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1979 Recompression Chamber Specialist?

This was a fun program to develop. I had learned and experienced chambers when I was a teenager. At age 18, I was at the DACOR plant here in Illinois and had a chance to tour the factory. They had a chamber there used for testing product. I spend hours with the tech leaning the procedure. Shortly after this I was introduced to Doctor Zanti at Edgewater Hospital. He gave me a tour and ride in the chamber. It was a blast, and when I asked about the other use of the chamber, the kind doctor took me into a room and had me watch a slide show he had developed. Well, I tell you, if anyone saw this show they would NEVER smoke a cigarette or chew tobacco. The program he was using was to educate nurses and doctor about hyperbaric medicine and how to use it for treating cancer. I saw photos of people with raw, open wounds that a year later were closed up but badly scarred. With the high concentration of Oxygen hitting the skin, today's chambers are used to treat cancer and burn patients. So, for divers you will find chambers in some of the strangest places. Just look for a burn unit. I could never touch a cancer stick after seeing that.

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