

To Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
References Committee

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Subject Inquiry into Medicare funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment

Introduction On 1 November 2012 Medicare funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Health ceased.
I had been having treatment up until the 31 October at the Brunswick Private Hospital Hyperbaric Oxygen Health when Medicare funding for the treatment of my ulcer ceased.

Summary I have had this ankle ulcer since early January and was treated by my local G. P. at his clinic until 16 March, without much success.

I was admitted to John Fawcner Hospital 18 March to have my ulcer treated until 28 March.
After being discharged, I had a Hospital in the Home nurse come daily to redress my ulcer.
That was from 29 March until 6 August.
They felt they were not getting anywhere with my ulcer.
8 August the Royal District Nursing Society started treating my ulcer daily until 24 September.

I was extremely lucky and fortunate to get a place in the Brunswick Private Hospital Hyperbaric Health Wound Centre on 2 October I had 22 treatments up to 31 October and after all that time, there was some improvement starting to show on my ulcer.
But that all ceased on October 31

I hate to think about the number of Oxycontin and Endone I have taken since January to try and get some relief from the pain in my ulcer.

There was a poor old chap in my group who had his ulcer for two years and it was just starting to show some sign of improvement until 31 October when he had to finish.

I do hope and pray that you can soon Resume Medicare Funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Health Treatment.

I would like to Thank You the Committee for taking the time To read my Submission.