

## Position Statements on Practice

# Wound Care in a Hyperbaric Oxygen Unit

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Position:

Wound care is not within the scope of practice of respiratory care. The board recommended that therapists contact other state licensing boards to determine if prohibitions exist. The Board finds no permissive language listed in the scope of practice for respiratory therapy under Section 4761.01 of the Revised Code.

Section 4761.01 of the Revised Code defines “respiratory care” as:

*"Respiratory care" means rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organizations, or the public any service involving the evaluation of cardiopulmonary function, the treatment of cardiopulmonary impairment, the assessment of treatment effectiveness, and the care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system. The practice of respiratory care includes:*

- (1) *Obtaining, analyzing, testing, measuring, and monitoring blood and gas samples in the determination of cardiopulmonary parameters and related physiologic data, including flows, pressures, and volumes, and the use of equipment employed for this purpose;*
- (2) *Administering, monitoring, recording the results of, and instructing in the use of medical gases, aerosols, and bronchopulmonary hygiene techniques, including drainage, aspiration, and sampling, and applying, maintaining, and instructing in the use of artificial airways, ventilators, and other life support equipment employed in the treatment of cardiopulmonary impairment and provided in collaboration with other licensed health care professionals responsible for providing care;*
- (3) *Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and respiratory rehabilitation techniques;*
- (4) *Administering medications for the testing or treatment of cardiopulmonary impairment.*