

# THE SLEEP APNEA EPIDEMIC

**DIAGNOSE AND TREAT WITH  
SLEEP TECH IN YOUR OFFICE**

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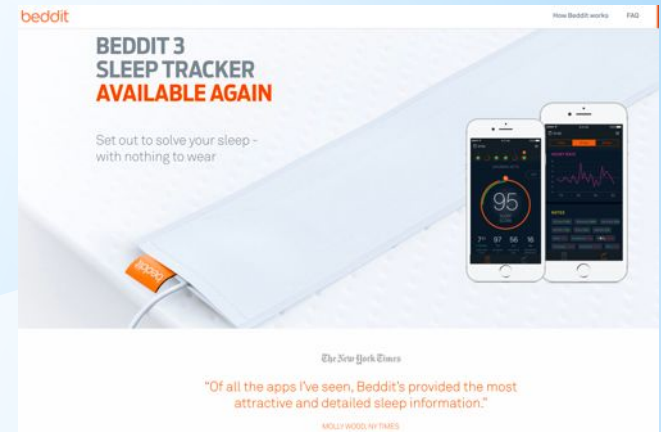
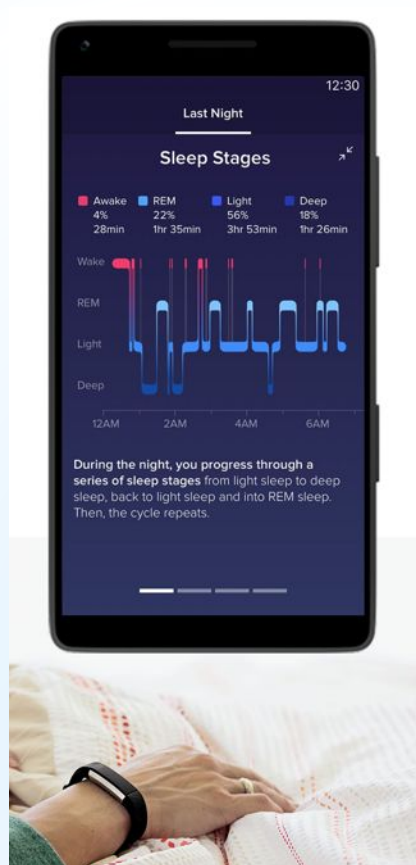
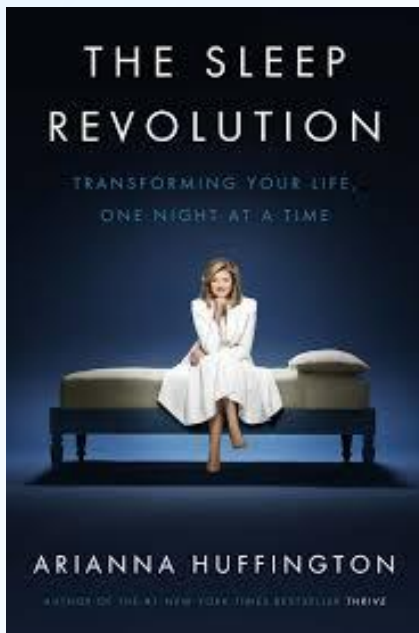


Map showing economic costs of insufficient sleep across five OECD countries

Jess Plumridge/RAND Europe



# \*The Global Sleep Problem



# Sleep NOW

1925. Nathaniel Kleitman. Grandfather of sleep  
(PhD, U Chicago. Studies on the physiology of sleep, 1925)

1953. Aserinsky describes REM sleep

1953. William Dement names sleep stages and AHI  
defines sleep studies

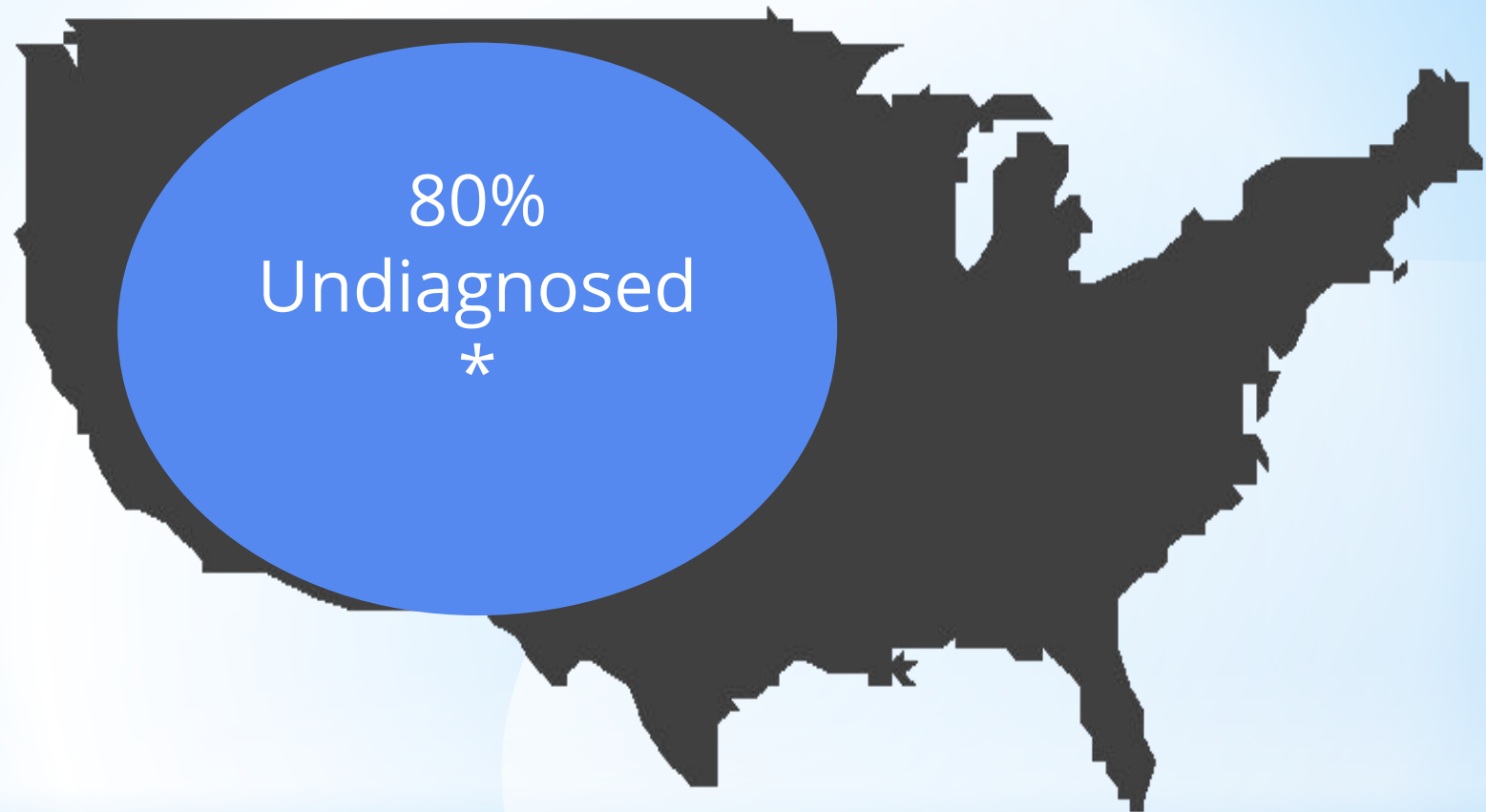
1978. Creation of AASM and certification

1999. Discovery of Hypocretin receptor 2 gene

2008. HST. 2008 CMS accepts HSTs

2008. Sleep Tech takes off with Apps 2008

2018 Connected Sleep  
Wearables, sensors, ... Apps



**\*Sleep Apnea  
Undiagnosed**

American Sleep Apnea Association

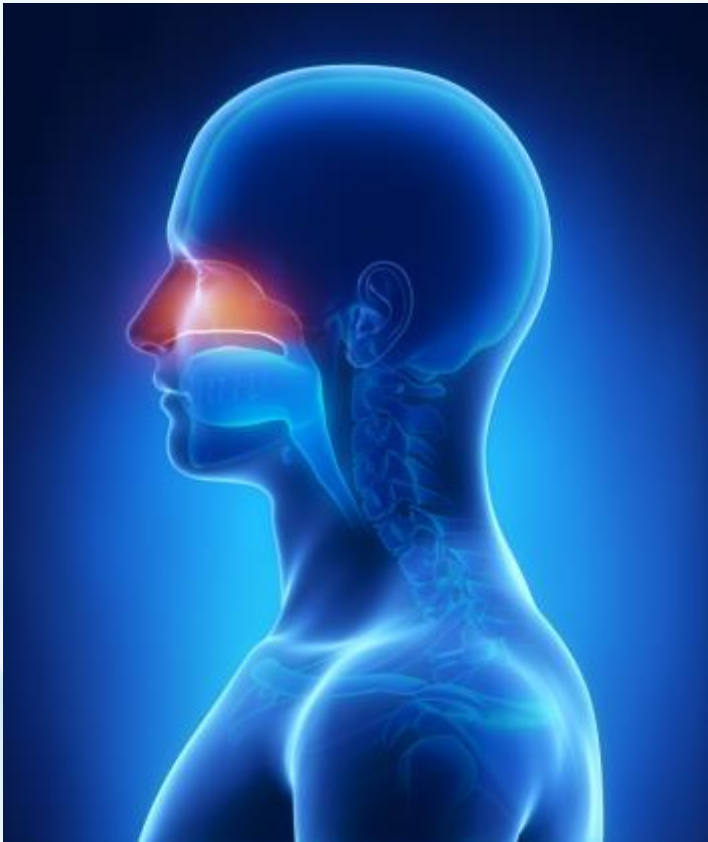
- **80% undiagnosed in US\***
- Sleep labs and CPAP poorly tolerated
- Fragmented Care
- Resulting in poor compliance

# The SLEEP Apnea Problem

\*American Sleep Apnea Association



# \*WHAT IS sleep apnea? (OSA, OSAS)



Interruptions in breathing during sleep caused by a narrowing of the nose and throat and associated with:

- Poor quality sleep
- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Serious medical conditions
- Transportation/MVA accidents
- Absenteeism (and presenteeism)

**\$160B economic burden in the US**

(Sleep Medicine, Harvard Medical School/McKinsey and Co, December 2010)

- Interrupted sleep
- Fragmented sleep architecture
- Decrease REM sleep and Deep Sleep
- Fewer hours of sleep
- Less or absent dreaming

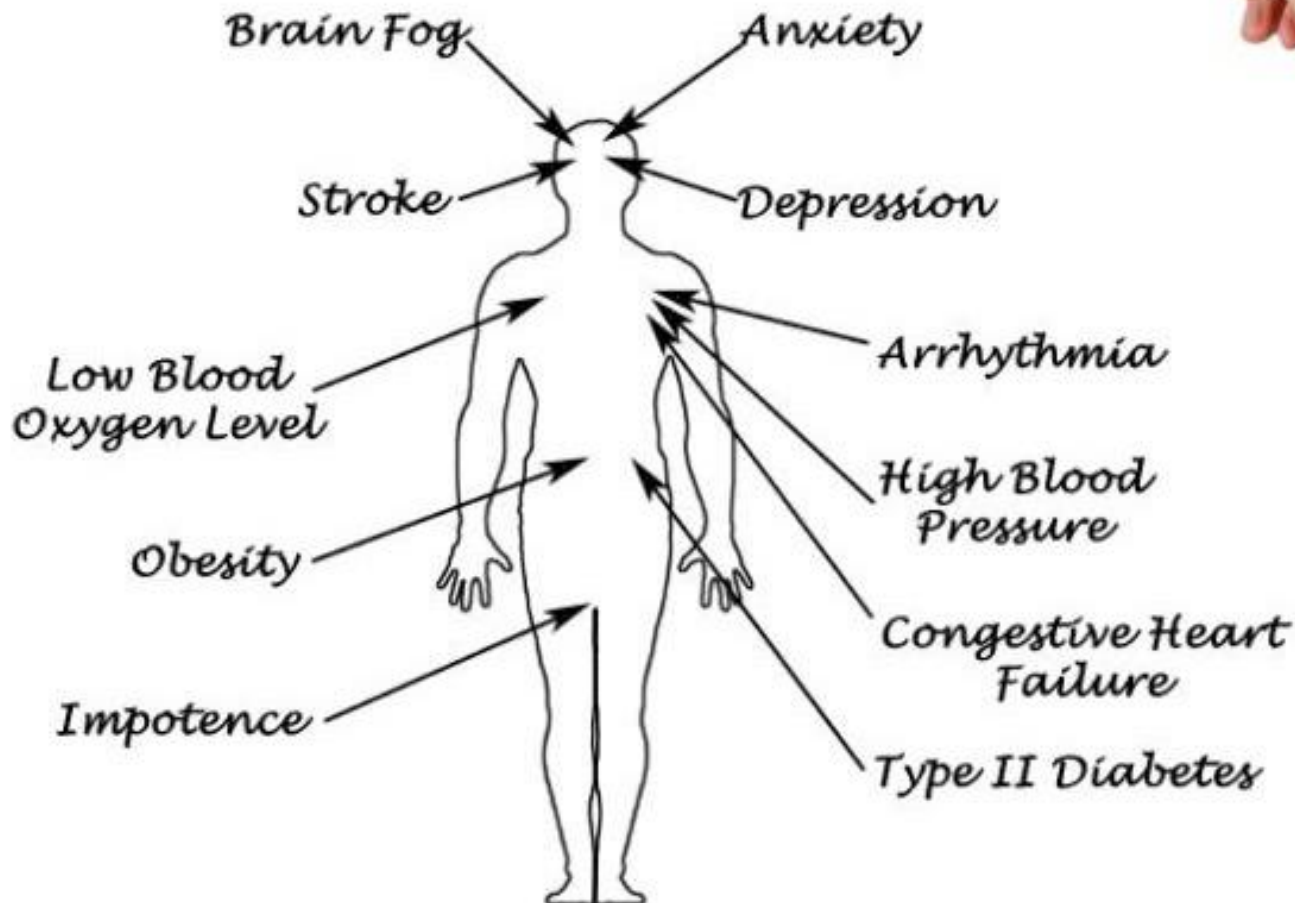
## **\*Effect of OSAS on Sleep**

- Excessive Daytime Sleepiness
- Unrested in the morning
- Lack of memory consolidation
- Decreased motor performance (crashes)
- Poor mental function (decision making, concentration)
- Irritability (ADHD in children ... and adults?)
- Poor sexual performance

**\*Direct impact of OSAS on  
performance**

# \*Effects of sleep apnea

*Side Effects From Sleep Apnea*





- ADHD
- Sleep maintenance insomnia
- Bruxism
- Morning headaches
- Poor memory
- Unable to lose weight
- Low sex drive, ED, impotence

**\*Other related signs of OSAS**

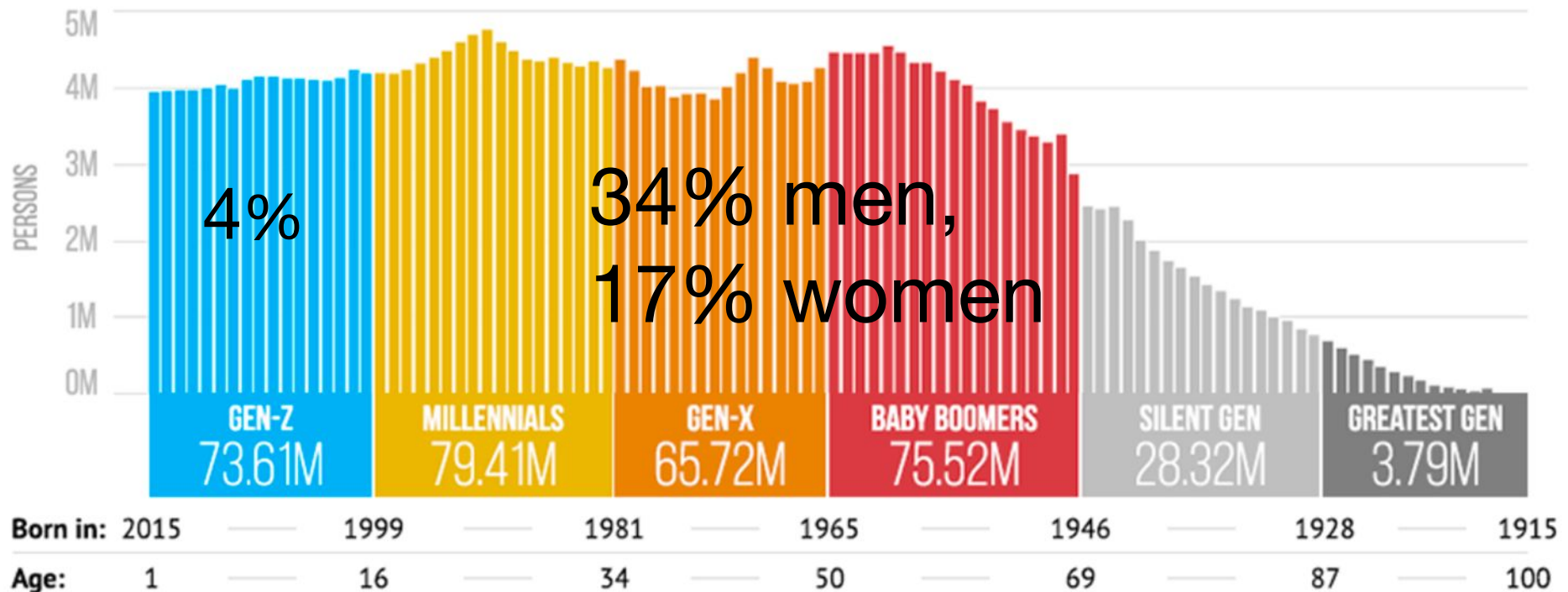
# **“Increased Prevalence of Sleep Disordered Breathing in Adults”**

American Journal of Epidemiology 2013. Peppard, Barnett, Young, et al.

<b>MEN</b>	<b>30-70 yrs old.</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>30-70 yrs old.</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>MEN</b>	<b>50-70 yrs old.</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>50-70 yrs old</b>	<b>28%</b>

# Total US Population by Age and Generation

as of December 2015



The Math:

M: 34-70:	23.8M
F: 34-70:	11.9M
P:	3.0M
<b>Total:</b>	<b>&gt;37M</b>

**\*Most recent sleep apnea numbers**

American Journal of Epidemiology 2013. Peppard, Barnett, Young, et al.

# Believe the **Swiss**

23% of women with Moderate to Severe OSAS (AHI>15)

49.7% of men

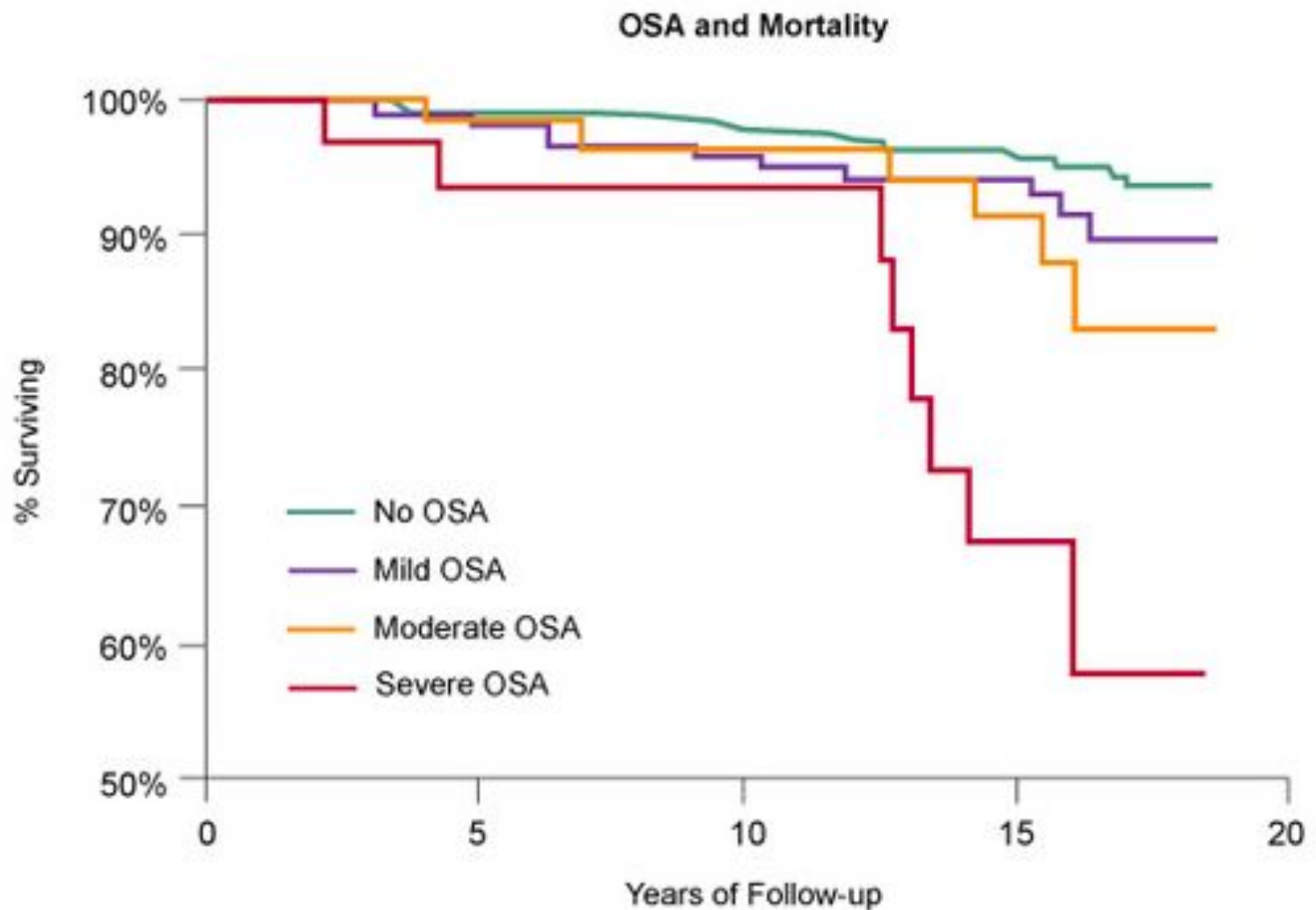
(Average age 57, 40-85 range  
Average BMI: 25)

**\*Prevalence of sleep-disordered breathing in the general population: the HypnoLaus study.**



# \*Health impact of untreated sleep apnea

[Sleep](#). 2008 Aug 1; 31(8): 1071-1078. [Terry Young](#), PhD,<sup>1</sup> [Laurel Finn](#), MS,<sup>1</sup> [Paul E. Peppard](#), PhD,<sup>1</sup> et al.

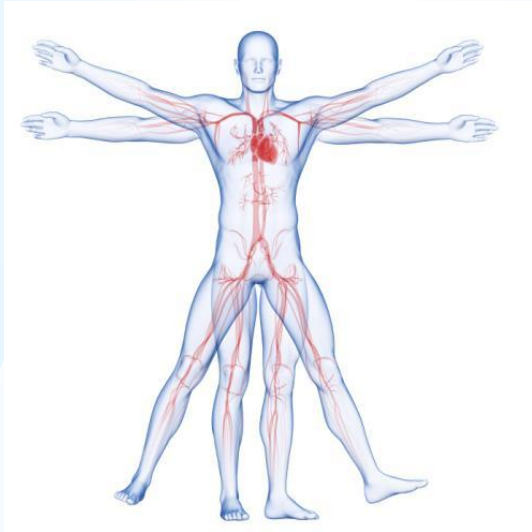


# \*Sleep apnea and Hypertension



- High blood pressure is a common chronic medical condition.
- It affects over 40% of people between the ages of 50 and 60 years of age in the United States.
- Sleep Apnea is a risk factor for the development of hypertension.
- Approximately 50% of those with sleep apnea have hypertension. In fact, elevated blood pressure might be the only clue that a person has sleep apnea.
- **Fortunately, treatment of sleep apnea may result in better control or even resolution of hypertension.**

## \*Stroke and diabetes



**Stroke:** Sleep apnea might be a risk factor for having a stroke

People who have had a stroke are at greater risk of having sleep apnea, and a second stroke if their sleep apnea is not treated

Redline S, Yenokyan G, Gottlieb DJ, et al. Obstructive sleep apnea-hypopnea and incident stroke: the sleep heart health study. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2010;182:269-77.

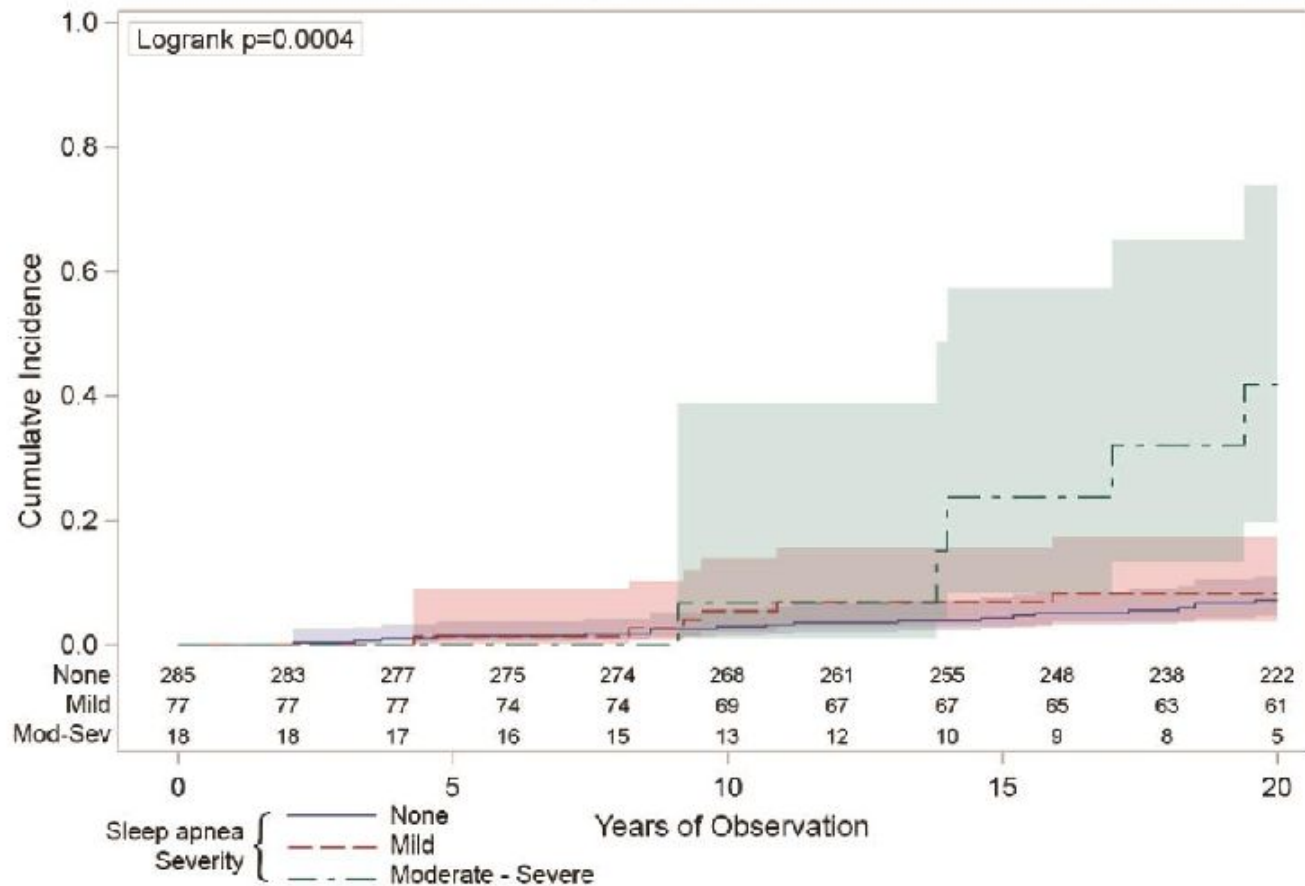
### Diabetes:

- Severe OSAS is associated with elevated levels of HbA1c
- Association between gestational diabetes and sleep apnea

Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Diabetes A State of the Art Review.  
*CHEST* 2017; 152(5):1070-1086

### The univariate association between sleep apnea and incident stroke.

The vertical axis indicates the cumulative number hospitalizations or deaths from stroke was higher across the 20 years (horizontal axis) in those people with moderate-severe sleep apnea (respiratory disturbance index [RDI]  $\geq 15$ /h; the green line) compared to those with mild sleep apnea (RDI 5-14; the red line) or those with no sleep apnea (RDI  $< 5$ ; the blue line). The numbers just above the horizontal axis indicate the numbers of people being observed at each 2-year time point in each of the sleep apnea groups. The shaded areas around the lines represent the 95% confidence intervals.



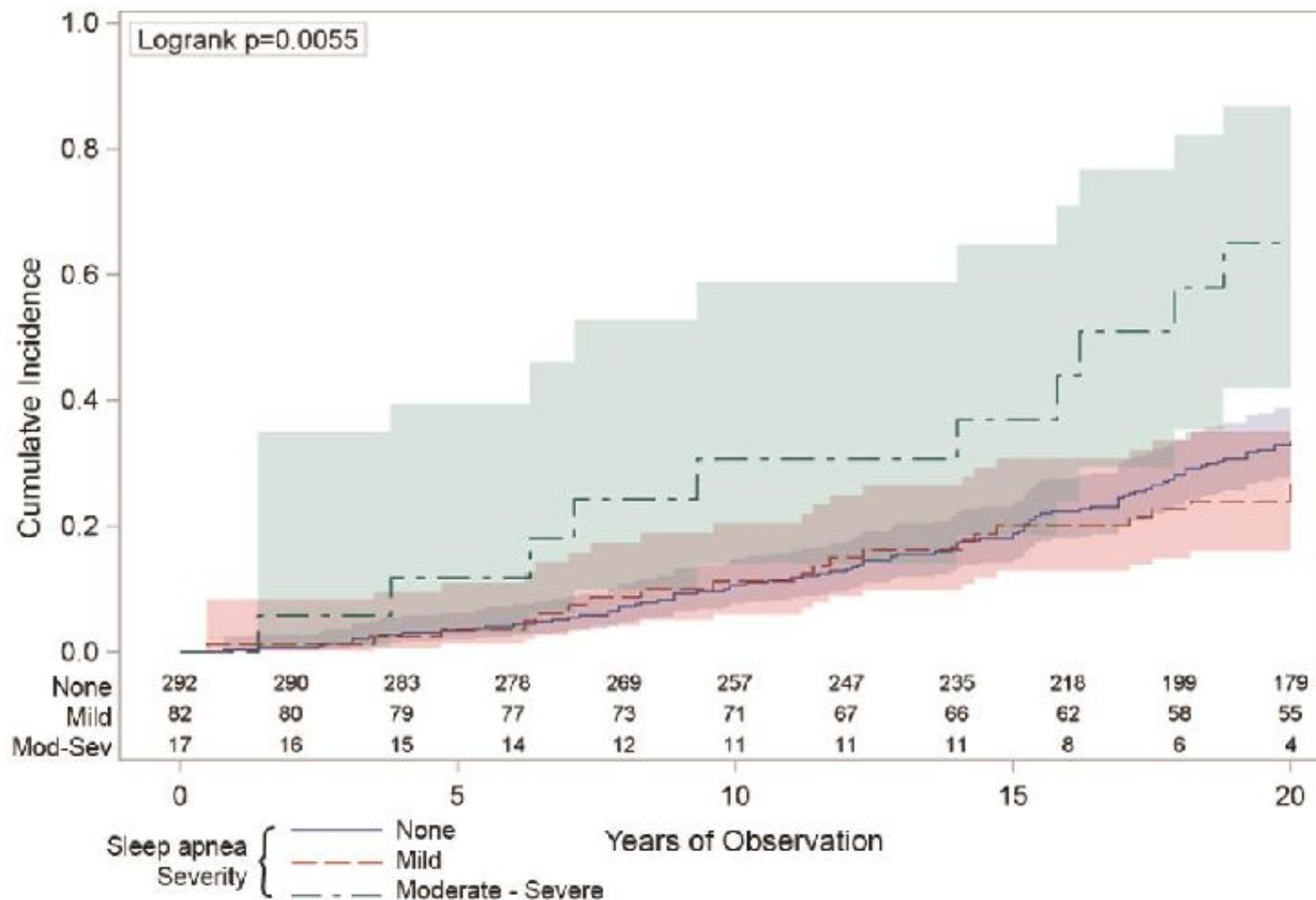


- Ears: Hearing loss
- Eyes: Sudden blindness, glaucoma
- Endocrine: Diabetes, PCOS, obesity
- Pain: Fibromyalgia, narcotics increase OSA
- OB: Third trimester OSAS and fetal risk
- GYN: Post menopausal risk
- Kidneys: Nocturia
- Urology: ED, low testosterone, testosterone replacement
- Dermatology: Psoriasis, premature aging
- Cancer: Increased incidence and decreased response to treatments

**\*Other risks and findings**

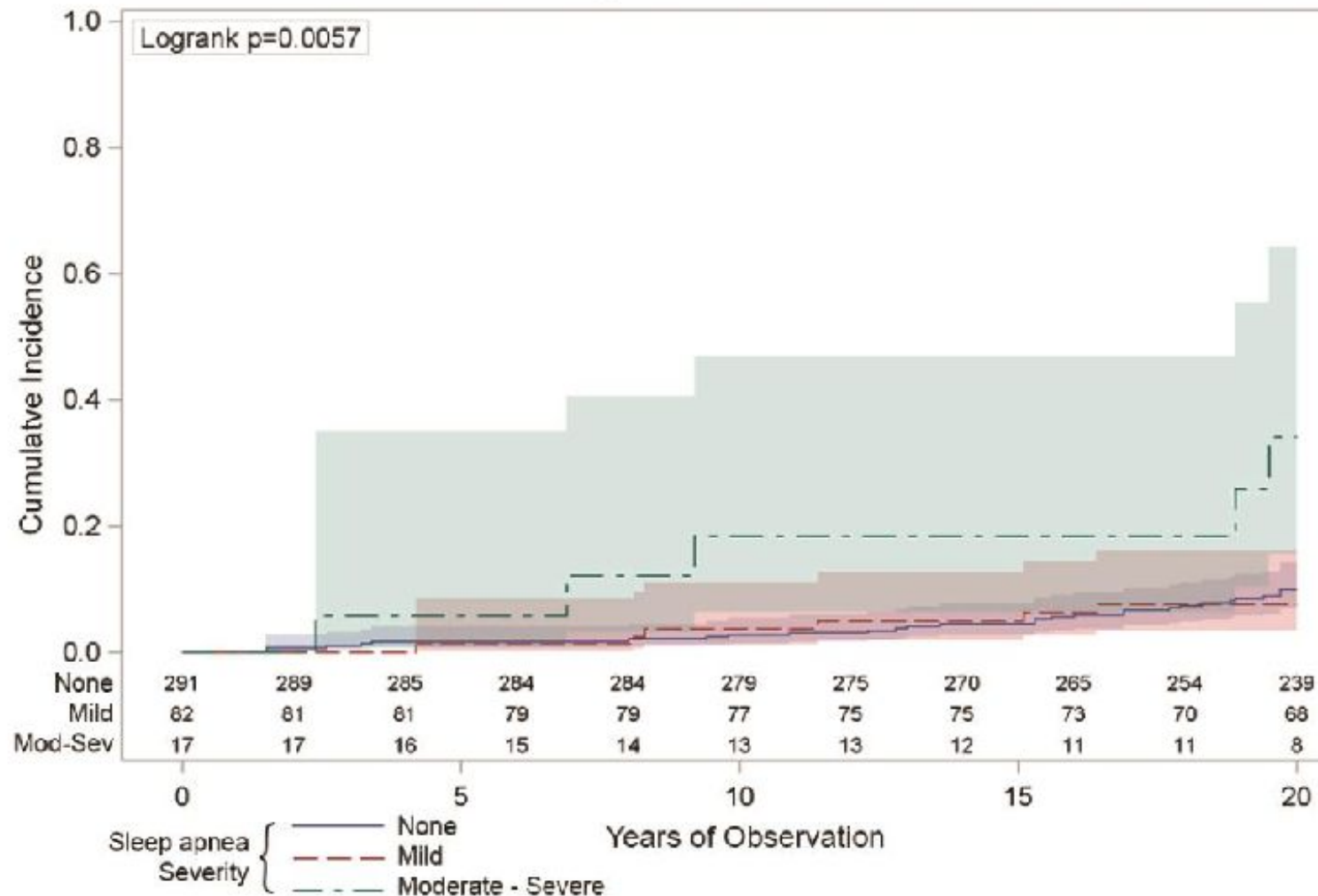
### The univariate association between sleep apnea and the incidence of cancer.

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### The univariate association between sleep apnea and cancer mortality.

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# \*What Can I Do?

- **SCREEN**
- **TEST**
- **TREAT**





# \*screening

The Stop Bang Questionnaire

**S**noring? Do you snore loudly (heard through closed doors)?

**T**ired? Fatigued or sleepy during the day, fall asleep driving?

**O**bserved? Gasping or stop breathing during sleep?

**P**ressure? High blood pressure?

**B**ody Mass Index (more than 35 – severely obese)

**A**ge? Over 50?

**N**eck size? 17" or above in men, 16" or above in women

**G**ender? Male?

**Yes to 3 or more is an increased risk for sleep apnea**

Chung, F., Yegneswaran, B., Liao, P. et al. **STOP questionnaire: a tool to screen patients for obstructive sleep apnea.** *Anesthesiology*. 2008; 108: 812–821 25

# \*Lab testing (polysomnography)



The “Old  
Standard”



## \*Home sleep testing technology



- **In 2008**, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) agrees to pay for sleep apnea treatment based on a home sleep test, and reimburses for HST.
- Home sleep testing is replacing the much more costly and disruptive lab test for diagnosing sleep apnea.
- Hundreds of peer reviewed studies including our own; analyzing data from thousands of tests using dozens of portable devices confirms the effectiveness of HSTs

# \*Home sleep apnea test





## \*Diagnosis with Home sleep apnea testing technology



Portable home sleep testing costs:

**90% less than sleep labs**

Studies show that testing with Home Sleep Tests and non-specialized personnel yields same results as more expensive and more time consuming tests



- Lease a kit for about \$50/month
- Practice on yourself and your staff
- Instruct patients and test 1-2 nights
- CPT: 95806
- Average Medicare reimbursement: \$190
- Obtain an interpretation from a Board Certified Sleep Specialist

**\*How Do I Do HST?**

# Recording : [Raw data signals](#)

Device	ApneaLink Air			Type:	III
Recording	Date: <b>09/08/2017</b>	Start: <b>11:19pm</b>	End: <b>7:17am</b>	Duration - hr:	<b>7:58</b>
Flow evaluation		Start: <b>11:29pm</b>	End: <b>7:15am</b>	Duration - hr:	<b>7:15</b>
Oxygen saturation evaluation		Start: <b>11:29pm</b>	End: <b>7:17am</b>	Duration - hr:	<b>7:39</b>

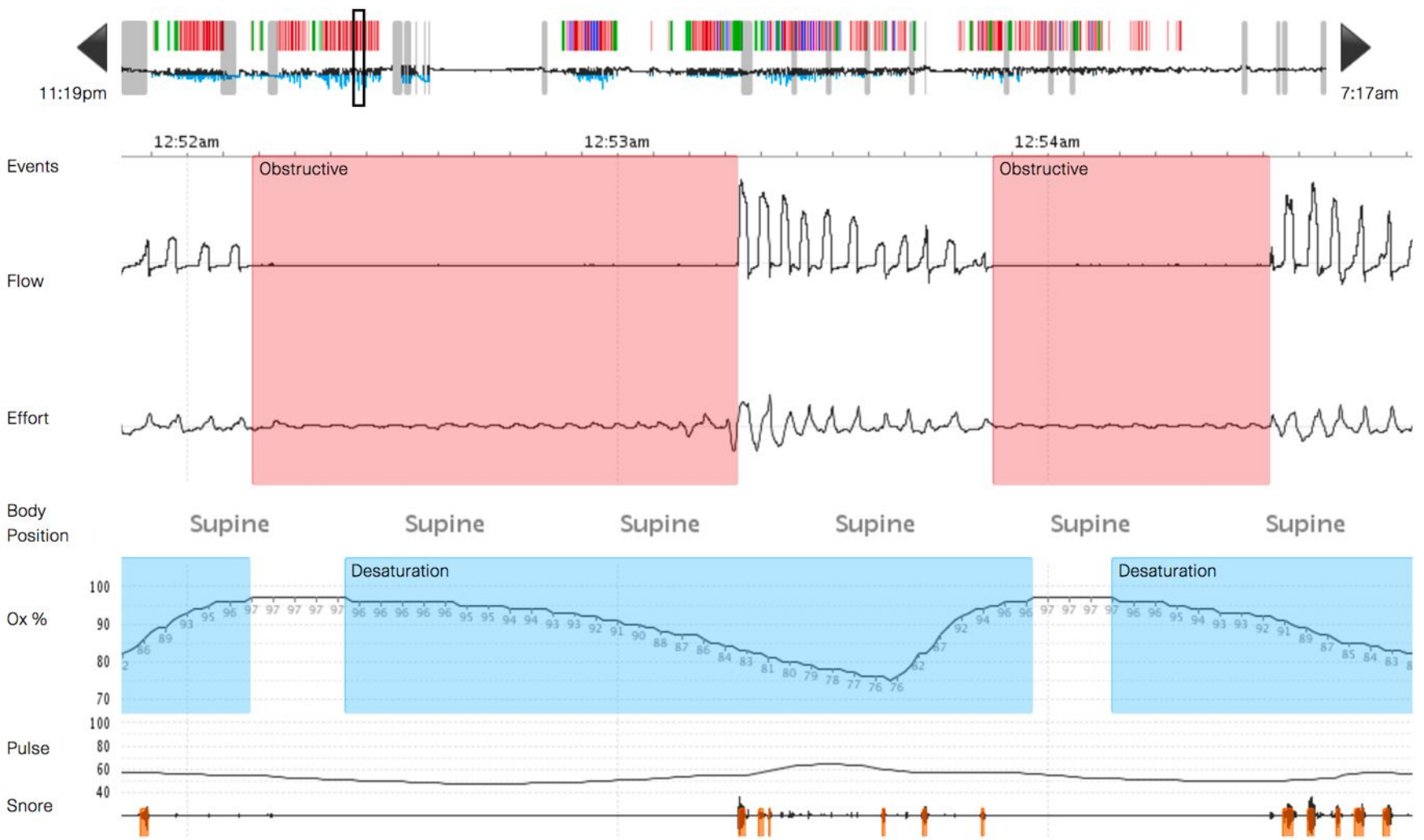
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Events Index			AHI:	27.9	AI:	24.1	HI:	3.9
Supine	Time - hr	6:21 (87.5%)	AHI:	31.9	AI:	27.5	HI:	4.4
Non-supine	Time - hr	0:54 (12.5%)	AHI:	0.0	AI:	0.0	HI:	0.0
Upright	Time - hr	0:00 (0.0%)	AHI:	0.0	AI:	0.0	HI:	0.0
Events totals					Apneas:	175	Hypopneas:	28
Apnea index	Obstructive:	20.6	Central:	3.0	Mixed:	0.4	Unclassified:	0.0
Cheyne-Stokes respiration					Time - hr:	0:00	Percentage:	0
Oxygen desaturation					ODI:	27.4	Total:	210
Oxygen saturation %			Baseline:	95	Avg:	94	Lowest:	75
Oxygen saturation - eval time %			≤90%sat:	14	≤85%sat:	3	≤80%sat:	0
					≤88%sat:	7	≤88%Time - hr:	0:31
Breaths			Total:	4423	Avg/min:	10.1	Snore:	881
Pulse - bpm			Min:	45	Avg:	54	Max:	75

Data signals    **Save**    Cancel

Cheyne-Stokes    Central apneas    Obstructive apneas    Mixed apneas    Unclassified apneas  
Snores    Hypopneas    Desaturation    Excluded data



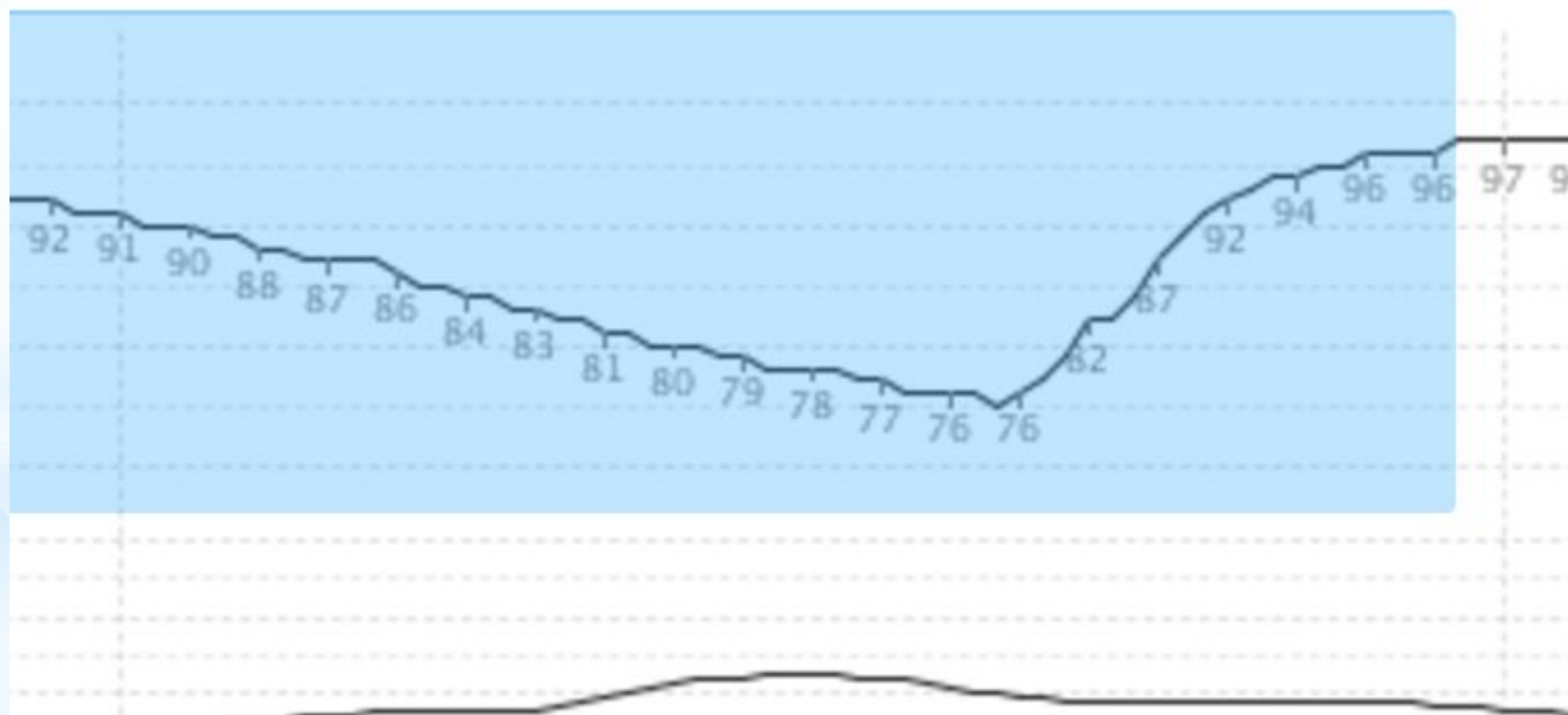
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Supine

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# \*treatment

**MILD MODERATE OR SEVERE?**

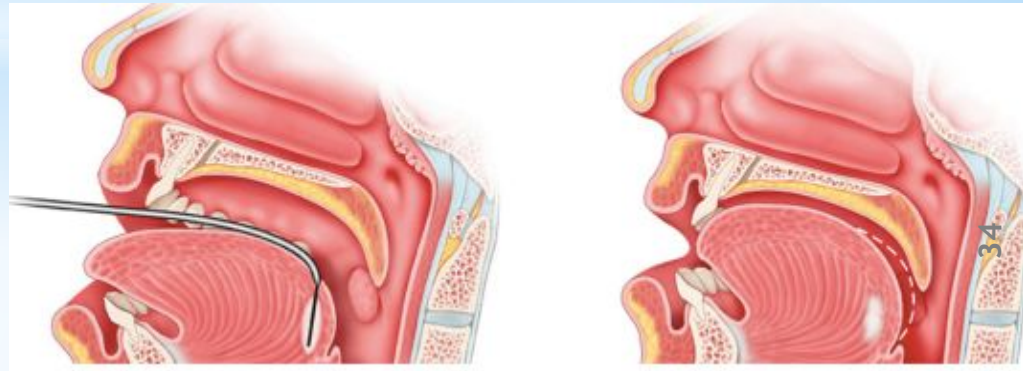
**CPAP is not the right treatment  
for many patients**

**Oral appliances are as effective as CPAP  
in many cases**

**In office procedures are very effective  
in properly selected patients**

**The benefits of more invasive and  
much more costly robotic surgeries  
and tongue pacemakers remain  
to be proven**

**WEIGHT LOSS !!!**





Nose: nasal patency is very important

Weight management – can be curative

Sleeping position

Reflux management

Refer to sleep specialist if no improvement

## **\*Treating Mild OSAS**

- Edema of upper airway causes snoring
- Can worsen sleep apnea
- Sleep Apnea causes reflux from smooth muscle relaxation during hypoxia
- Treating sleep apnea improves reflux
- Treating reflux improves snoring

## **\*Acid Reflux & Sleep Apnea**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

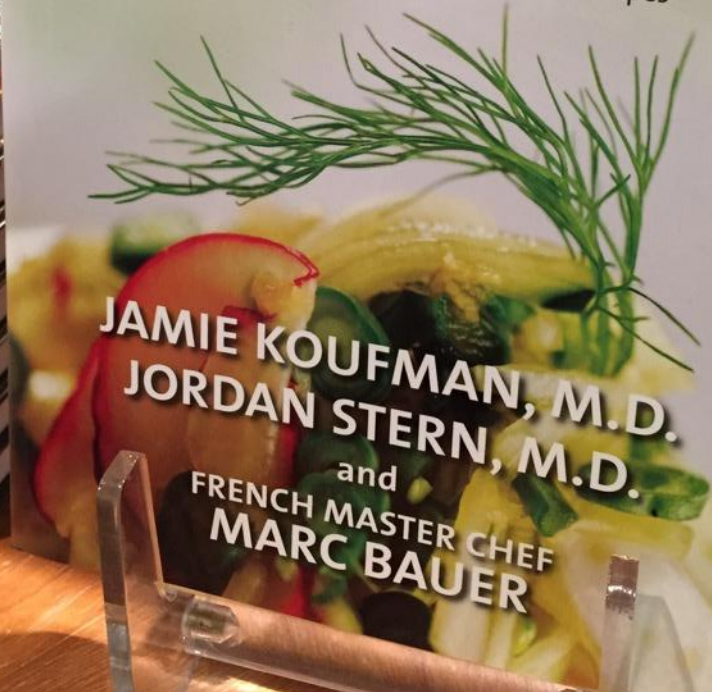
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# DROPPING ACID

## THE REFLUX DIET

### COOKBOOK & CURE

A Groundbreaking Approach to Healthy Eating  
Featuring 75 Delicious Original Low-Fat Recipes



JAMIE KOUFMAN, M.D.  
JORDAN STERN, M.D.  
and  
FRENCH MASTER CHEF  
MARC BAUER

## **Sleep Specific:**

HST/Distance scoring

CPAP/Daily downloads/integrated wireless

OAT compliance & sleep tracking

Sleep tracking with wearables and sensors

Online CBT (Sleepio, Shut i)

# **Existing Digital Sleep Solutions**





## DENTITRAC® MICRO-RECORDER

The DentiTrac® is a micro-recorder used to evaluate oral appliance compliance / wearing time. This appliance has been worn for 27 days out of a total of 29 days.

*Note: Compliance may be calculated using various mathematical equations. The Overall compliance indicated above is an average of all days / nights. The "When Worn" compliance equation omits dates showing zero wearing time.*



93% Compliant  
(Everyday)

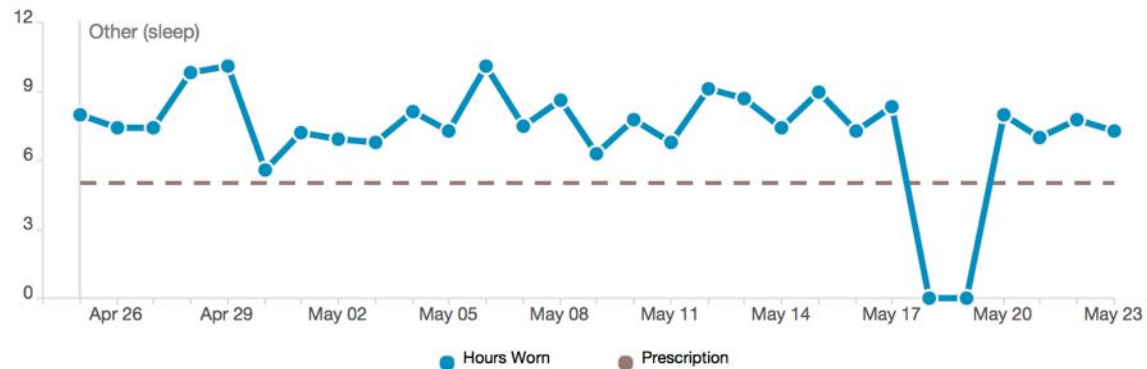
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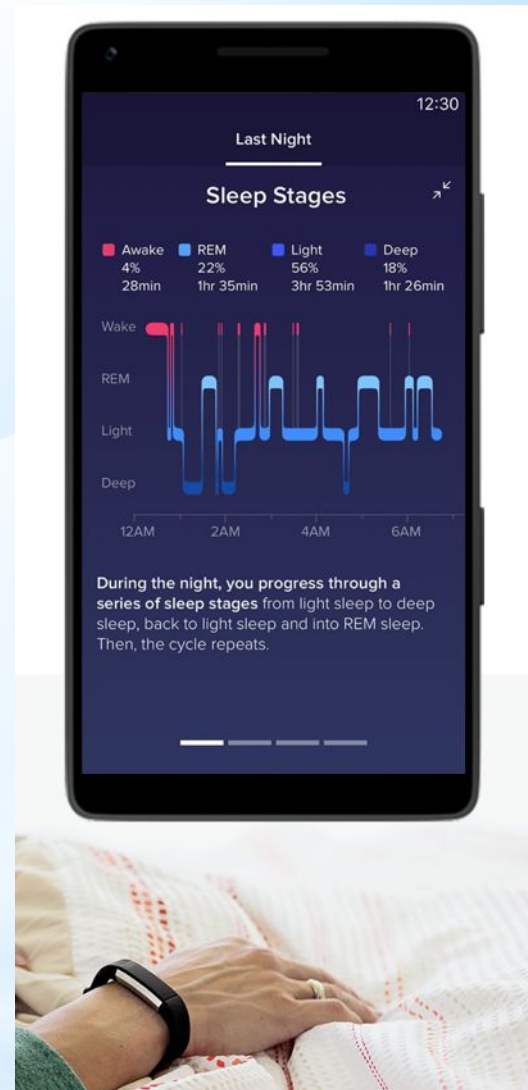
Prescribed daily use: 5 hours

Average daily use (when worn): 7.9 hours

### SUMMARY



**\*MTA Requiring Tracking  
In OATs**



# \*Role Of Consumer Sleep Devices

# EVALUATION OF SLEEP APNEA DETECTION FROM A SMARTWATCH IN A PILOT STUDY

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## Background / Objectives

Sleep apnea is believed to be widely underdiagnosed in the general population. Wearable devices provide a consumer accessible way to assess risk of sleep apnea and to encourage users to talk to a medical professional about their sleep apnea risk. This study evaluates the potential performance of automated software to correctly identify subject nights with an Apnea Hypopnea Index above of below the AHI=15 threshold.

Figure 1: The back of a Fitbit Versa illustrating red, green, and infrared LEDs and detectors.



## Methods

Fitbit devices are equipped with red and infrared sensors in addition to green photoplethysmogram sensors and accelerometers. Participants wore a wearable smartwatch (Fitbit Versa prototype) while undergoing overnight sleep studies (Watermark ARES or Alice NightOne), which were overscored to produce an Apnea Hypopnea Index based on a 3% desaturation rule. The smartwatch calculated a variety of features every minute based on the relative reflectance of the red and infrared optical sensors, heart rate variability, and movement. Each minute of the night's recording was marked as apneic or non-apneic based on the presence of an event. A machine learning algorithm was developed to match the annotations of the human scorer. We explored two algorithmic approaches (a) optimizing a per-minute accuracy classifier, and (b) performing a regression against the overall nightly score using the minute-level features

## Results

Table 1: Demographic characteristics of the study participants in the test set.

Number (M:F)	47 (26:21)
Age (yrs)	46 ± 11
BMI	32.7 ± 6.3
AHI	16.4 ± 15.8

Figure 2: The scatterplot of the estimated regressor AHI from the smartwatch apnea assessment algorithm versus the AHI estimated from the sleep test.

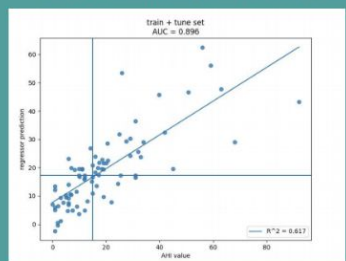
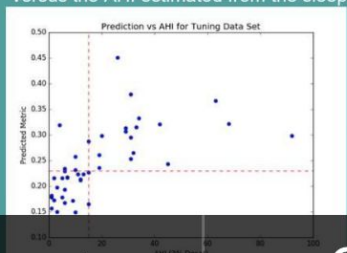


Figure 3: The scatterplot of the predicted per-minute metric from the smartwatch apnea assessment algorithm versus the AHI estimated from the sleep test.



## Conclusions & Discussion

Table 2: Sample operating points for various choices of severity cut-off and algorithm

	Regressor Algorithm		Minute Level Algorithm	
AHI Cutoff	Sensitivity	Specificity	Sensitivity	Specificity
5	0.91	0.67	0.80	0.84
10	0.87	0.89	0.82	0.84
15	0.82	0.80	0.90	0.85

This initial study demonstrated reasonable correlation between AHI estimated from a smartwatch and a home sleep test device<sup>1</sup>. Smartwatches may represent a valid means to notify people of sleep apnea risk, and to encourage them to consult with a doctor. Sensitivity and specificity of a smartwatch assessment may exceed performance of current questionnaire based approaches<sup>2</sup>. A per-minute based algorithm appears to provide superior performance. Challenges include (a) correct choice of severity cut-off for general population guidance, (b) validation against in-lab full polysomnogram in place of home sleep test, and (c) appropriate choice of scoring rules for training and validation.

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2. Chiu HY, Chen PY, Chuang LP, Chen NH, Tu YK, Hsieh YJ, Wang YC, Guilleminault C. Diagnostic accuracy of the Berlin questionnaire, STOP-BANG, STOP, and Epworth sleepiness scale in detecting obstructive sleep apnea: A bivariate meta-analysis. Sleep Med Rev. 2017 Dec;36:57-70.



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## INTRODUCTION

evaluates the effectiveness of a new **Mandibular device (MAD)** (ProSomnus® [IA]) fitted with a compliance **line treatment** in a population of patients with mild to moderate sleep apnea (OSA). Long term effectiveness was evaluated using home sleep testing (HST) and validated sleep and quality of life outcomes. The mean disease alleviation (MDA) of a treatment is critical when comparing known treatment modalities. Compliance is **necessary for treatment effectiveness** and also institutions that regulate and license commercial drivers. CPAP is the mainstream treatment for sleep apnea it is important effectiveness: the combination of efficacy and compliance. It was reported that the ProSomnus® [IA] sleep device outcome success rate (Remmers) and that a digital workflow of sleep devices enhanced patient preference and comfort continues that effort in understanding how effective and treatment of OSA with MAD can improve the quality of life of a scalable platform.

## OBJECTIVES

the effectiveness of the ProSomnus [IA] Sleep first line treatment for mild to severe obstructive

the compliance with the ProSomnus [IA] Sleep the Dentitrac compliance chip.

the Mean Disease Alleviation value for treated

treatment success of patients using not only AHI so the **Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS)**, (remove ) outcome of Sleep Questionnaire (modified) Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) and Insomnia x (ISI) surveys.

## STUDY POPULATION

between 5 and 50, age range of 18-75 were selected from a multidisciplinary sleep center for treatment of OSA. informed consent. Table 1 clinical profiles

AGE	BMI	AHI (pre)
33.3 yrs +/-10.0	27.2 +/- 3.7	20.2 +/- 12.0
32.0 yrs +/- 2.4	35.0 +/- 6.8	21.5 +/- 11.0

PSQI (pre)	ISI (pre)	FOSQ (pre)
13.4 +/- 3.9	11.1 +/- 6.0	29.3 +/- 5.6
13.8 +/- 4.0	13.3 +/- 7.2	27.0 +/- 8.4

Table 2 quality of life profiles

## Materials and Methods

Patients were given HSTs using the Alice Night One(9) in replicate 2-3 nights for the PRE AHI and 2-3 nights for the POST AHI. Patients were treated with the ProSomnus [IA], fig. 1, that was fitted with the Dentitrac (7) compliance chip, fig.1. ProSomnus [IA] Monogram features, fig. 2, were selected for each patient based on their comfort requirement and titrated per the iterative series advancements, fig. 3.

Compliance was calculated on the 4hr/night 5 day/week standard for CPAP. Patients were given two quality of life surveys the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) (3) and the Functional Outcomes of Sleep (FOSQ) (4), as well as the Insomnia Severity Index (ISI) . 2 nights of HST were averaged before OAT began (PRE) and at the point of symptom reduction (POST). PSQI and FOSQ surveys were taken at (PRE) and (POST).

Fig. 1 ProSomnus® [IA] Sleep Device



Fig. 2 ProSomnus® [IA] Monogram features

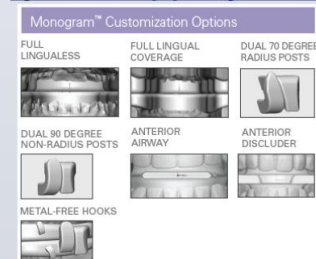


Fig. 3 ProSomnus® [IA] Iterative Titration Advancements

SERIES A: Range = 3 mm		
4 DEVICES U0, U2, L0, L1	COMBINATION	ADVANCEMENTS
	Upper 0 + Lower 0	0 mm
	Upper 0 + Lower 1	1 mm
	Upper 2 + Lower 0	2 mm
	Upper 2 + Lower 1	3 mm

## RESULTS

Statistically Significant improvement in AHI were measured in patients as detailed in Table 3a. Subjective Quality of Life (QOL) and sleep measures improved and were statistically significant for FOSQ, PSQI, and ISI as detailed in Table 3b

Table 3a Patient Overall Outcomes

Population	Initial AHI	Post AHI	AVG % Reduction	OVERALL Compliance	MDA
total population (100%)	20.48	8.14	60.2%	93.6%	56.4%
% Responded (92.6%)	20.94	7.14	65.9%	93.4%	61.5%
% 50 or greater	25.84	7.23	72.0%	98.0%	70.6%

Table 3b Patient Sleep Quality Survey Results

Test	Initial (PRE) Score	Final (POST) Score	Change	Notes
PSQI	6.44	4.85	-1.6	>5 indicator of poor sleep quality
ISI	11.6	7.9	-3.7	>7 No clinically significant insomnia
FOSQ	29.8	32.2	2.4	Higher score => better functional status
SSS	5.3	2.9	-2.4	Lower score => increased alertness

## Discussion

Patients demonstrated an average reduction in AHI of 60.2 % (Table 3a; 20.5 → 8.1). 92.6% of patients that showed a positive improvement in AHI demonstrated a reduction in AHI of 65.9%. Those patients (72.1%) that had an AHI reduction of greater than 50% showed improvement of 72.0% in AHI reduction. Average compliance rate was 93.6% using Medicare CPAP compliance criteria of 4hrs/night and 5 days/week. For all patients this produces a Mean Disease Alleviation of 56.4% as calculated by Fig. 4, as proposed by Sutherland(2).

Fig. 4 Mean Disease Alleviation Calculation

$$\text{MDA} = \text{Therapeutic Efficacy} * \text{Compliance}$$

$$\text{MDA} = ((\text{AHI}_{\text{untreated}} - \text{AHI}_{\text{treated}}) * 100 * 4\text{hr}/5\text{day comp. \%}) / \text{AHI}_{\text{untreated}}$$

Table 4 MDA by Severity and Success

Table 4 shows that patients with the most severe sleep apnea had the greatest mean disease alleviation (72%), compared to patients with mild sleep apnea (MDA of 44%). Contrary to current beliefs and common clinical practice, this study shows that given the close to 100% compliance with oral appliance therapy, MAD is an effective first line treatment for patients with severe sleep apnea.

Figure 5 SARAH Index Calculation

$$((\text{TST}_{\text{treated}} * \text{AHI}_{\text{treated}}) + (\text{TST}_{\text{untreated}} * \text{AHI}_{\text{untreated}})) / (\text{Total Available Sleep Time}) = \text{SARAH Index}$$

Patient #1 example:

$$((407\text{hrs} * 6.0) + (29.6\text{hrs} * 23.0)) / 436.6 \text{ hrs} = 7.2 \text{ SARAH Index}$$

## Discussion (cont.)

The SARAH index as proposed by Sutherland(1) takes into account the time of treated sleep apnea compared to the total sleep time. This index can be used to compare effectiveness of different treatment modalities for sleep apnea. We calculated the compliance adjusted AHI (fig.5) and the overall effectiveness of treatment by calculating the MDA (Table 3). Patients often report that while wearing CPAP they may remove the mask in the middle of the night, therefore there is only partial treatment each night.

Table 5 SARAH Index

	Days worn	Days not worn	Reported Sleep Time	% of Days worn	Days worn % above 4 hours	% of 7 days	SARAH Index (AHI)
Average	85.88	11.52	7.08	87.3%	83.5	96.1%	9.8
STDEV	68.04	15.56	0.92	15.2%	66.9	5.1%	6.3

When looking at the data for MAD, most patients wear their appliances all night. Seldom were the appliances removed during the night. Therefore, calculating the true impact on compliance each night and everyday using the SARAH index provides a better picture of successful treatment. Considering all of the time available for the patient to be treated with MAD, total available sleep hours, produces an overall SARAH index of AHI = 9.8, very close to the average overall Post AHI of 8.14.

## CONCLUSIONS

- MAD is an effective first line treatment for mild, moderate, and severe sleep apnea with excellent compliance rates, similar to or better than CPAP; with equal or better MDA of 56.4% compared to literature values for CPAP of 50.0%
- MAD can be successfully used as initial treatment for severe sleep apnea
- Treating the patient with a CAD/CAM custom appliance, the ProSomnus® [IA] sleep device, can optimize comfort and efficacy to ensure excellent compliance
- SARAH index indicates and overall average AHI of 9.8 for the patients considering wear time and was close to the non-adjusted average of an AHI of 8.1.
- Use of a tracker provides compliance with this form of treatment, much like CPAP.
- Success rates for treatment with the ProSomnus [IA] device are comparable to published references with other MADs.
- MAD with tracker is an effective first line treatment for mild and moderate sleep apnea, and for severe sleep apnea for patients who prefer an oral appliance or refuse or cannot tolerate CPAP


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- An aerial photograph of a city, likely San Francisco, showing a dense urban landscape with a river winding through it. The city is surrounded by green hills, and a large body of water is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.
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