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### Dr. Malcolm R. Hooper

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Dr Malcolm R. Hooper comes from Melbourne - Australia and is the founder and clinical director of OXYMED Australia (formerly HyperMED) where during some twenty five years he has gained international renown for providing 'off-label' applications of Hyperbaric Oxygenation.

In 1983, Dr Hooper's humble beginnings were as a chiropractor with Masters research qualification in neuro-acupuncture.

Dr Hooper established a multidisciplinary clinic known as the Spinal Rehabilitation Group integrating orthodox medical and allied treatment approaches. The successful medico-legal clinic was supported by a team of 13 doctors and specialists of various disciplines.

Dr Hooper and his wife Kate have a family of six children and in 1993 tragedy struck when a younger daughter fell into a smouldering ash fire and suffered third degree burns. It was during this period Dr Hooper became acquainted with the pioneering work of Dr Richard Neubauer and the usage of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in the treating of burns and other disorders.

In 1996, Dr Hooper purchased a 2ATA Hyperbaric Chamber and incorporated HBOT practice into the multidisciplinary rehabilitation model with focus on disc prolapse, chronic pain and failed spinal surgery.

In 1999, one of the quadriplegic patients classified as 'complete' whilst undertaking HBOT gained significant functional changes. Over the next several years this took Dr Hooper on the path of utilising Body Weight Support innovations to promote the evergreen concept of 'neuroplasticity'.

In 2006, Dr Hooper introduced Australia's first "LOKOMAT" - Adult and Paediatric Robotic Gaited Assisted Walking Machine.

The LOKOMAT proved to be revolutionary in the treatment of neurodegenerative disorders and as a "World First" Dr Hooper combined LOKOMAT with Hyperbaric Oxygen in the treatment of chronic brain and spinal cord injury. In Australia, the combination approach of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and LOKOMAT are viewed as "novel and unique".

In 2013, the Chiropractic Board of Australia and Australian Practitioner Regulatory Authority took action against Dr Hooper for his 'novel and unique' (HBO & LOKOMAT) treatments not supported by the greater percentage of medical doctors and or medical organisation in Australia'.

The off-label conditions challenged by the Australian Regulators were the '70 conditions' listed under 'Summary Of International Conditions' - Jain Textbook in Hyperbaric Medicine.

This "test case" was described by AHPRA as the 'longest practitioner case in Australian history'.

The matter personally cost Dr Hooper in excess of \$1M to defend his right to provide Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for 'off-label' conditions. The Australian Civil Court misguided by the applicants experts dismissed the Jain Text and all other 'off-label' evidence and referred to them as "Hooper's Holy Grail Text to support his beliefs".

The Applicant dropped 40 of the challenged 71 conditions listed, then failed to get up a 'prohibition order' to restrict HBOT to 21-listed conditions. The entire matter of LOKOMAT was dropped.

The Civil Court ruled that Dr Hooper is of "good character", "unyielding in his beliefs". The exhaustive challenge brought against Dr Hooper by AHPRA was overruled by the VCAT.

The Final Orders ruled that there were to be no restrictions to the conditions Dr Hooper has been treating for the past 20-years using HBOT. However as a "deterrent to others" he was deregistered as a chiropractor for 2-years.

The fact that Dr Hooper has not practiced as a "traditional chiropractor" for over 25 years had no bearing on OXYMED and the day to day practice.

Dr Hooper has elected not to re-register as a chiropractor.