

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) and Diabetes

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Objectives

1. Discuss the pathophysiology, prevalence, and clinical implications of obstructive sleep apnea.
2. Incorporate new data linking obstructive sleep apnea to diabetes.
3. Refer appropriate primary care patients for home sleep study.
4. Give one example of how you plan to change your practice as a result of this training.

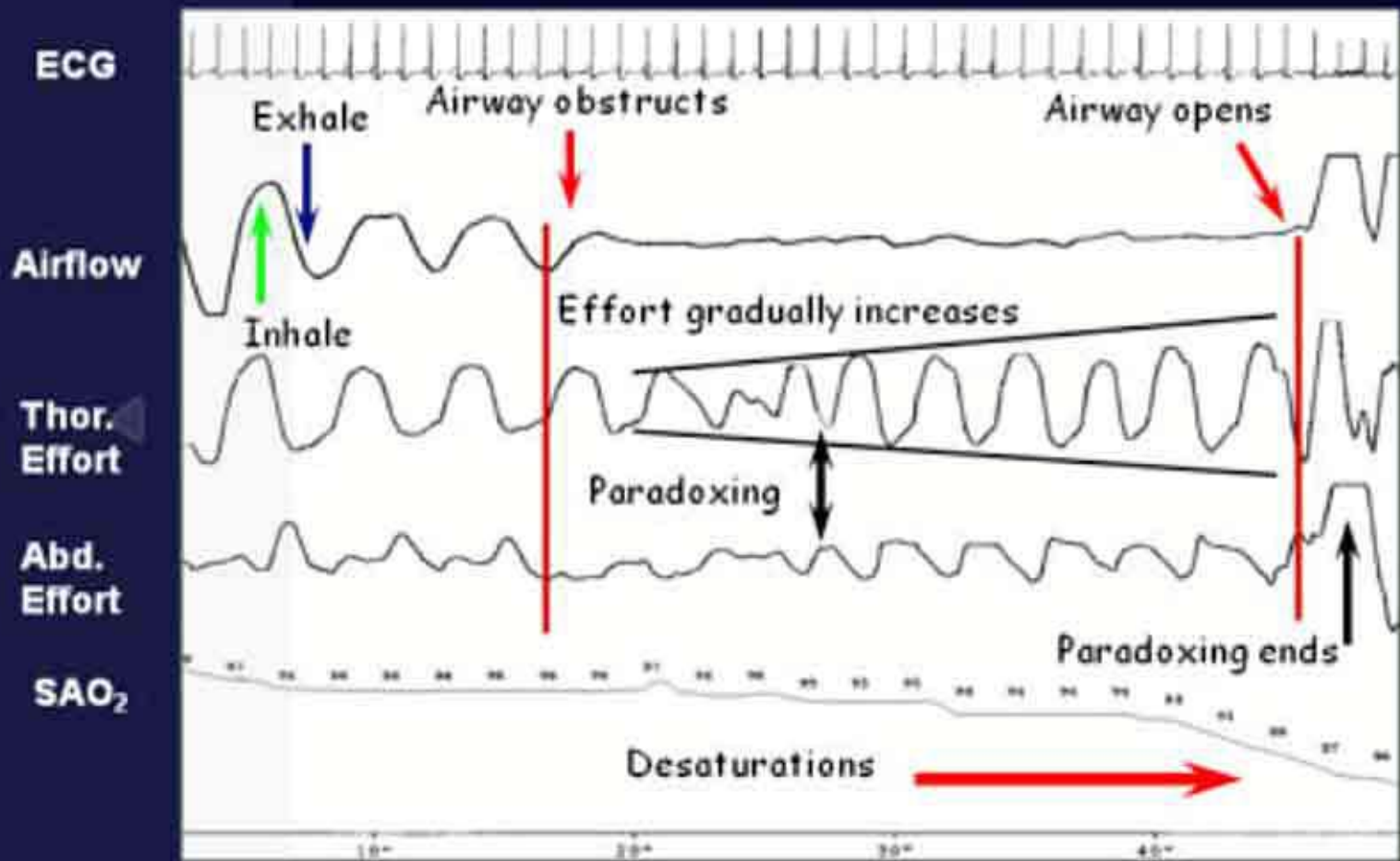
Overview

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Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

Sleep related breathing disorder characterized by recurrent collapse of the upper airway, resulting in drops in oxygen saturations and transient arousals from sleep

Obstructive Apnea



OSA : risk factors

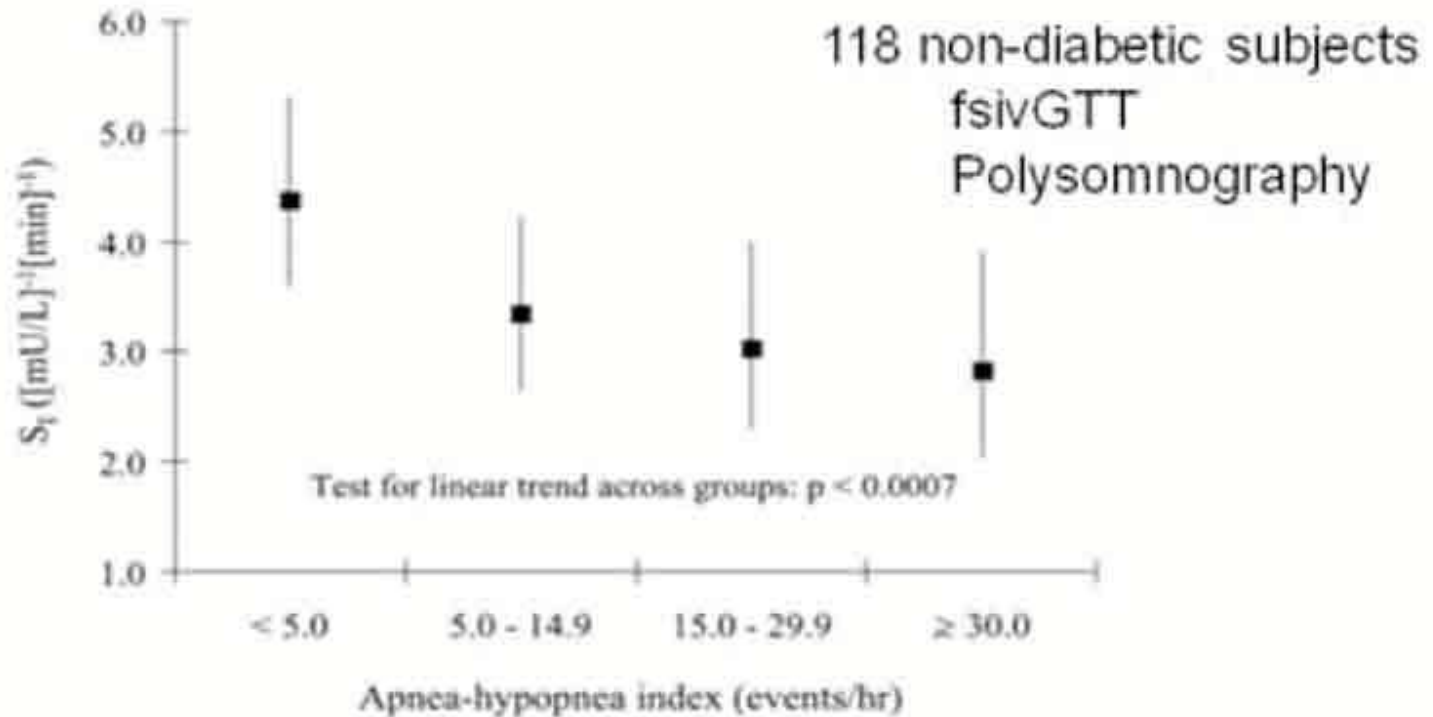
- **Obesity** (particularly central), **Age**, **Male gender**
- Race: African-American, Mexican American, Pacific Islander, Asian
- **Craniofacial features** including congenital anomalies, retrognathia, enlarged soft palate and tonsils, macroglossia
- Increased neck circumference (> 40cm)
- Positive family history (2-4 fold increase)
- Endocrine abnormalities: hypothyroidism, acromegaly, PCOS, type 2 diabetes

Aggravated by alcohol, sedatives, sleep deprivation, supine position, respiratory allergies, nasal congestion

Factors Contributing to Cardiometabolic Risk



Decreased insulin sensitivity in OSA patients



....compared to normal subjects, those with mild, moderate and severe OSA showed 27%, 37% and 48% reduction in insulin sensitivity, independent of age, sex, percent body fat

Punjabi et al, AJRCCM, 2009

Higher prevalence of prediabetes and incident diabetes in patients with OSA



Diabetes Care

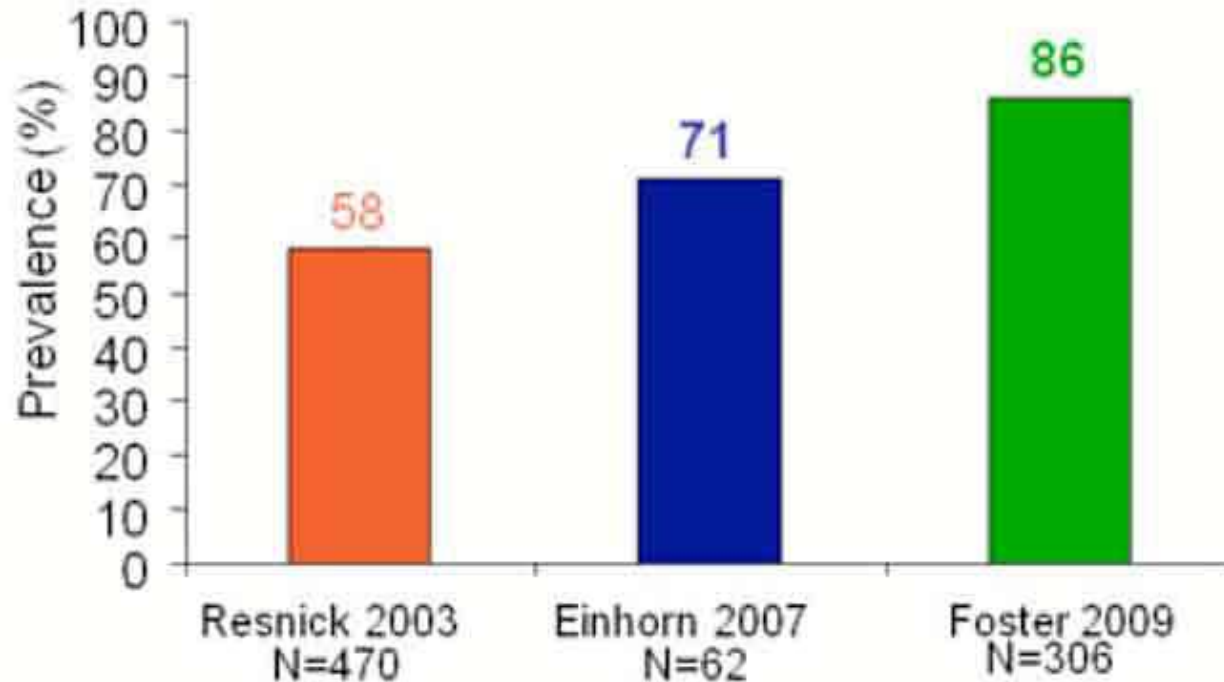
Sleep-Disordered Breathing and Impaired Glucose Metabolism in Normal-Weight and Overweight/Obese Individuals **The Sleep Heart Health Study**

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....cross-sectional analysis of over 2500 non-diabetic individuals, the presence of OSA was associated with a significantly higher prevalence of prediabetes and incident diabetes, independently of the degree of obesity

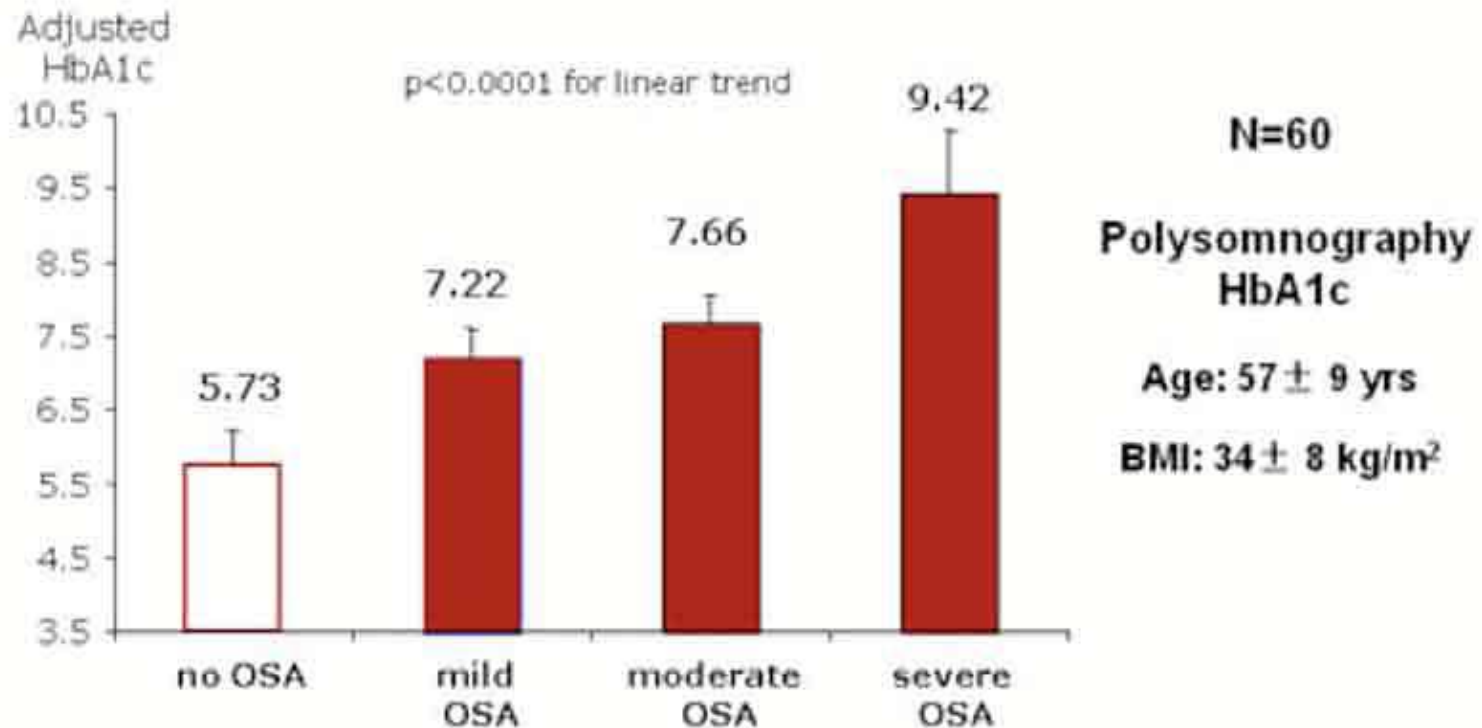
Seican et al, Diabetes Care, 2008

Prevalence of OSA in type 2 diabetics: PSG studies



....suggesting that nearly 17 million of the estimated 24 million diabetic people in the US will have OSA !

OSA severity is associated with poorer glucose control in type 2 diabetics



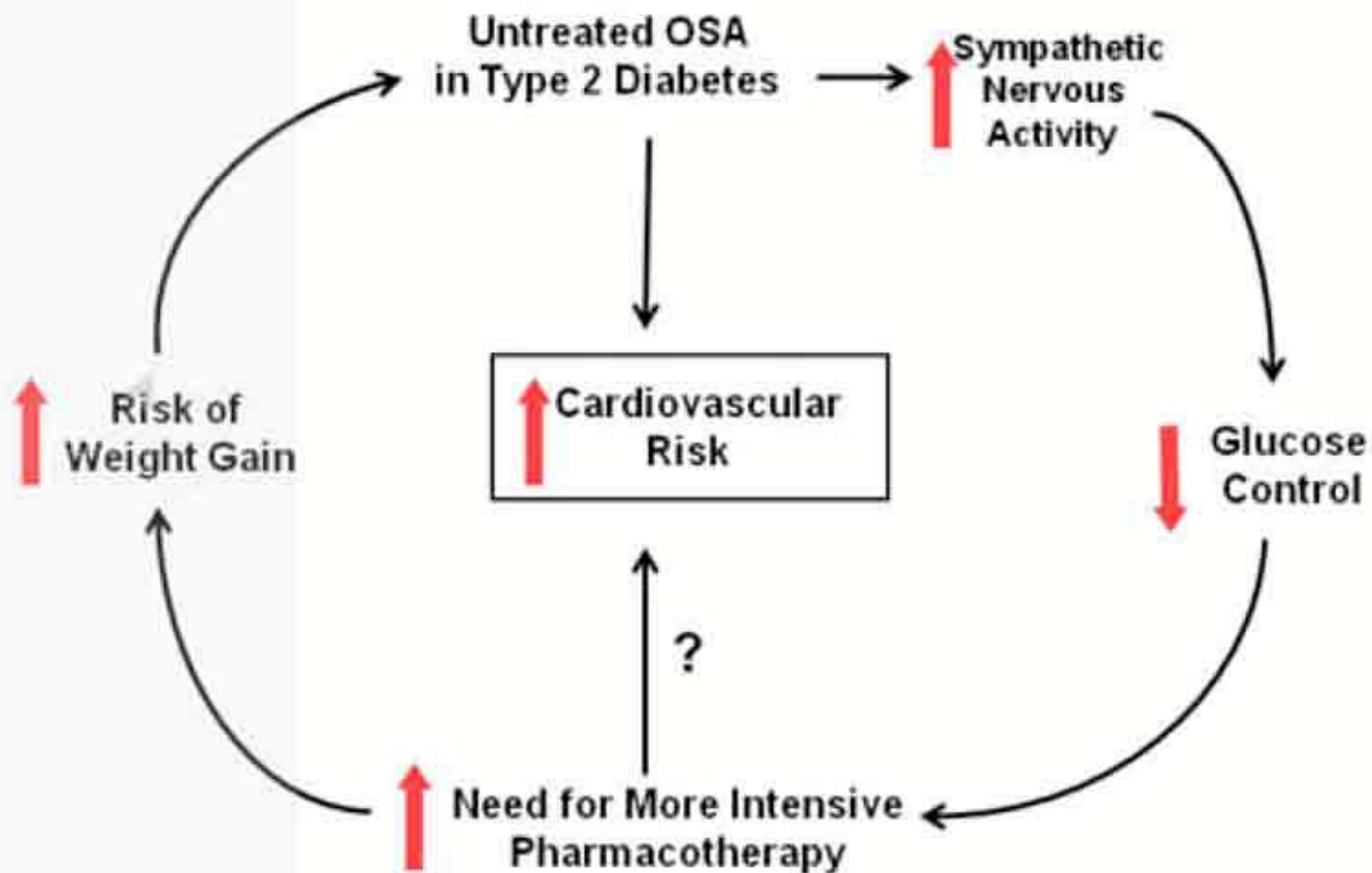
** Data adjusted for age, gender, race, BMI, number of diabetes medications, level of exercise, years of diabetes and total sleep time

Aronsohn et al., *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2009

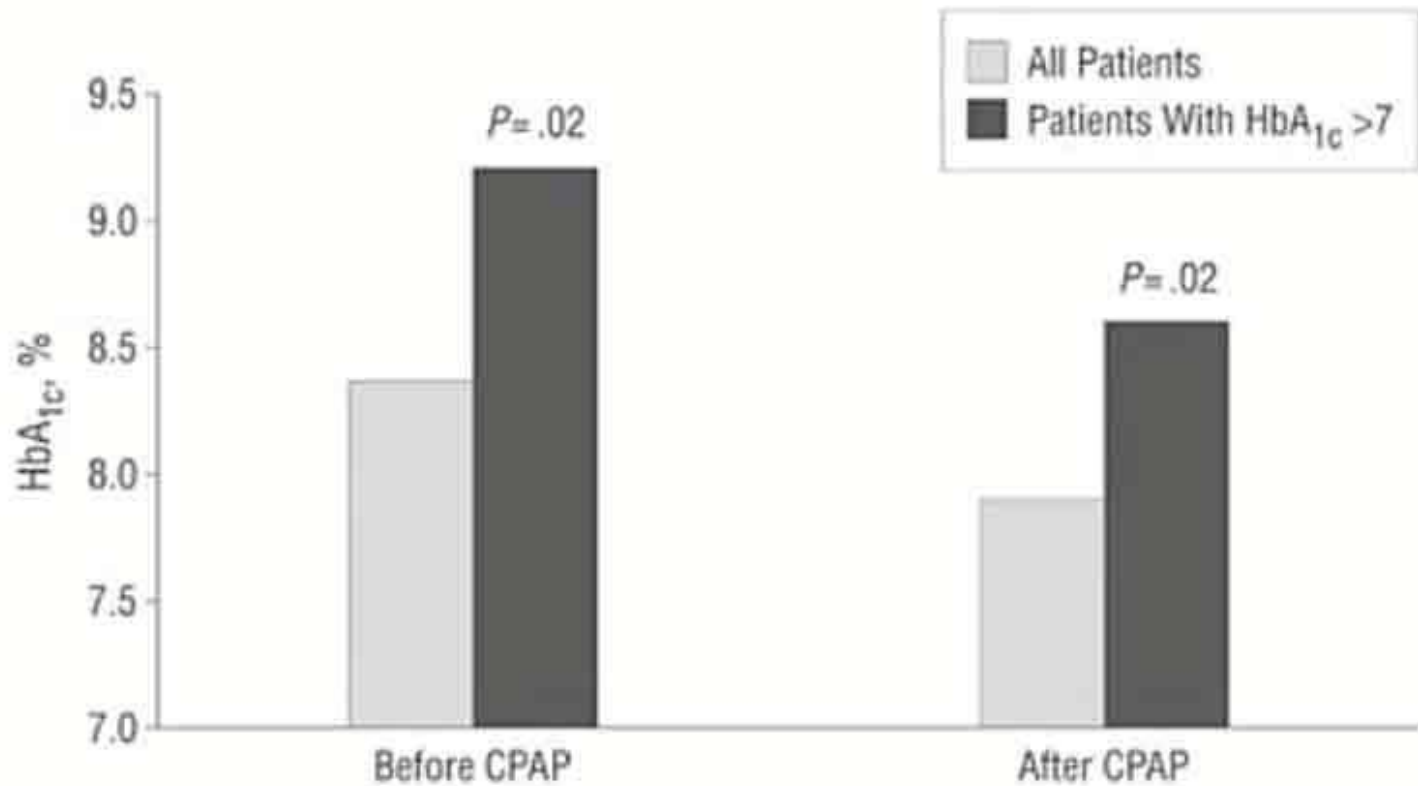
....suggesting that

- untreated OSA may worsen glucose control and **increase the need for more intensive pharmacotherapy** in patients with type 2 diabetes
- treatment of OSA **may improve glucose control** as much as widely used pharmacologic agents

Putative feed forward cascade of unrecognized OSA

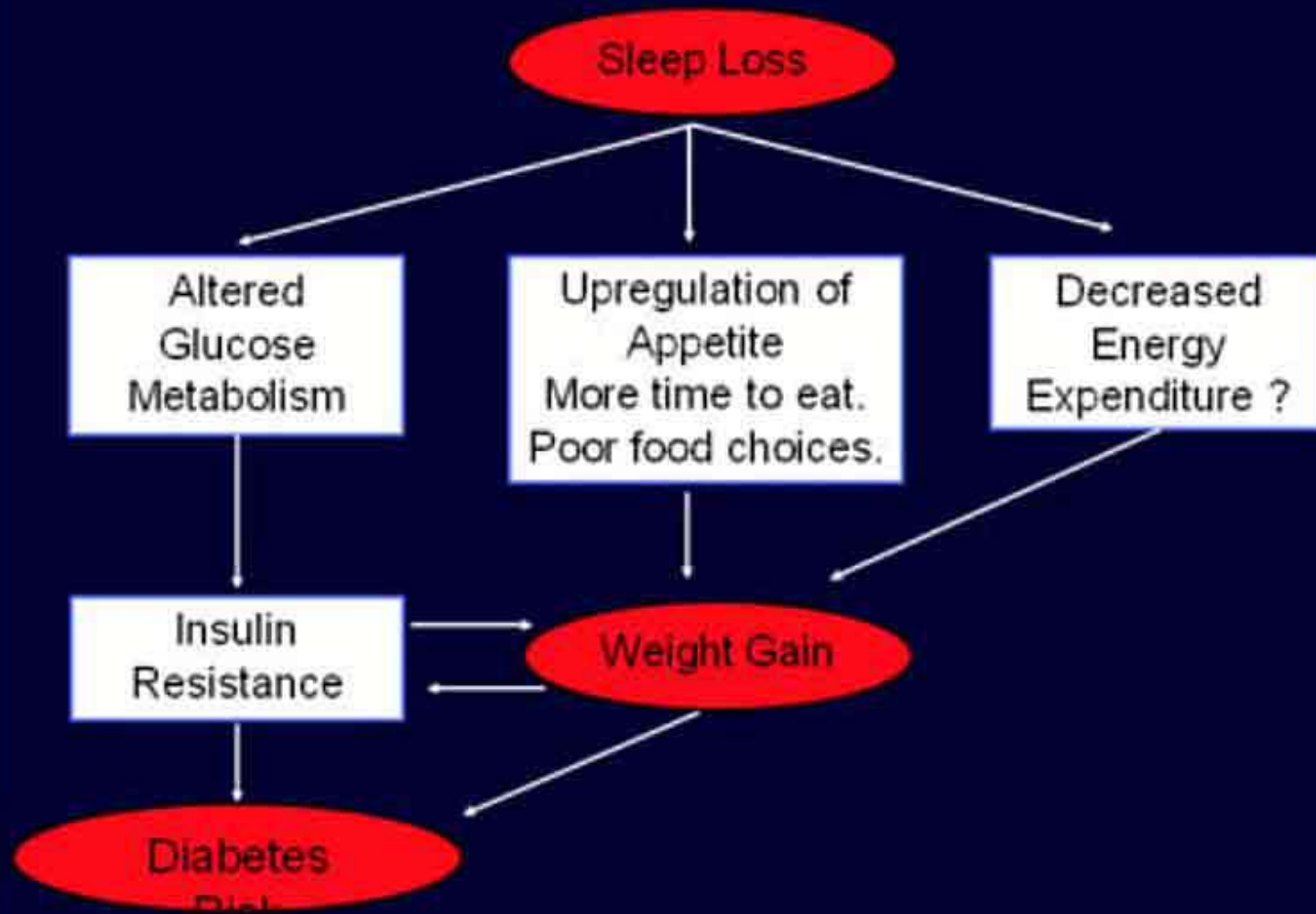


Postprandial HbA1c levels decrease after CPAP therapy in type 2 diabetics



Babu et al, Arch Intern Med 2005

Experimental studies in healthy adults



SUMMARY

- OSA is associated with **insulin resistance, glucose intolerance and risk of diabetes**, independently of adiposity
- OSA is a **highly prevalent**, unrecognized comorbidity in patients with type 2 diabetes
- **Untreated OSA may worsen glucose control** and increase the need for more intensive pharmacotherapy
- Robust clinical trials are needed to assess the effects of OSA treatment on glucose control
- **Sleep duration and quality are potentially modifiable risk factors**, therefore might have important clinical implications for prevention and treatment of diabetes and obesity

Recommendations for IHS

- Consider OSA in our patient population; prevalence?
- Ask patients with T2DM about sleep quality and duration.
- Consider OSA in patients with unexplained worsening glucose control.
- Assess local resources for diagnosis and treatment?

Clinical Definitions and Pathophysiology

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**Update in OSA:
New Links to Diabetes and the Role
of Home Sleep Testing**

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OSA Definitions

- **Apnea** = Cessation of airflow for ≥ 10 seconds

1. Obstructive Apnea

- Absence of airflow with respiratory effort



Airflow

Airflow

Chest (effort)

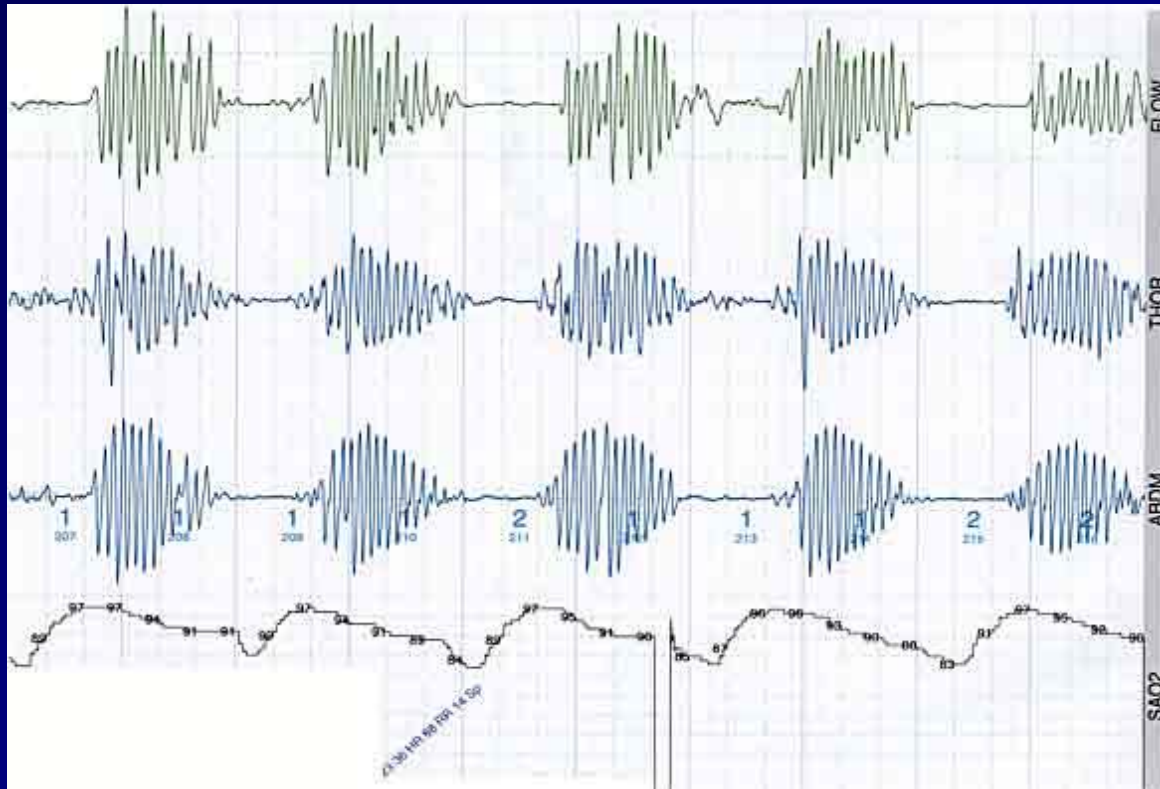
Abdomen
(effort)

Oxygen

Definitions

2. Central Apnea

- Absence of airflow with absent respiratory effort



Airflow

Chest (effort)

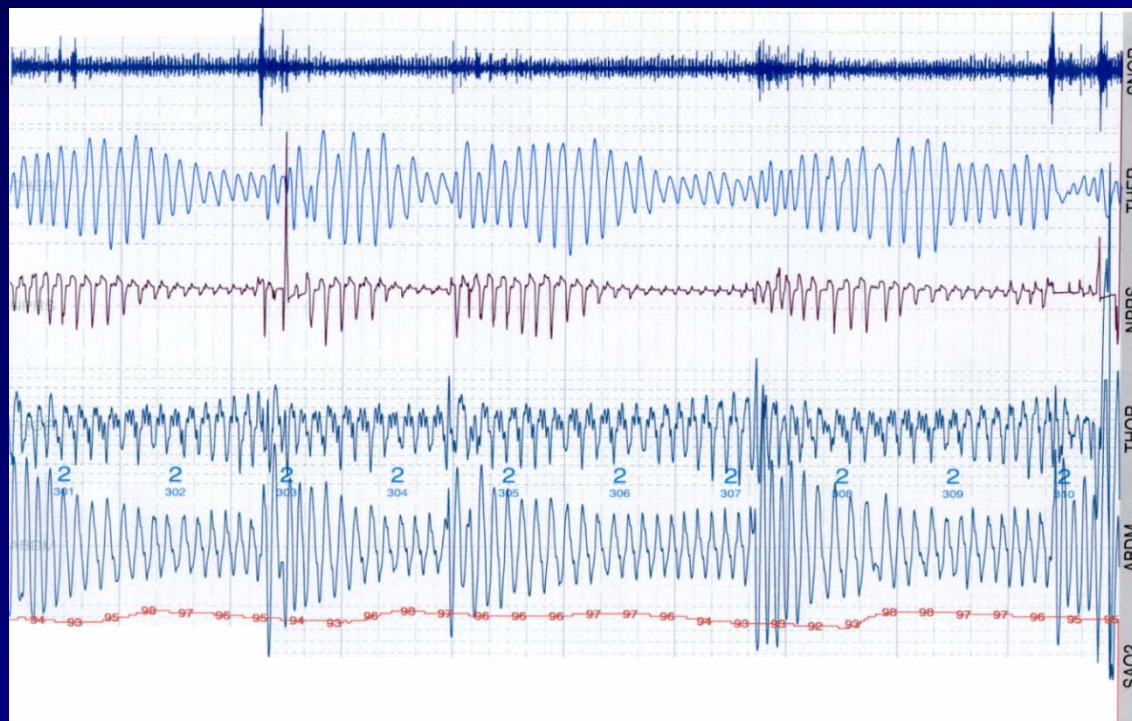
Abdomen (effort)

Oxygen

Definitions

- Hypopnea

- $\geq 30\%$ reduction in airflow associated with 4% oxygen desaturation
- $\geq 50\%$ reduction in airflow associated with 3% oxygen desaturation or arousal (alternative criteria)



Airflow

Airflow

Chest (effort)

Abdomen
(effort)

Oxygen

Definitions

- Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI)
 - Number of apneas and hypopneas per hour of sleep
 - Total Number of Events divided by the Total Sleep Time
- OSA
 - $AHI \geq 5$
- Obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSAS)
 - AHI 5–15 associated with symptoms and/or significant comorbidities
 - $AHI \geq 15$ regardless of associated symptoms and/or comorbidities

Spectrum of Disease

Snoring



Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome (UARS)

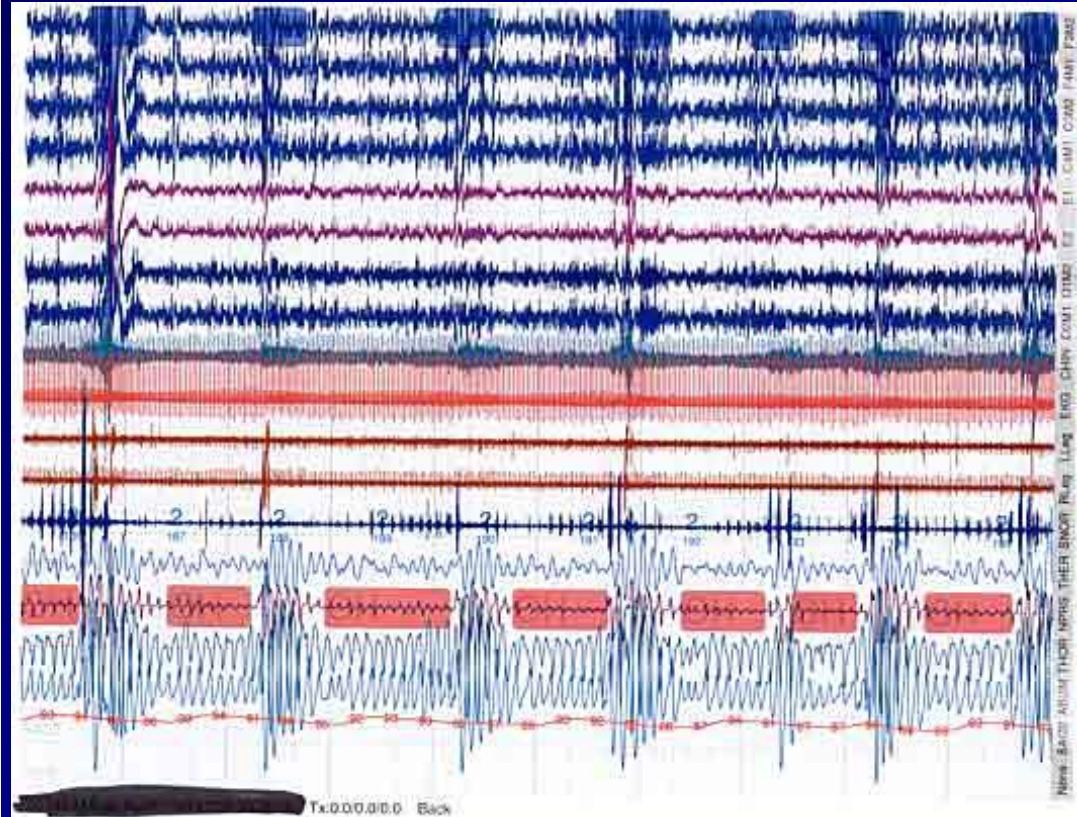
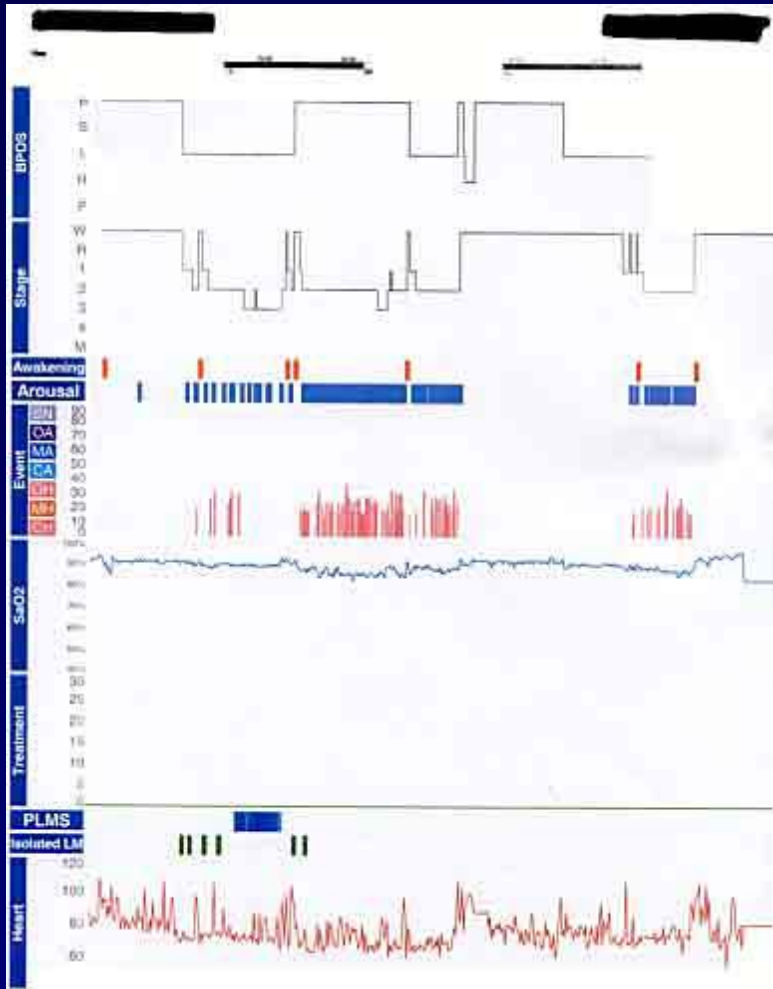


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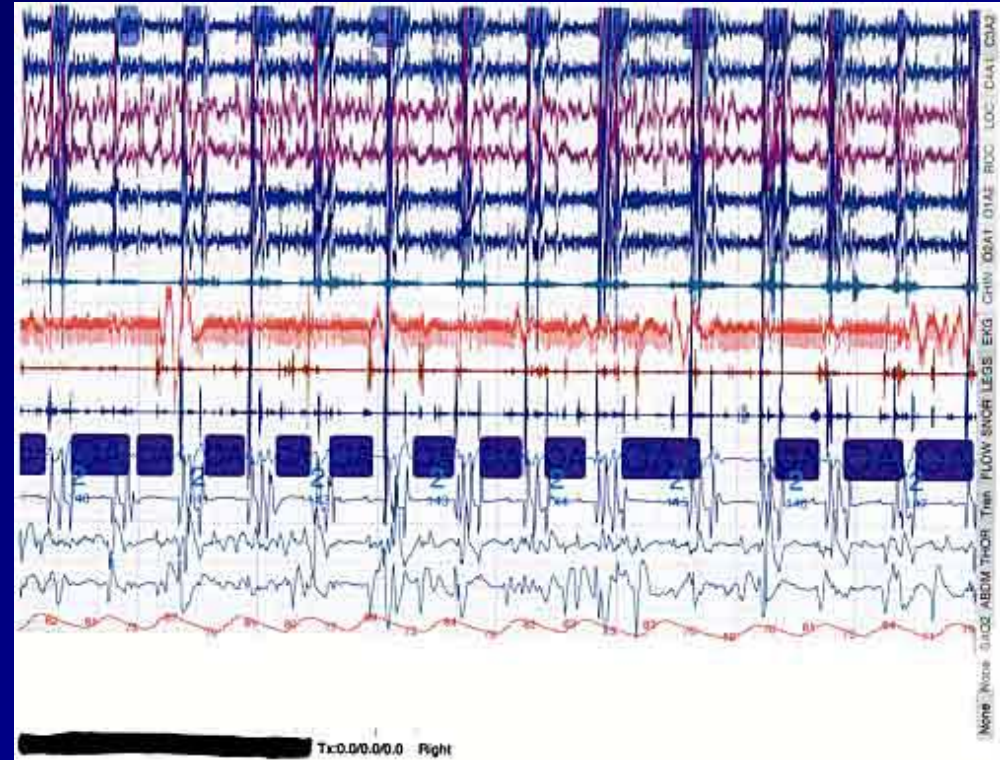
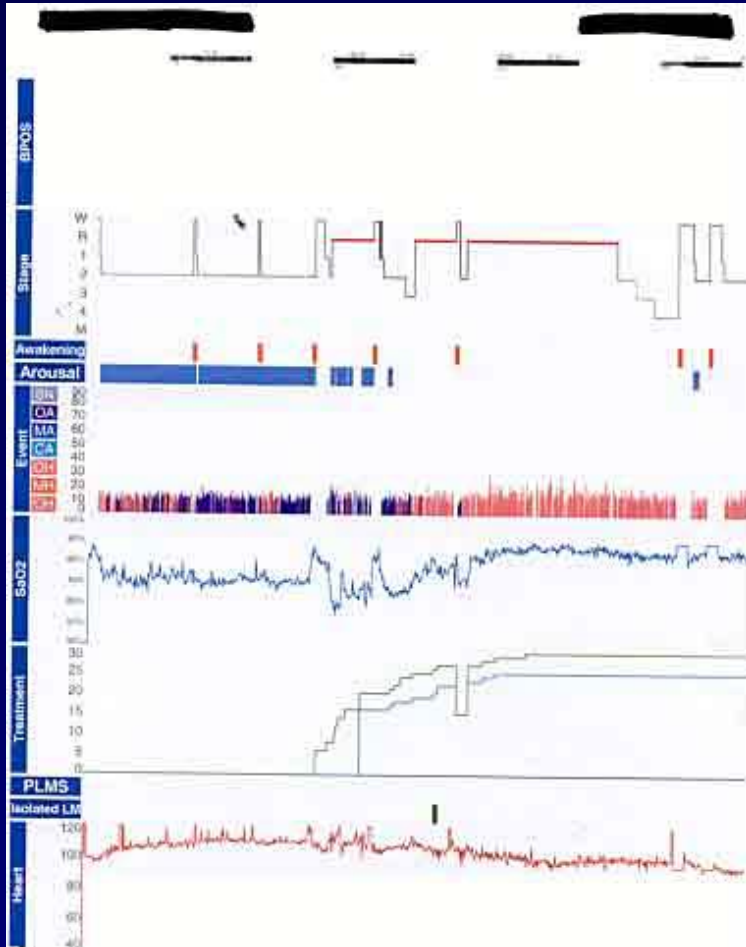


Obesity Hypoventilation

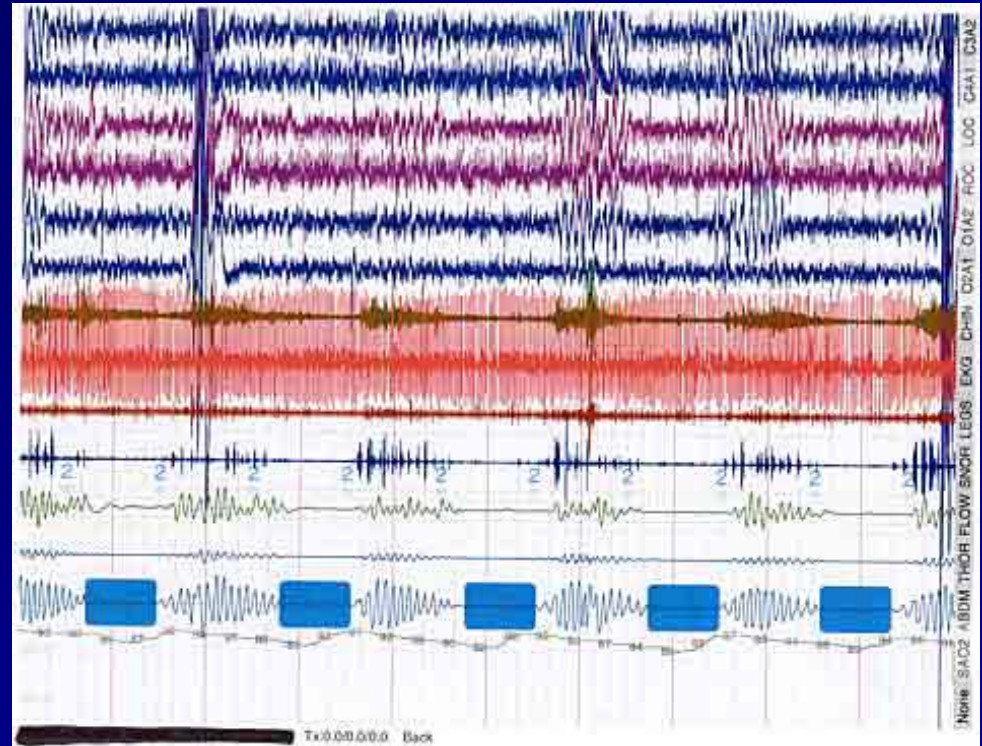
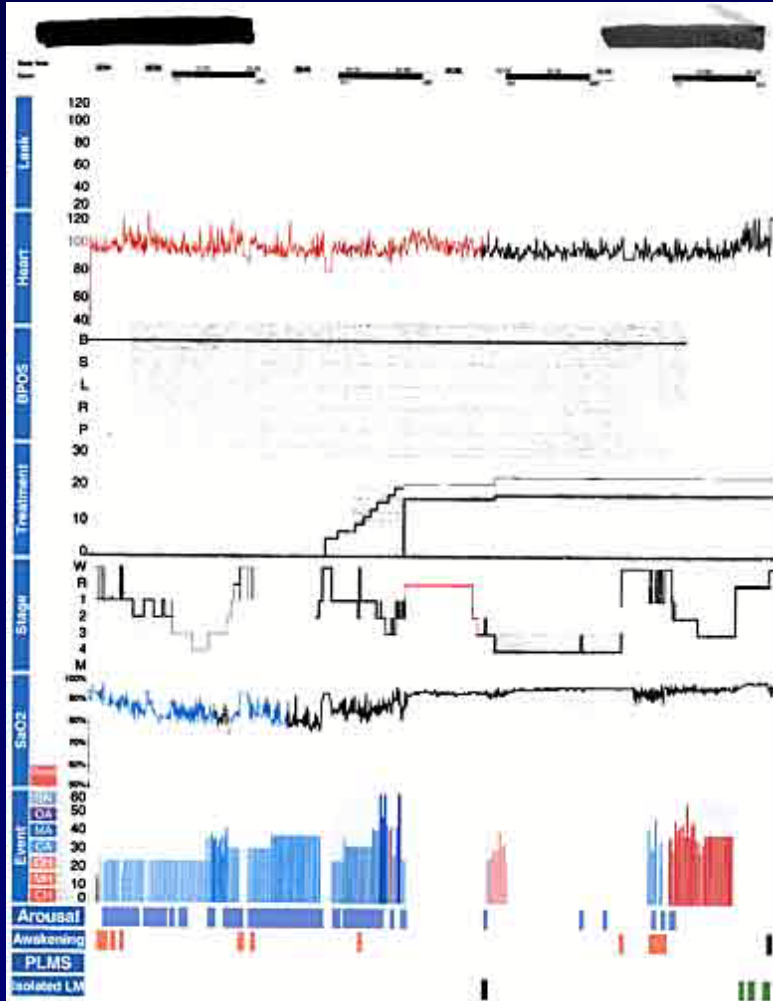
Moderate OSAS



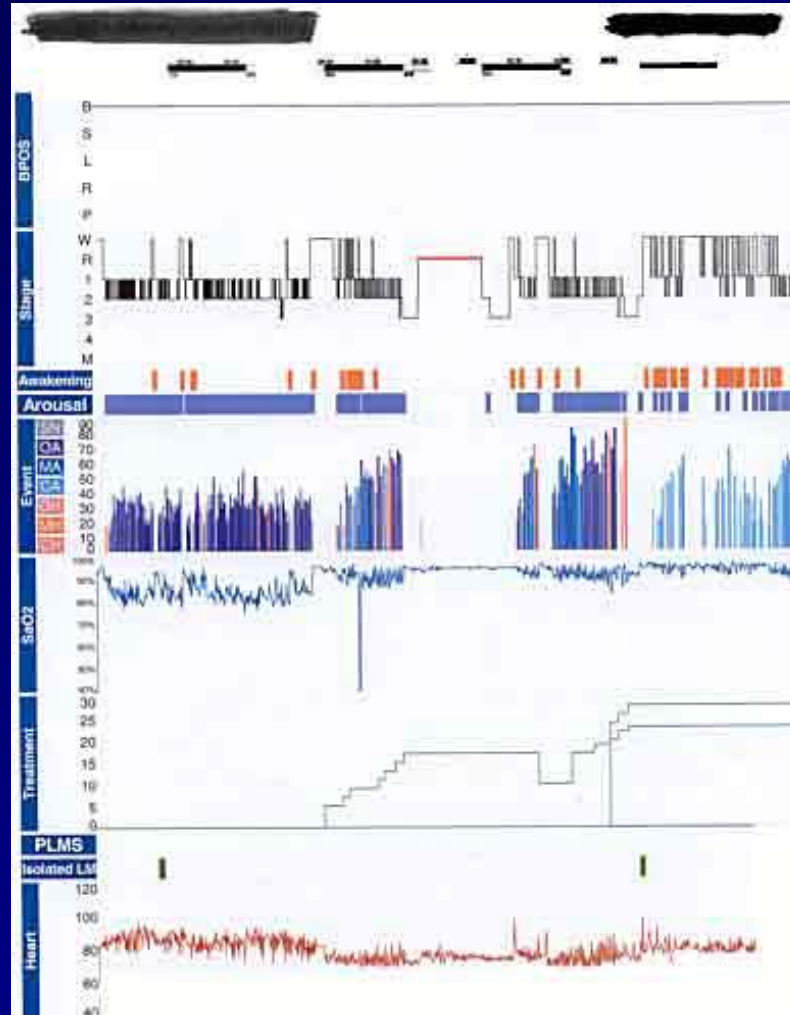
Severe OSAS



Central Apnea/CSR



Complex Sleep Apnea



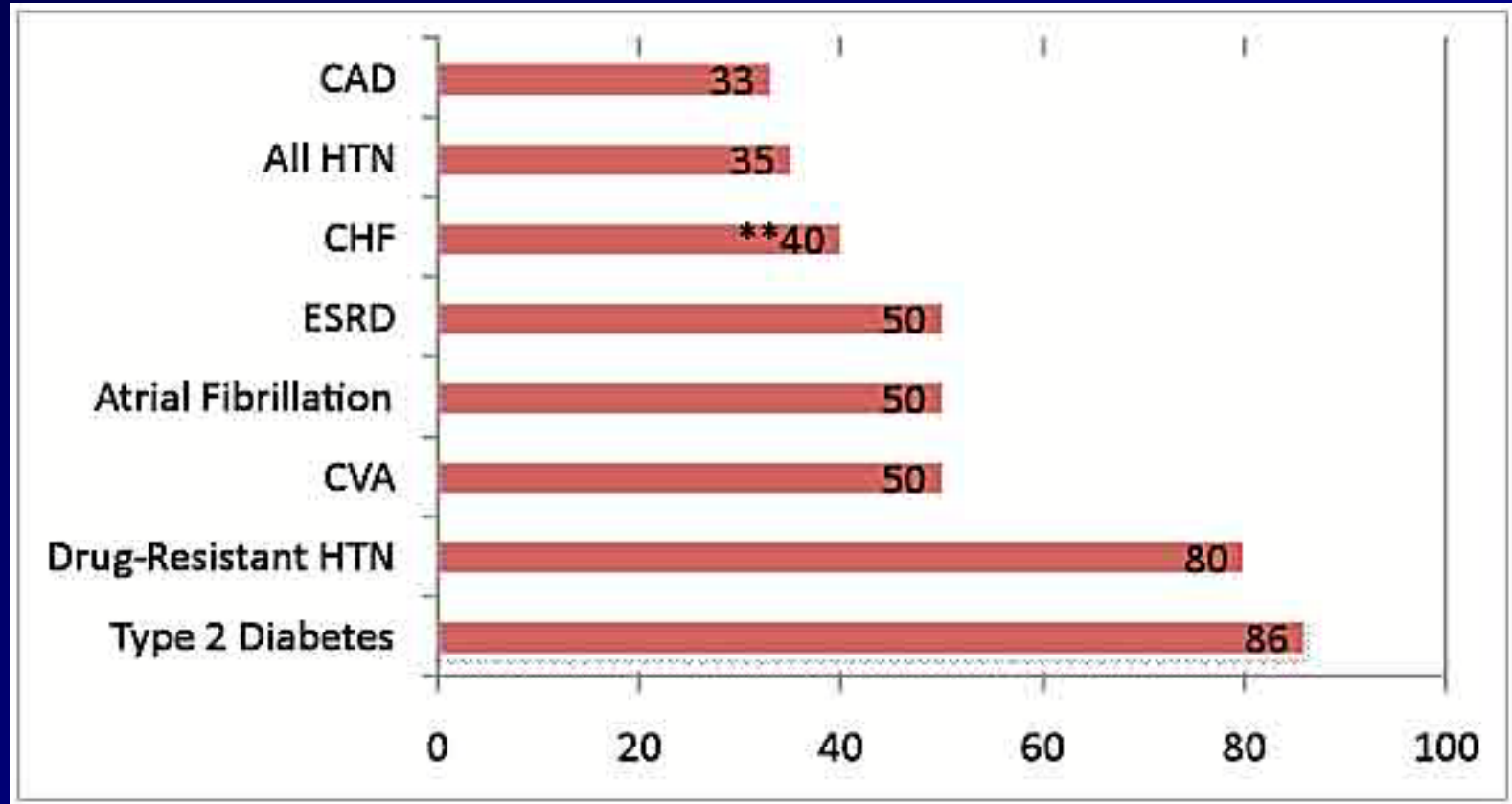
Prevalence and Clinical Implications

Prevalence of OSA(S)

- OSA (AHI ≥ 5)
 - 24% men, 9% women
- OSAS (AHI ≥ 5 with symptoms)
 - 4% men, 2% females

However...

Prevalence of OSAS in High-Risk Populations



Sami et al., J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol, Vol 19, 997-1003, 2008
West et al., Thorax, 61:946-250, 2006
Sim et al., Chest epub, Nov 24 2008
Foster, et al., Diabetes Care, 32: 1017-1019, June 2009

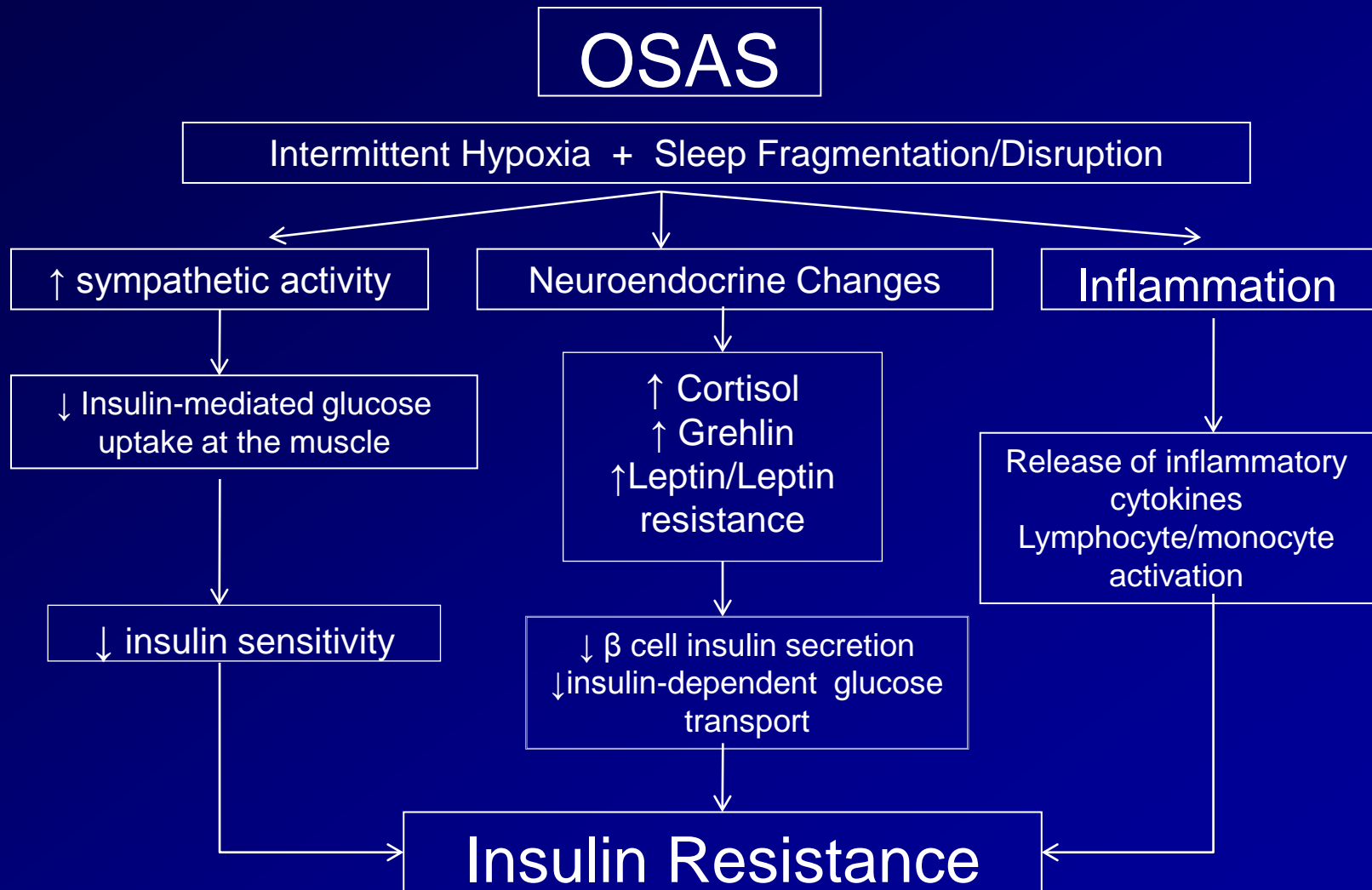
Screening?

- Cervical Cancer: 1/1000–Pap smear
- Colon Cancer: 1–4/1000–Colonoscopy
- Breast Cancer: 6/1000–Mammograms
- OSAS:
 - 1/4 Hypertensives
 - 1/3 CAD patients
 - 1/2 CVA patients
 - 4/5 Obese diabetics

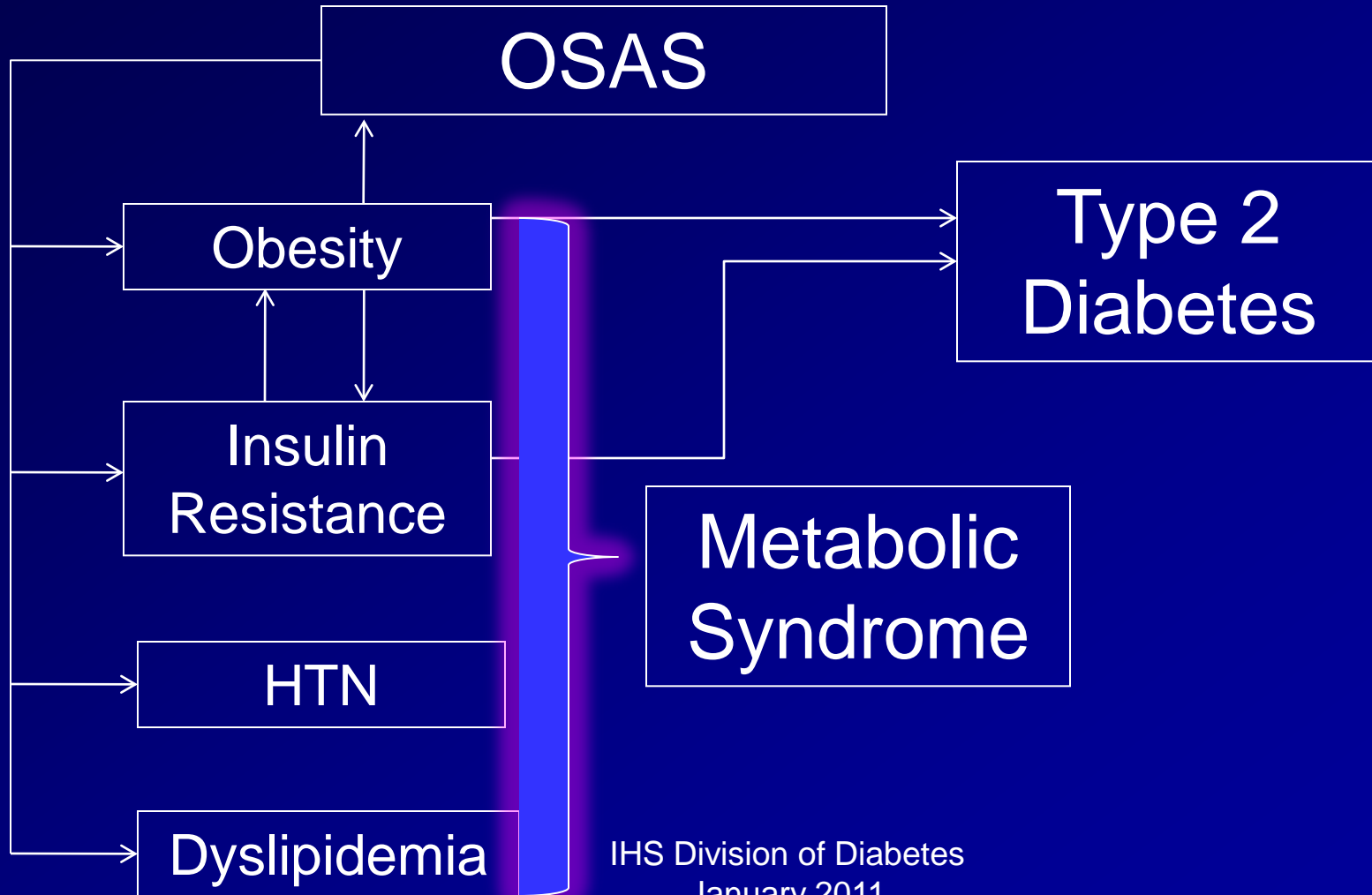
Prevalence in Obese Diabetics

- “Obstructive Sleep Apnea Among Obese Patients with Type II Diabetes”
 - Foster, et al Diabetes Care June 2009
 - 306 patients
 - 86% had AHI > 5 and mean AHI was 20.5
 - 33%—mild
 - 31%—moderate
 - 22%—severe
 - Larger waist circumference and higher body mass index (BMI) were associated with more severe OSAS

OSAS and Insulin Resistance



OSAS and Metabolic Syndrome/Diabetes



The Different “Faces” of OSAS



Symptoms of OSAS

- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Fatigue
- Fragmented sleep/insomnia
- Morning headaches
- Irritability/mood disorders
- Difficulty concentrating
- Memory problems
- Nocturia

Morbidity from OSAS

- Neurocognitive
 - Impaired vigilance
 - Impaired psychomotor performance
 - Impaired attention/concentration
 - Impaired executive function
 - Impaired memory

Leading to:

- Increased risk of accidents (longer reaction times, divided attention deficits, 2x the number of collisions on driving simulator tests)
- Psychosocial stress (mood problems, marital discord, impaired job performance)

Morbidity from OSAS

- Cardiovascular
 - HTN
 - Myocardial infarction
 - CHF
 - Cardiac arrhythmias and sudden death
 - Stroke
 - Pulmonary HTN (?) and Cor Pulmonale
- Metabolic
 - Insulin resistance/diabetes mellitus
 - Obesity

Diagnosis and Sleep Testing

OSAS Diagnosis

- Level I Testing

- In-lab, complete polysomnogram (EEG, cardiorespiratory monitoring, limb movement, and continuous video recording for parasomnias)
- Gold standard for diagnosis of OSAS
- Costly with limited accessibility
- Still an “imperfect” gold standard due to false negative studies related to first night effect and/or lack of supine sleep



OSAS Diagnosis

- Level II Test
 - Ambulatory unattended complete PSG
 - Technically difficult and still expensive
- Level III Test
 - Ambulatory multichannel cardiorespiratory monitoring devices (minimum 4 channels)
 - Greater technical feasibility and more cost effective



OSAS Diagnosis

- Level IV Test
 - Ambulatory devices with less than three channels that allow calculation of an AHI
 - Not considered adequate by the AASM



Guidelines for Use of Portable Monitoring

- Should be used in conjunction with a clinical sleep evaluation
- Device should include monitoring of airflow, effort, and oxygenation (minimum of four channels)
- Interpretation should include review of the raw data
- Study must be interpreted by a board-certified sleep medicine specialist

Indications for Use of Portable Monitoring

- Diagnosis of OSAS in patients:
 - With high pretest probability of moderate to severe OSAS *and*
 - Without significant comorbid cardiopulmonary or neuromuscular disease

or

 - Unable to travel to the laboratory due to immobility, safety, or critical illness
- Monitoring response to non-CPAP treatments for OSAS (oral appliances, upper airway surgery, and weight loss)

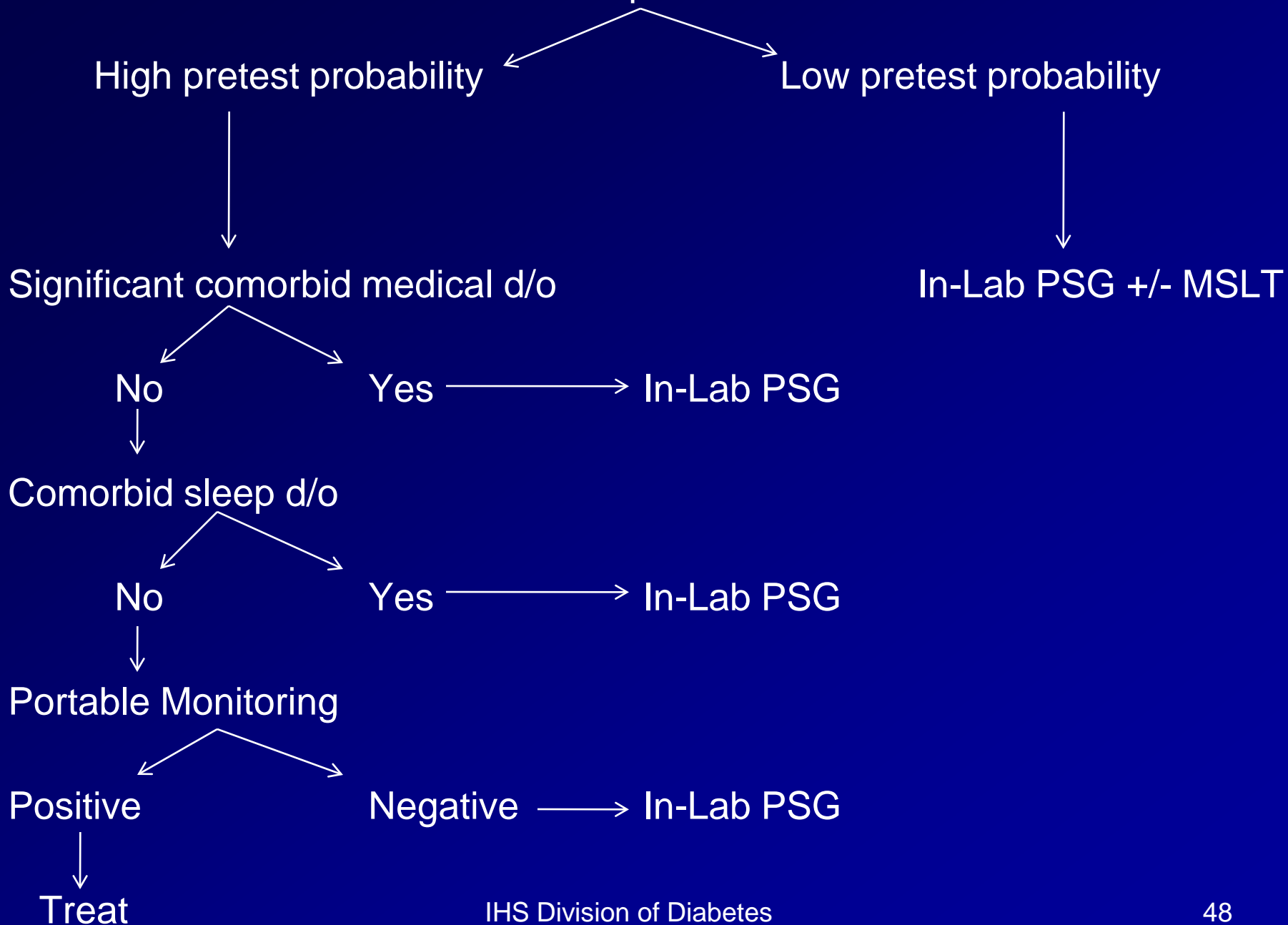
Contraindications for Use of Portable Monitoring

- Screening of asymptomatic populations
- Evaluation of OSAS in patients with significant comorbid medical conditions (CHF, severe COPD, and neuromuscular disease), or chronic use of narcotic pain medications.
- Evaluation of OSAS in patients with other sleep disorders (central sleep apnea, periodic limb movement disorder, insomnia, parasomnias, circadian rhythm disorders, or narcolepsy).

Limitations of Portable Monitoring

- False negative rate of up to 17%
- False positive rate variable depending on likelihood ratios (higher likelihood ratios—lower false positive rates)
- Data loss rate of 3–18%
- Overall equipment failure rate 12–24%
- Underestimation of AHI due to the inability to quantify sleep time
- Many devices do not adequately distinguish between obstructive and central apneas

Clinical Sleep Evaluation



Treatment Options

Treating Patients After a Positive Home Study

- CPAP
 - In-laboratory attended titration
 - In-home titration using AutoPAP
- Alternative treatment options
 - Oral appliances
 - ENT surgery
 - Conservative treatment
 - Weight loss
 - Supine avoidance
 - Treatment of nasal congestion/GERD

In-Home CPAP Titration

- Mask fitting *****KEY*****
 - Assess nasal vs mouth breathing
 - Ensure absence of leak at various pressures and in the supine position
 - Attention to comfort
- Instruction on CPAP use
 - What to expect
 - Desensitization
 - Problems/side-effects

In-Home CPAP Titration

- Use an autoadjusting PAP device permanently
OR
Use an autoadjusting PAP device for 2–3 days and extrapolate optimal pressure based on 90–95% pressure
- Make adjustments based on patient's clinical improvement and compliance data downloaded from PAP device (gives residual AHI, leak)
- If data is problematic or there is limited clinical improvement—proceed with in-laboratory titration

In-Home CPAP Titration

- Close clinical follow-up is ***CRITICAL***
 - Address mask issues early
 - Address pressure intolerance
 - Optimize treatment efficacy by adjusting pressure range
 - Document clinical improvement and compliance for third-party payers

Requirements for Initial PAP Coverage (CMS)

- Clinical sleep evaluation (including BMI, neck circumference, and Epworth Sleepiness Score)
- OSAS diagnosed by proper devices (Type I, II, III, IV with three channels)
- PAP covered for 12-week trial period
- PAP coverage beyond 12 weeks:
 - Patients who are compliant
 - Show clinical benefit from CPAP during the 12-week trial period

Requirements for PAP Coverage after 12-Week Trial

- Face-to-face visit with practitioner to document clinical improvement (between 31–91 days)
- Objective documentation of compliance using data reports from PAP device:
 - Use of at least four hours per night
 - On 70% of nights
 - For 30 consecutive day period during the trial

What about CPAP “Failures”

- Face-to-face reevaluation by physician to determine etiology of the problems
 - Consider lower pressure settings or BiPAP for pressure tolerance problems
 - Mask change for mask problems
 - Treatment of nasal congestion
 - Consider in-laboratory study or specialty referral if problems persist or optimal treatment regimen remains unclear
- Discussion of alternative treatments:
 - Oral appliances
 - ENT surgery
 - Other

Keys to Success

- Proper patient selection—sleep history/evaluation
- Adequate equipment (minimum four channels)
- Scoring with review of raw data
- ***Patient education*** about OSAS and CPAP
- Close clinical follow-up
- Good RT/DME support for adjustments in therapy

Case Studies and Summary

Case # 1

The Perils of Overnight Oximetry

- 50-year-old woman with c/o fragmented sleep, EDS, snoring, witnessed apneas, and PND
- PMH: HTN, CVA, COPD, chronic pain
- FHx: + for OSAS in father and 2 siblings
- PE:
 - BMI 31.6, neck circumference 15"
 - Mallampati 3-4, 2+ tonsils

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Start: 03/20/06 22:00

End: 03/21/06 08:10

Oximetry: Summary Report

Comments: Done on room air (re O2 order on file)

Recording time: 10:10:00	Highest pulse: 98	Highest SpO2: 100%
Excluded sampling: 00:17:34	Lowest pulse: 62	Lowest SpO2: 84%
Total valid sampling: 09:52:38	Mean pulse: 69	Mean SpO2: 94.1%
	1 S.D.: 7.8	1 S.D.: 2.4

Time with SpO2<90: 0:16:40, 2.8%	Time with SpO2 ->90: 8:35:56, 97.2%
Time with SpO2<80: 0:00:00, 0.0%	Time with SpO2->80 & <90: 0:16:40, 2.8%
Time with SpO2<70: 0:00:00, 0.0%	Time with SpO2->70 & <80: 0:00:00, 0.0%
Time with SpO2<60: 0:00:00, 0.0%	Time with SpO2->60 & <70: 0:00:00, 0.0%
Time with SpO2<55: 0:04:04, 0.7%	

The longest continuous time with saturation <59 was 00:00:44, which started at 02:01:16.

A desaturation event was defined as a decrease of saturation by 4 or more. One event was excluded due to artifact.

There were 13 desaturation events over 3 minutes duration.

There were 384 desaturation events of less than 3 minutes duration during which:
The mean high was 95.8%. The mean low was 91.2%.

The number of these events that were:

> 0 & <10 seconds: 24	> 0 seconds: 384
=>10 & <20 seconds: 175	=>10 seconds: 360
=>20 & <30 seconds: 71	=>20 seconds: 185
=>30 & <40 seconds: 25	=>30 seconds: 114
=>40 & <50 seconds: 25	=>40 seconds: 89
=>50 & <60 seconds: 14	=>50 seconds: 64
=>60 seconds: 50	=>60 seconds: 50

The mean length of desaturation events that were >=10 sec & <=3 mins was: 31.5 sec.

Desaturation event index (events >=10 sec per sampled hour): 36.4

Desaturation event index (events >= 0 sec per sampled hour): 38.9

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Oximeter: NCI 3303 memory, 4 second resolution.

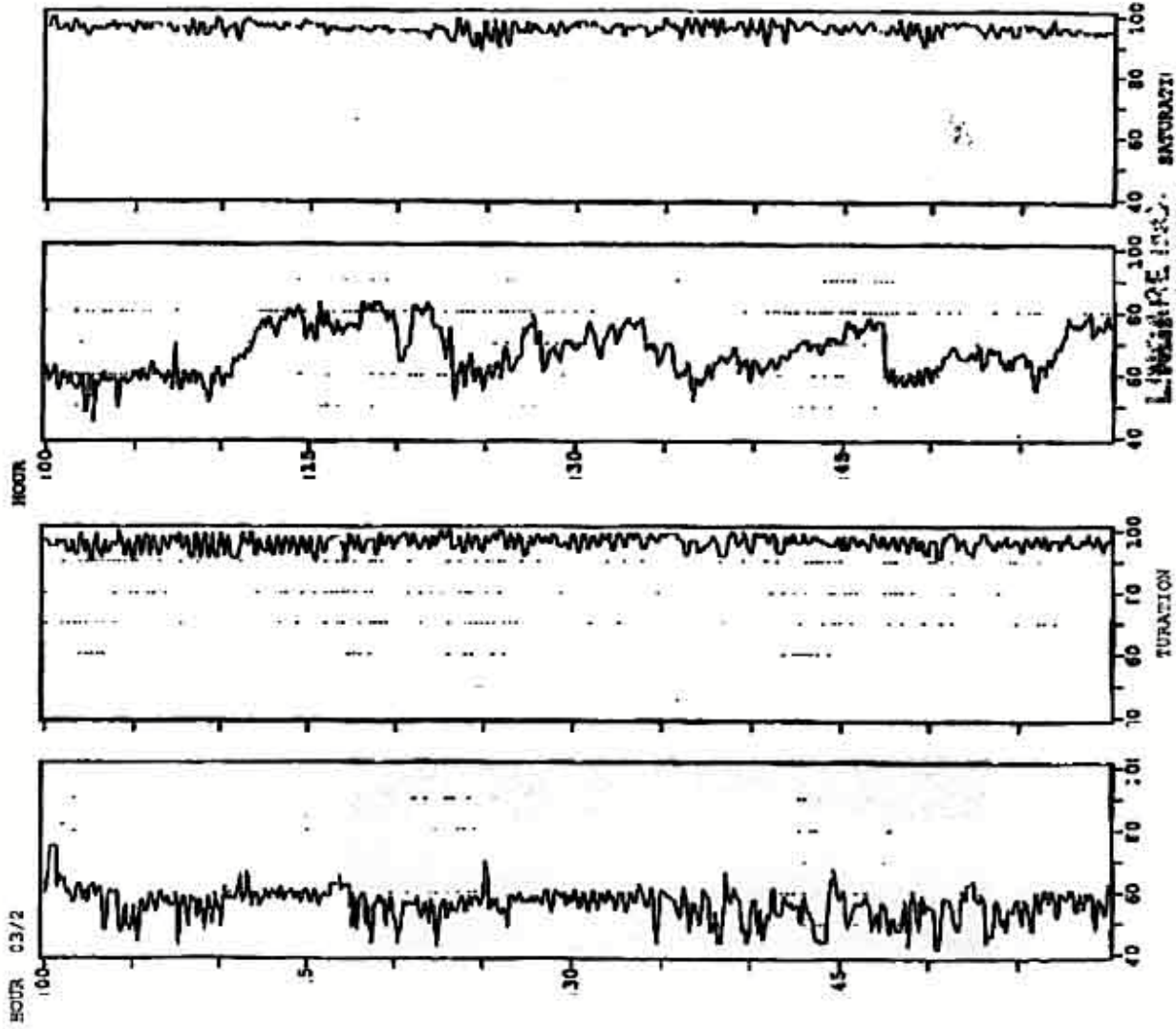
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Case # 1 (Continued)

- Overnight oximetry
 - Nadir SpO₂—84% and only 16 min (2.8%) <90%
 - Desat index—36.4
 - Tracing with phasic desats
- PSG
 - AHI 21.8 (but without REM sleep), moderate-severe sleep fragmentation

Case # 2

The Perils of Type IV Devices

- 31-year-old woman referred for increasing SOB, hypoxia, and abnl CXR
- ROS:
 - Fatigue, wt gain,
 - Orthopnea, PND, snoring, and witnessed apneas
 - Morning headaches, sleep maintenance insomnia, and excessive daytime sleepiness
- PMH: Type II DM, HTN, morbid obesity
- PE:
 - BMI 75, neck circumference 21.5”
 - Mallampati score–IV
 - Decreased breath sounds throughout

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R U Sleeping Apnea Test

Patient Name: [REDACTED]
 DOB: [REDACTED]

AHI: 2.4

Lowest SpO2: 43%

Apneas Per Hour

Hour 1:	<u>0</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 2:	<u>0</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 3:	<u>3</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 4:	<u>1</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 5:	<u>10</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 6:	<u>0</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 7:	<u>3</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or N
Hour 8:	<u>—</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or <u>N</u>
Hour 9:	<u>—</u>	err: <u>Y</u> or <u>N</u>

Signature: Loisina Moses-Toms

Comments:

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Southern Home Respiratory
 PO Box 352
 Cherokee NC 28719

Start: 03/25/09 23:04
 End: 03/26/09 05:05

Oximetry: Summary Report

Comments: Overnight Oximetry During Apnea Study

Recording time: 06:00:44	Highest pulse: 120	Highest SpO2: 99%
Excluded sampling: 02:02:56	Lowest pulse: 51	Lowest SpO2: 43%
Total valid sampling: 03:57:48	Mean pulse: 103	Mean SpO2: 75.6%
	1 S.D.: 5.7	1 S.D.: 6.4

Time with SpO2<90: 3:56:36, 59.5%	Time with SpO2 =>90: 0:01:12, 0.5%
Time with SpO2<80: 3:09:24, 79.6%	Time with SpO2 >=80 & <90: 0:47:12, 19.9%
Time with SpO2<70: 0:23:28, 12.4%	Time with SpO2 >=70 & <80: 2:39:54, 67.3%
Time with SpO2<60: 0:09:28, 4.0%	Time with SpO2 >=60 & <70: 0:20:00, 8.4%
Time with SpO2<50: 3:56:20, 59.4%	

The longest continuous time with saturation <=80 was 01:56:24, which started at 01/26/09 01:04:37.

A desaturation event was defined as a decrease of saturation by 4 or more. 2 events were excluded due to artifact. There was one desaturation event over 3 minutes duration.

There were 246 desaturation events of less than 3 minutes duration during which:
 The mean high was 78.6%. The mean low was 72.3%.

The number of these events that were:

> 0 & <=10 seconds: 93	> 0 seconds: 246
>=10 & <=20 seconds: 47	>=10 seconds: 163
>=20 & <=30 seconds: 43	>=20 seconds: 116
>=30 & <=40 seconds: 16	>=30 seconds: 73
>=40 & <=50 seconds: 21	>=40 seconds: 57
>=50 & <=60 seconds: 7	>=50 seconds: 36
>=60 seconds: 29	>=60 seconds: 99

The mean length of desaturation events that were >=10 sec & <=3 mins was: 37.3 sec.
 Desaturation event index (events >=10 sec per sampled hour): 41.1
 Desaturation event index (events >= 0 sec per sampled hour): 62.1

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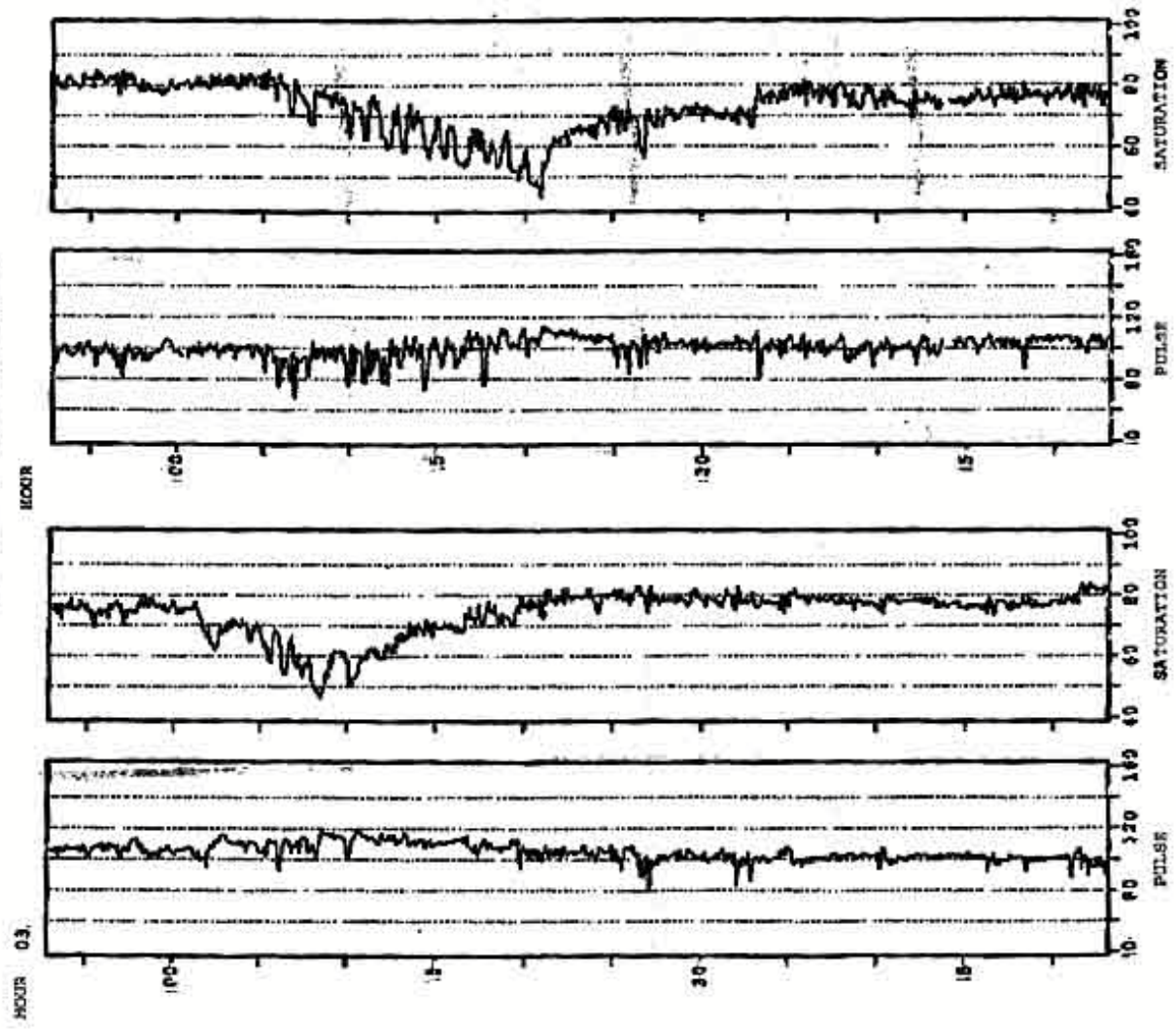
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Start 03/25/ 23:04
End 03/26/ 05:05

Oximetry hours lowest average SpO2
Comment Overnight Oximetry During Apnea Study



PROFOX Associates Inc Oximetry version Respiration MND
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Case # 2 (Continued)

- R U Sleeping Apnea Test
 - AHI–2.4
- Oximetry
 - Nadir SpO2 – 43%
 - Time <88% – 99.4% of recording
 - Desat index – 41.1
- PSG: AHI of 98
- Dx: Severe OSAS/obesity hypoventilation

Case # 3

Concerns About AutoPAP

- 67-year-old man with severe OSAS
 - AHI of 37.1, O2 desats to 83%
 - Optimal CPAP 13 cmH2O (but no supine sleep)
 - APAP 13–20 cmH2O

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Test date: 07/14/09
 Doctor: Dr T Green

Start: 07/14/09 19:56:29
 End: 07/15/09 04:00:29

Oximetry: Comprehensive Report
 Comments: overnight oximetry on autopap

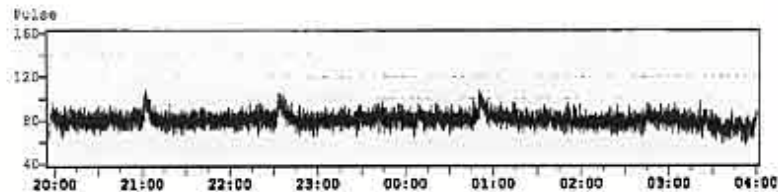
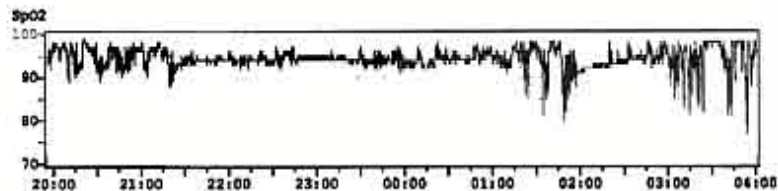
Recording time: 08:04:00 Highest pulse: 108 Highest SpO2: 99%
 Excluded sampling: 00:00:08 Lowest pulse: 57 Lowest SpO2: 77%
 Total valid sampling: 08:03:52 Mean pulse: 80 Mean SpO2: 94.3%

Time with SpO2<90: 0:13:52, 2.9%
 Time with SpO2<80: 0:00:20, 0.1%
 Time with SpO2<70: 0:00:00, 0.0%
 Time with SpO2<60: 0:00:00, 0.0%
 Time with SpO2<59: 0:10:00, 2.1%

The longest continuous time with saturation <=88 was 00:00:40, which started at 07/15/09 01:48:21.

A desaturation event was defined as a decrease of saturation by 5 or more. No events were excluded due to artifact. There were 8 desaturation events over 3 minutes duration.

There were 53 desaturation events of less than 3 minutes duration during which the mean high was 96.2%. The mean low was 87.1%. The mean length of events that were >=10 sec & <=3 mins was: 43.1 sec. Desaturation event index (number of events per hour): 5.6



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 Oximeter: Respiration 920W Plus memory, 4 second resolution.

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Statistics

Serial No.: 20080901688
 Product: AutoSet II AMEK

7/2/2009 - 7/14/2009

Device Settings		
Therapy Mode: AUTOSCT	EPR Mode: FULLTIME	EPR Level: 3.0 cmH2O
Minimum Pressure: 18.0 cmH2O	Maximum Pressure: 20.0 cmH2O	
Pressure - cmH2O		
Median: 18.0	95th Percentile: 18.0	Maximum: 18.0
Leak - L/min		
Median: 3.6	95th Percentile: 24.8	Maximum: 119.4
APR & AI - Events/hr		
Apnea Index: 5.2	AHI: 15.4	% Time in Apnea: 2.1
Hypopnea Index: 10.2		

Usage		
Used Days >= 4 hrs: 10	Used Days < 4 hrs: 2	% Used Days >= 4 hrs: 78
Days not used: 1	Total days: 13	Median daily usage: 8:01
Total hours used: 81:02	Average daily usage: 7:00	

Case # 4–The Importance of Proper Patient Selection

- 50-year-old woman with OSAS diagnosed by home study, referred for “CPAP failure”
- HX: daytime sleepiness, witnessed apneas
- PMH: Chronic pain on multiple narcotic pain meds
- PE: BMI 20, Mallampati score–II
- HST: AHI 27, Desats to 84%; Dx: OSAS
(Small Print: Possible Cheyne-Stokes pattern)
- Started on AutoPAP, but had persistent sx and residual events on compliance download
- In-laboratory PSG: No OSAS, but moderate **Central** sleep apnea.
- Switched to adaptive servo ventilation with improvement

Improving Sleep Care in a Primary Care Setting

- Screen patients with a basic sleep questionnaire
- Appropriate use of home sleep testing with careful clinical correlation
- Referral for in-laboratory studies in complex cases
- Consider referral to sleep clinic when the diagnosis is unclear, patient has difficulty adjusting to CPAP, or there is a concern about other sleep disorders

Quick OSAS Risk Quiz

- Do you regularly feel unrefreshed, even after a full night's sleep?
- Do you fall asleep easily during the day, while at work, or at home?
- Are you a loud, habitual snorer?
- Has your bed partner witnessed you choking, gasping, or holding your breath during sleep?
- Do you often suffer from poor concentration, memory loss, irritability, and/or bad mood?
- Do you have high blood pressure?

*** Yes answers to two or more questions suggests
increased risk of OSAS ***

THINK ABOUT SLEEP!

Your patients will thank you.