

## REGULATION RESPECTING THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ENGAGED IN BY A HYPERBARIC CHAMBER OPERATOR

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### **Medical Act**

(R.S.Q., c. M-9, s. 3)

### **Professional Code**

(R.S.Q., c. C-26, ss. 94, par. *h* and 94.1)

1. The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by physicians, those that, pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a hyperbaric chamber operator who engages in the activities outside a centre operated by an institution within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) or the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (R.S.Q., c. S-5).

O.C. 780-2004, s. 1.

2. To be authorized to engage in the professional activities referred to in section 3, a hyperbaric chamber operator must

(1) hold a hyperbaric chamber operator's certificate issued by the Institut maritime du Québec or have received training as a hyperbaric chamber operator that complies with CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z275.4-97, Competency Standard for Diving Operations and any subsequent amendment; and

(2) receive refresher training at least every 3 years to maintain competency in hyperbaric chamber operation.

O.C. 780-2004, s. 2.

3. A hyperbaric chamber operator may, in accordance with current medical standards in diving medicine,

(1) if there is a possibility of decompression sickness, assess the diver for signs or symptoms of the sickness;

(2) in a case of emergency, initiate treatment for the decompression sickness in a hyperbaric chamber; and

(3) after discussing with a physician who has received training in Level II diving medicine that complies with CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z275.4-97, Competency Standard for Diving Operations and any subsequent amendment, modify the algorithm for the treatment of the decompression sickness in a hyperbaric chamber.

O.C. 780-2004, s. 3.

4. A hyperbaric chamber operator must, after initiating treatment for decompression sickness under paragraph 2 of section 3, immediately contact a physician who has training in Level II diving medicine so that the treatment is continued under the physician's supervision.

O.C. 780-2004, s. 4.

5. *(Omitted)*.

O.C. 780-2004, s. 5.