialist in the military and is currently a full-time University of Phoenix student studying for his MBA degree, specializing in human resource management.

Stafford Slaughter II is a volunteer football coach for the Viera Hawks Youth Football League. "I am more involved in that than anything else in the community because I love football."

As volunteers, the community-minded Slaughter family has a significant presence in Brevard County helping nonprofits across a wide spectrum, from Guardian Ad Litem to the American Cancer Society, Keep Brevard Beautiful, Orlando City B team soccer, Viera Youth Football League, Holmes Regional Medical Center, women's rights organizations and the list goes on.

Stafford and Nelly Slaughter have instilled in their children the importance of volunteering. The couple has led by example, too, especially Nelly. "My wife does a lot of volunteering, more than all the rest of us."

"My mother is the one who first got us involved in the community. Volunteering, that's what keeps us humble," said Stafford Slaughter II.

A new federal study, released Dec. 8, 2015, shows that one in four Americans volunteered through an organization and three in five helped their neighbors in 2014. The annual "Volunteering and Civic Life in America" research, compiled by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the National Conference on Citizenship, shows that service to others continues to be a priority for millions of Americans. Altogether, Americans volunteered nearly 7.9 billion hours in 2014, worth an estimated \$184 billion, based on the average value of a volunteer hour.

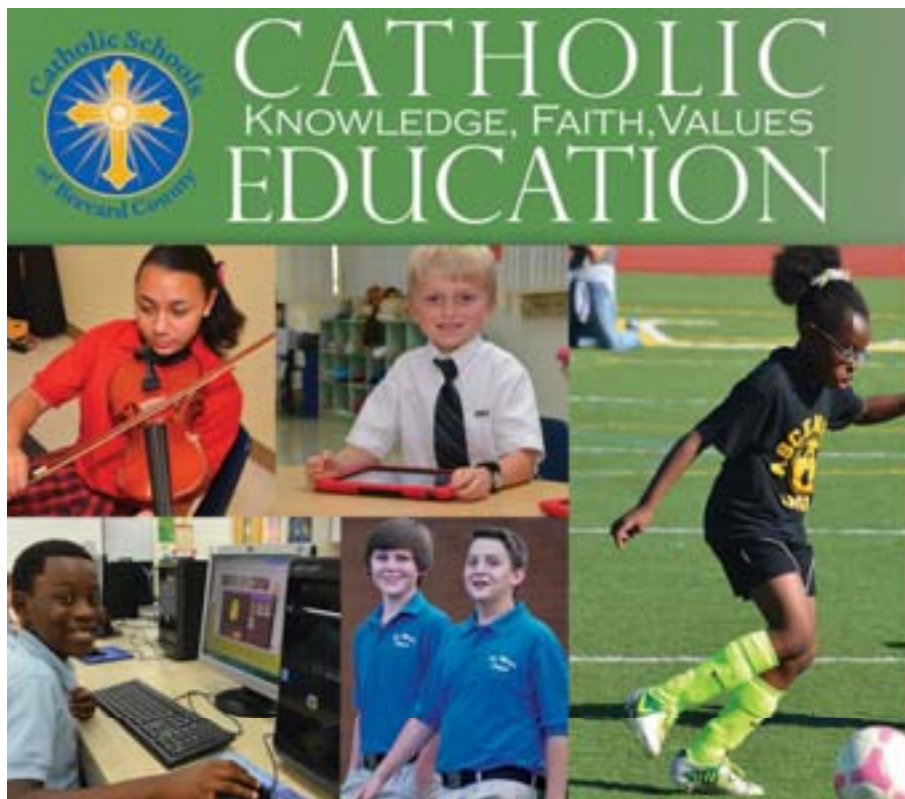
"Generation X," ages 35 to 54, leads volunteers among the different generations. Americans aged 35 to 44 had the highest volunteer rate (29.8 percent) followed by those aged 45 to 54 (28.5 percent). Generation X also reports the highest rates of participation in organizations among all generational groups at 40.5 percent.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida makes "meaningful," monitored "matches" between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, throughout Brevard, Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Lake counties.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the oldest nonprofit entities in America. It has operated under the belief that "inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life."

The typical funding cost for each Big Brothers Big Sisters match is roughly \$1,500 per year. And that is where the money goes from Men Cooking from the Heart. National research has shown that positive relationships between "Littles" and "Bigs" have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives.

"This event, Men Cooking from the Heart, is having an impact in the community because of the money it raises every year," said Stafford Slaughter. "Our family is proud to be a part of this event. Years ago, my wife suggested that I participate in Men Cooking from the Heart. She said it would be a lot of fun, and I have really enjoyed it, year after year."



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Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center

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such conditions as diabetic wounds of the lower extremities. Prior to this decision, the Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center only billed private insurance for services.

"Before this announcement, only hospital-based organizations were covered under Medicare for hyperbaric therapy," said Erin Cowell, the hyperbaric administrator at the Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center. "Just recently, as early as last July, Medicare included coverage of private physicians who have their own chamber, such as Dr. Buza."

"This is great news for patients," Dr. Buza added. "We are the first outpatient, non-hospital based hyperbaric services provider for Medicare in Brevard County. We are excited about that. The main driving force behind this is cost. Hospital-based care is expensive, and it's not just hyperbaric therapy."

Medicare budget-cutters are looking across the entire health-care system for ways to reduce costs and save money.

Private facilities, such as Dr. Buza's, must meet the same standards of practice as hospital-based entities. "The government has strict guidelines and it's not easy to become approved. But I have been looking at these issues for 20 years, and that made it easier. With Erin's (Cowell) expertise in the management of hyperbaric medicine, and experience dealing with the complexities of Medicare and Medicaid and private insurance, especially in the light of the Affordable Care Act, we are able to integrate everything across the practice. That's why Erin's role is so critical."

She has worked for the practice for 15 years. Cowell's resume also includes having managed a multi-physician group in North Brevard County, "which was an excellent experience. But my home has been with Dr. Buza's practice. I love everything about it."

A board-certified neurologist and a graduate of Michigan State University College of Medicine, Dr. Buza is considered a pioneer in this region for his work in hyperbaric medicine. He calls hyperbaric medicine "gas physiology."

"If I were to give a lecture to first-year medical-school students on 'what is hyperbaric medicine,' I would tell them it's gas physiology. Gas physiology is a very important fundamental component of medicine, and it's more pulmonary."

He said there was a time when hyperbaric medicine was not discussed in medical schools. "That is changing now because it has become so prevalent. All these young doctors coming out of medical schools are going to see hyperbaric medicine departments."

Physicians who work in hyperbaric medicine generally are with hospitals, wound-care clinics, or independent facilities such as Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center.

For decades, many people have associated hyperbaric therapy with the treatment of decompression sickness, known as the "bends." This sickness can strike divers who surface too quickly.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a well-established treatment for decompression sickness. Decompression illness can not only affect scuba divers, but also aviators, astronauts, and compressed-air workers, for example.

Dr. Buza built one of the largest, multiplace hyperbaric chambers in the nation. It's 10 feet in diameter, 32-feet long, and weighs 77,000 pounds. The chamber can hold up to six patients.

"When I first started my neurology practice in Florida, I was immediately exposed to patients with scuba-diver bends. Decompression illness is neurological," said Dr. Buza, who is National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration-certified for dive medicine, in conjunction with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society.

He said in decompression illness, bubbles are formed which typically go to the joints. In severe cases, these bubbles can also go to the spinal cord and brain causing severe neurological injury. Dr. Buza said it was natural for him to be more curious about this type of medicine.

"So I went on to do all the necessary training for hyperbaric medicine and dive medicine. I found it so fascinating, I decided to build my own hyperbaric chamber and devote my career to this field. I also decided to be 'high-altitude' trained and have an aerospace component of hyperbaric medicine, which has definitely made us unique."

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He said he built the "facility and the chamber at the same time so I could marry the chamber into the building. The building is uniquely designed. This is not something you can normally roll into a leasing arrangement at your local shopping plaza."

Dr. Buza said he worked closely with a company in Texas, building his chamber in the late 1990s. The company served the oil industry, which uses a lot of sophisticated dive applications, he said.

"They were willing to let me sit in and co-engineer the chamber, which was nice. I designed some of the features for the chamber, with their help of course, to make it very patient-friendly and easy to operate. Some hyperbaric chambers can be complicated to operate and they can be claustrophobic to patients. We can easily accommodate six patients at a time. Claustrophobia is not an issue."

Multiplace chambers like the one at Brevard Regional Hyperbaric Center are more costly to build than single-person chambers. "With this size of chamber, if you have a financially limited patient who needs treatment, you can absorb some of the losses, and that was my vision 15 years ago. I would have four or five patients at one time using the chamber. Back in those days, doctors took everybody. It was inappropriate to say 'no' to a patient. We never turned patients away. Insurance was less of an issue than it is today," said Dr. Buza.

"We pressurize with air in our multiphase chamber instead of oxygen," said Cowell. "It's more cost-effective, especially when serving an underinsured patient. We pressurize the whole chamber with air, as opposed to pressurizing one chamber with oxygen, which is expensive. That's the benefit."

"The pressure drives the oxygen in, so when the patients go into the chamber they are pressurized with air. But once they get to the right pressure, they put on oxygen hoods and that's how they get the extra oxygen," added Dr. Buza.

In a hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber, the air pressure is increased to three times higher than normal air pressure. Under these conditions, your lungs can gather more oxygen than would be possible breathing pure oxygen at normal air pressure. Your blood carries this oxygen throughout your body.

This helps fight bacteria and stimulate the release of substances called growth factors and stem cells, which promote healing.

As more people have come to understand its role within the care system, hyperbaric therapy services have become mainstream in America. "That acceleration occurred mostly in the 1990s and early 2000s," said Dr. Buza, "as hospitals began adopting clinical hyperbaric medicine as a necessary part of the treatment options they offer patients. Today, almost every major hospital system in this country has some type of hyperbaric medicine capability."

More people are turning to hyperbaric oxygen therapy to treat serious conditions such as chronic wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, bone infections, burns, carbon monoxide poisoning, and radiation injury, for example.

Radiation-induced injuries, called "radionecrosis," are a complication of cancer radiation therapy, especially external beam radiation therapy. Necrosis means the death of cells in bones, organs, and soft tissues. Side effects of radiation therapy may not present a health problem for months or even years after treatment. Delayed radiation injuries most often stem from scarring and restricted blood flow near the tumor treatment site. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is used to treat delayed radiation injuries, said Dr. Buza. "The most vulnerable area is the head and neck."

After nearly a decade of work, the American College of Hyperbaric Medicine's Radionecrosis Research Registry has published the "Outcomes of Radiation Injuries Using Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: An Observational Cohort Study." The ACHM says it is the "largest" study ever published in the field of hyperbaric medicine. The reported outcome data strongly supports the "efficacy of hyperbaric oxygen therapy in radiation injured patients."

Studies have shown that hyperbaric oxygen therapy is effective for not only treating diabetic wounds and radionecrosis, but it is also helpful for such emergency conditions as gas gangrene. The later is a bacterial infection that produces gas in the tissue in gangrene patients. "Hyperbaric oxygen therapy has been found helpful for many different wound models. It's an exciting time to be practicing in this field," said Dr. Buza.

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