

The Use of Topical Wound Oxygen (TWO₂) in a Severe Lower Extremity Staph Infection Status Post Incision and Drainage

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This is a case of a 48yr/male with a hx of Afib, GERD, and HTN who presented to the Emergency Room with a CC of an ongoing infection of the Right Lower Extremity following a prior admission for Cellulitis; last admission Methicillin Sensitive S. Aureus (MSSA) infection of the Right leg 7 days S/P.



*PRIOR ADMISSION: MSSA
IV Cefazolin 2 gms D5W 50/50
Oral Keflex: 500 mg qid x 14
**NEW ADMISSION: MSSA and
Strep Pyogenes
IV Cefazolin 2 gms D5W 50/50
Mini-bag in fusion 30 min q 8 hrs
Oral: Keflex: 500 mgs qid x14

CLINICAL PRESENTATION: multiple pustules of the lower Right Lower Extremity, Cellulitis, purulent drainage
X-rays: unremarkable and no gas involvement
CT Scan: superficial soft tissue fluid collections diffuse
WBC 15.1, CRP 9, Sed Rate 24, Neutrophils 81.3, T 103
*Fluctuance dorsal foot, proximal 1/3 leg medially
*Lymphadenopathy: groin, lower extremity edema
Blood Cultures: negative

TREATMENT: An emergent, full thickness Incision and Drainage was performed from the proximal 1/3 of the leg to the distal Right foot. Approximately 80 cc of purulent drainage was evacuated and deep cultures were taken (noted above results). The wound was partially closed, and following post op day 3, Topical Wound Oxygen was initiated for 30 minute sessions BID. Iodo-sorb dressings were utilized.

The Patient was discharged after 3 days (WBC 5.5, CRP 17) and switched to Keflex 900mg QID x 14 day. No weight bearing. No further complications were in count and **full recovery noted at 7 weeks.**

CONCLUSION: The author presents a case of a Fulminant Right Lower Extremity infection following a recent 1 week hospitalization and discharge for Cellulitis and blisters of the Right Lower Extremity. TWO₂ was very beneficial s/p I&D and should be considered for complicated, open post operative wounds.



S/P Day 1: I&D of the Right Lower Extremity

S/P Day 3

TWO₂ Session immediately following D/C

S/P Day 10



S/P Day 21

S/P Day 29

S/P Day 35

S/P Day 49