

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF HYPERBARIC MEDICAL CENTRES

The **Coordinating Committee of Hyperbaric Medical Centres** (CCCMH) was founded in Barcelona on 4th June 1988, as a civilian non profit association to establish a coordinating link among medical centres that use monoplace or multiplace Hyperbaric Chambers for medical aid, teaching or research purposes. It is registered within the spanish *Servicio de Asociaciones del Ministerio del Interior* with the National Number 89,786. One member of the CCCMH is the Spanish medical delegate in the **European Diving Technology Committee** (EDTC). The CCCMH represents the **European Committee for Hyperbaric Medicine** (ECHM) in Spain. The CCCMH maintains regular contact with the **Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society**(UHMS), the **European Underwater and Baromedical Society** (EUBS), and **Divers Alert Network Europe** (DAN-Europe).

As stated in its rules, the goals of the CCCMH are the following:

- Review of therapeutic indications for Hyperbaric Oxygenation.
- Standard guidelines for hyperbaric procedures and treatment.
- Organisation of medical protocols and clinical research.
- Reports and review of therapeutical results.
- Surveillance of hyperbaric facilities.
- Systems of quality assurance and safety control.
- Teaching and educational programmes on diving and hyperbaric medicine.
- Any kind of matter which may affect the medical, technical, or administrative functions of Hyperbaric Medical Centres.

In addition to the aforementioned objectives, the CCCMH has the following aims:

- Establish health requirements and technological requisites, to be mandatory accomplished by its members.
- Give advice, assess, or information, on hyperbaric medicine and technology to any public or private body that may require it.
- Collaborate with the Spanish authorities and institutions on any matter related to hyperbaric medicine and technology.

Membership of the CCCMH is restricted to heads, chairmen, directors, or people in charge of Centres of Hyperbaric Medicine which are currently operative. This applies to the whole of the Spanish State, and is limited to no more than one representative for each Centre.

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