



EAR BAROTRAUMA



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BAROTRAUMA

BAROTRAUMA TO THE EAR IS THE MOST COMMON COMPLICATION OF HYPERBARIC THERAPY. IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO INFLATE THE MIDDLE EAR BECAUSE THE INNER ENDS OF THE EUSTACHIAN TUBES HAVE SLIT LIKE OPENINGS. THESE OPENINGS TEND TO CLOSE TIGHTER IF NOT OPENED ACTIVELY BY SWALLOWING, YAWNING, OR DOING THE VALSALVA MANEUVER.



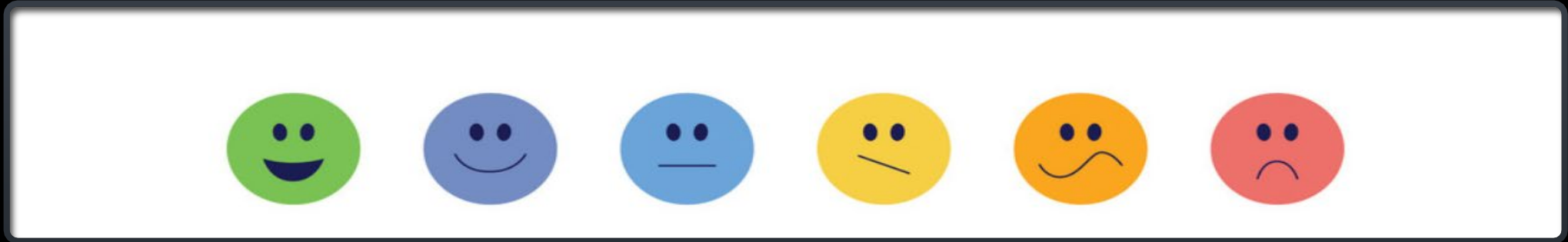


EXPERIENCING BAROTRAUMA

IF THE PATIENT EXPERIENCES MILD TO MODERATE PAIN, STOP THE PRESSURIZATION AND DECREASE TO THE POINT OF NO PAIN. MAKE SURE THE PATIENT DOES NOT TRY TO CLEAR WHILE THE CHAMBER IS DECOMPRESSING. REINFORCE EQUALIZATION TECHNIQUES AND CONTINUE TO PRESSURIZE WHEN PATIENT STATES THEY HAVE NO MORE DISCOMFORT. IF PATIENT EXPERIENCES SEVERE PAIN, AND IT IS NOT RELIEVED BY STOPPING THE PRESSURIZATION OR DECOMPRESSING, REMOVE PATIENT FROM THE CHAMBER AND NOTIFY THE HYPERBARIC PHYSICIAN.

CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE DEGREE OF EAR SQUEEZE IS BASED ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE EAR DRUM. IT WAS DEVISED BY WALLACE TEED, A UNITED STATES NAVY SUBMARINE MEDICAL OFFICER DURING WORLD WAR II.



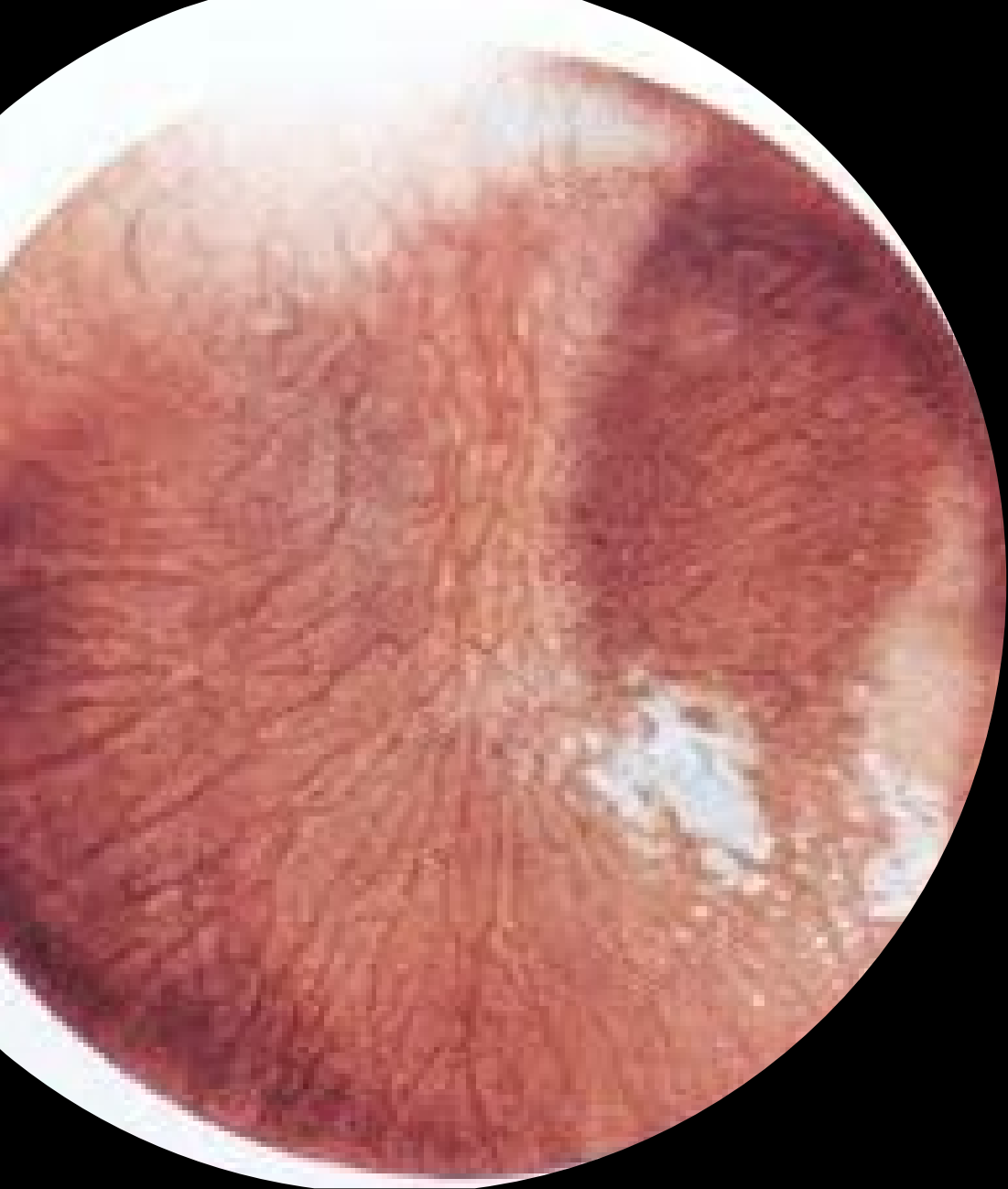
THE TEED SCALE IS THE METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION FOR THE DEGREE OF DAMAGE DONE TO THE TYMPANIC MEMBRANES AND MIDDLE EAR FROM BAROTRAUMA.

TEED SCALE GRADE

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SYMPTOMS WITH NO PHYSICAL
FINDINGS.





TEED SCALE GRADE

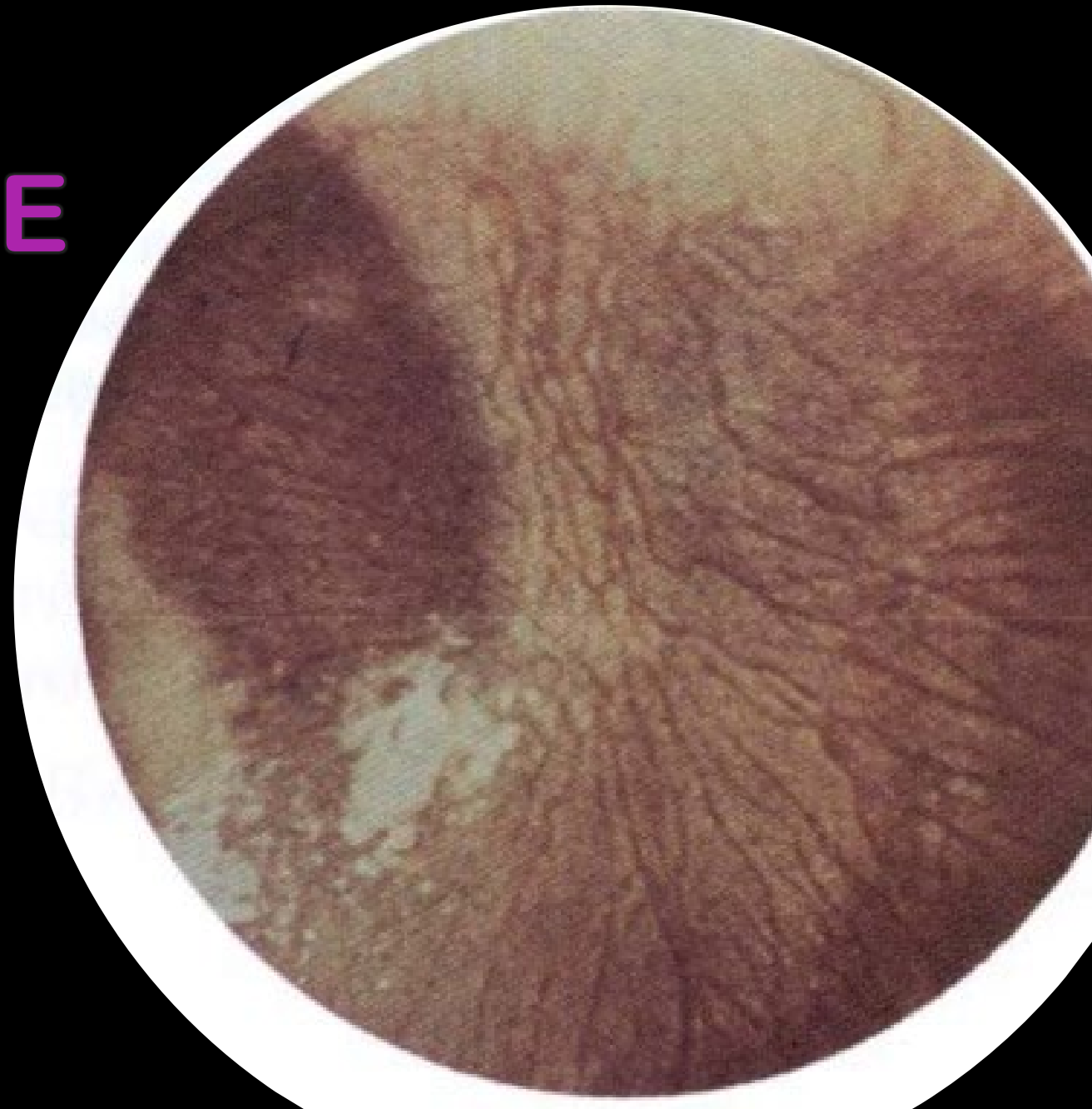
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AROUND THE HANDLE OF THE
MALLEUS.

TEED SCALE GRADE

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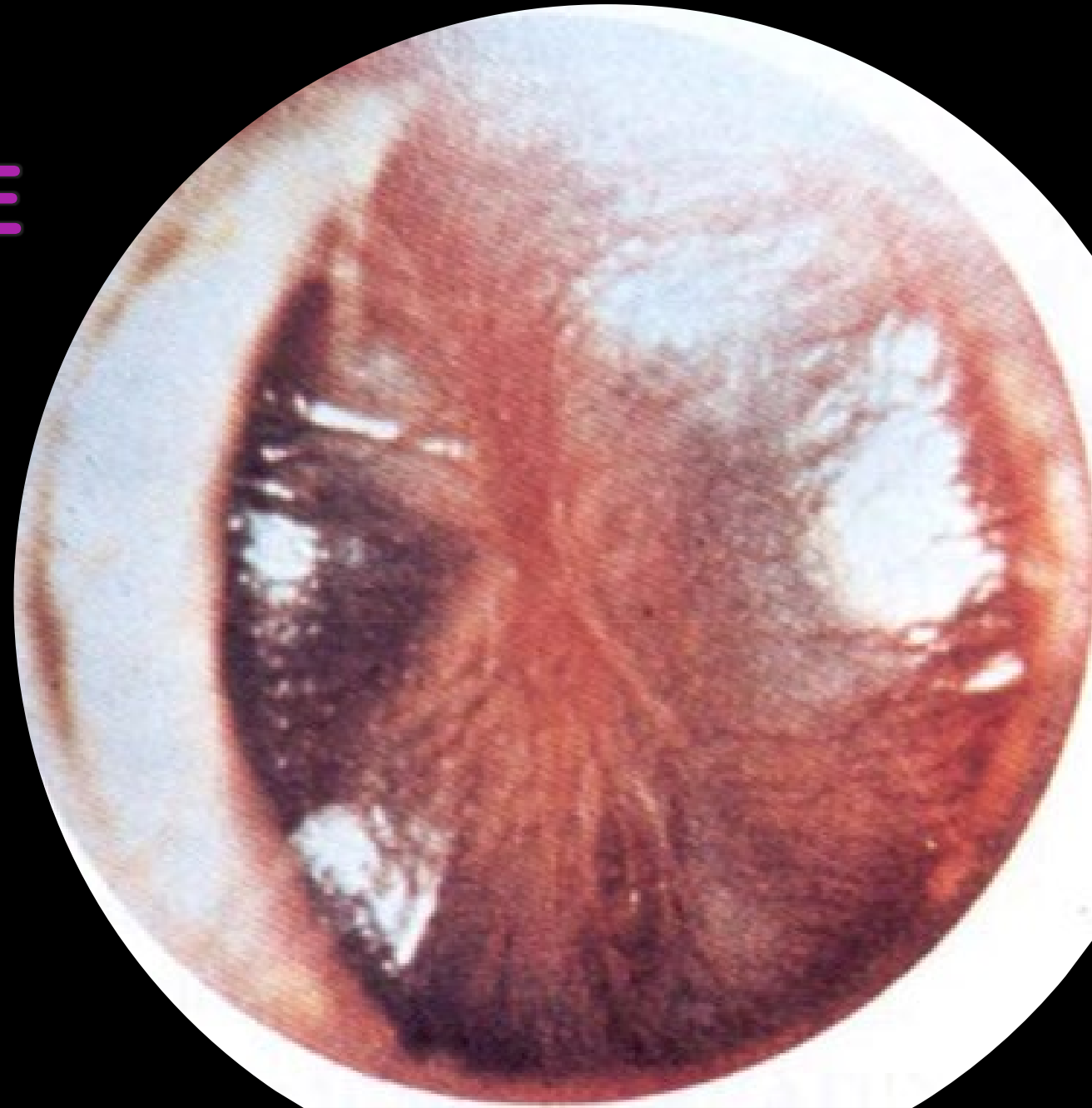
ERYTHEMA OR INJECTION
OF THE ENTIRE TYMPANIC
MEMBRANE.



TEED SCALE GRADE

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Hemorrhage into the tympanic membrane appearing as bright red patches.





TEED SCALE GRADE 4

**DEEP BLUE/BLACK APPEARANCE
OF THE TYMPANIC MEMBRANE,
DUE TO BLOOD FILLING THE
MIDDLE EAR WITH THE
POSSIBILITY OF RUPTURE
PRESENT.**

TEED SCALE GRADE 5

Perforated ear drum.





**TEST
TIME!**

What is the most common complication of Hyperbaric Therapy?



A grayscale profile of a human head, facing right, with the word "BAROTRAUMA." overlaid in red, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the face.

BAROTRAUMA.

The TEED Scale was developed to assess patients for potential oxygen seizures?



True
False



FALSE

Degree of ear squeeze.



PATIENTS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED **NOT** TO TRY
TO EQUALIZE DURING _____?



DECOMPRESSION.



EQUALIZING TECHNIQUES INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

EXCEPT: VALSALVA, YAWNING, BLINKING, OR SWALLOWING ?

Blinking.



Hemorrhage in the tympanic membrane
is classified as a TEED 1?

True

False



FALSE

TEED 3

THANK
YOU

