

# Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

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## Cardiology and Sleep Apnea - The Intersection and Collision: A Deeper Dive

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## Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Demographics & Cardiovascular Effects

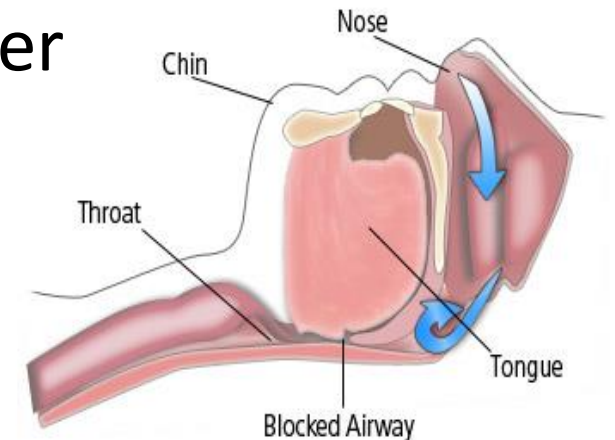
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# Clinical Vignette

- NM: 57 yo male, BMI 42, HTN, Hypercholesterolemia, Type 2 DM, Tobacco abuse
- Sedentary with Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Shake the walls snoring. Spouse sleeps in separate room
- BP meds (ACE-inhibitor and beta blocker), statin, aspirin, Oral DM agent, Omega 3

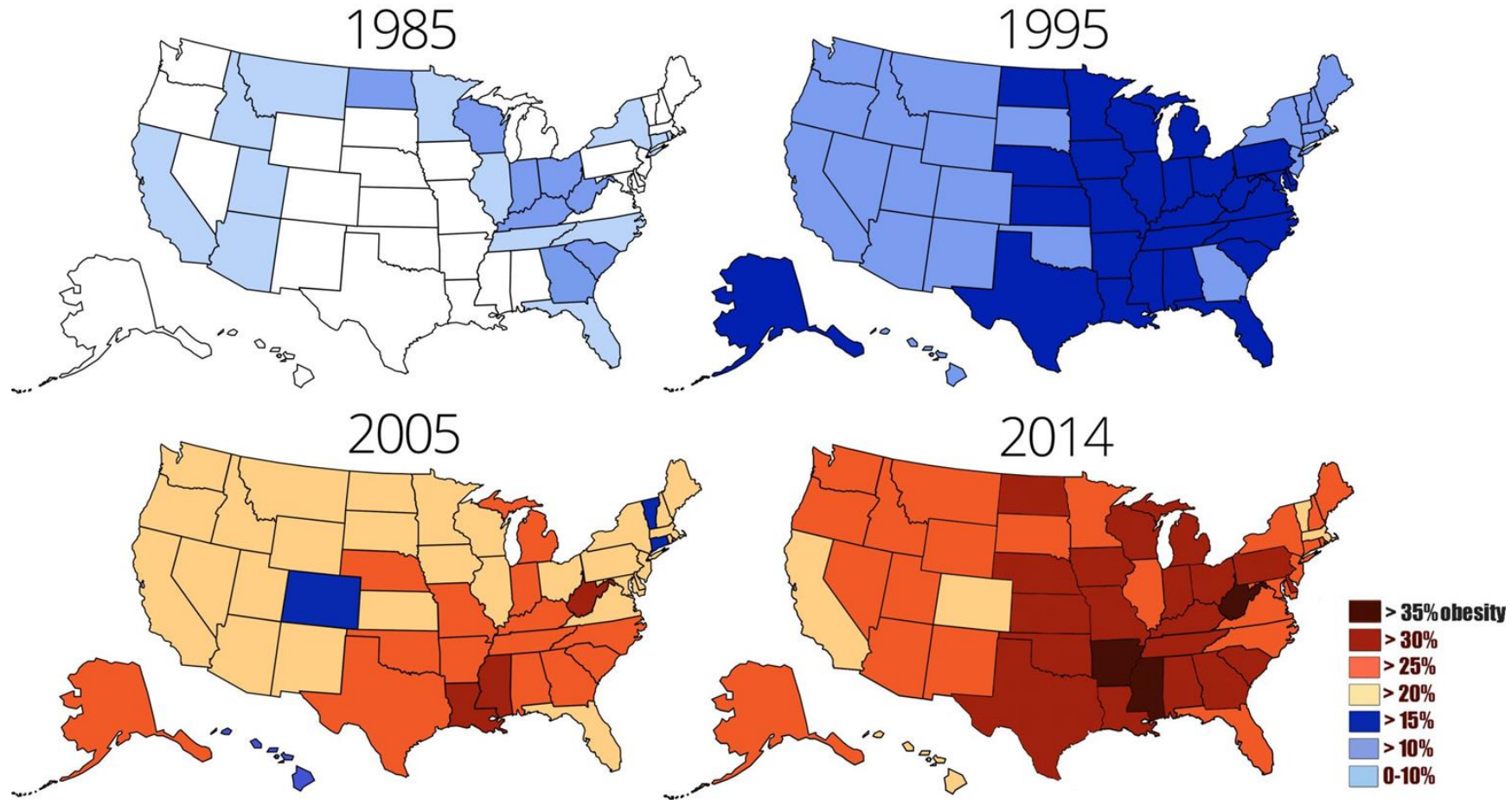
# Demographics of Obstructive Sleep Apnea

- 4% of men and 2% of women-
  - when symptoms and syndrome present
- 24% of men and 9% of women-
  - based on abnormal sleep study alone
- 20-40 million Americans with OSA- 80-85% undiagnosed
- Incidence of OSA increases with Age
- Incidence of Cardiovascular disease increases with Age
- OSA and CV risk factors tend to cluster together

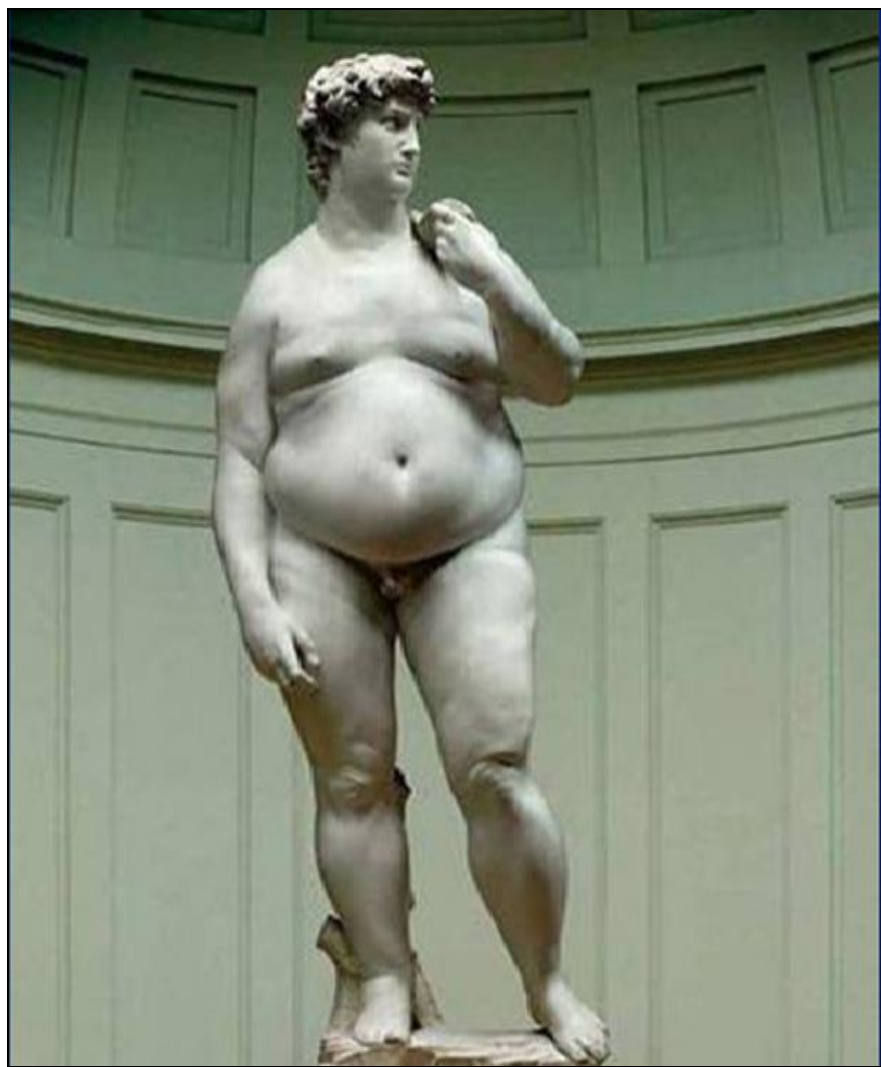


# Obesity:

The single biggest risk factor for OSA explosion?







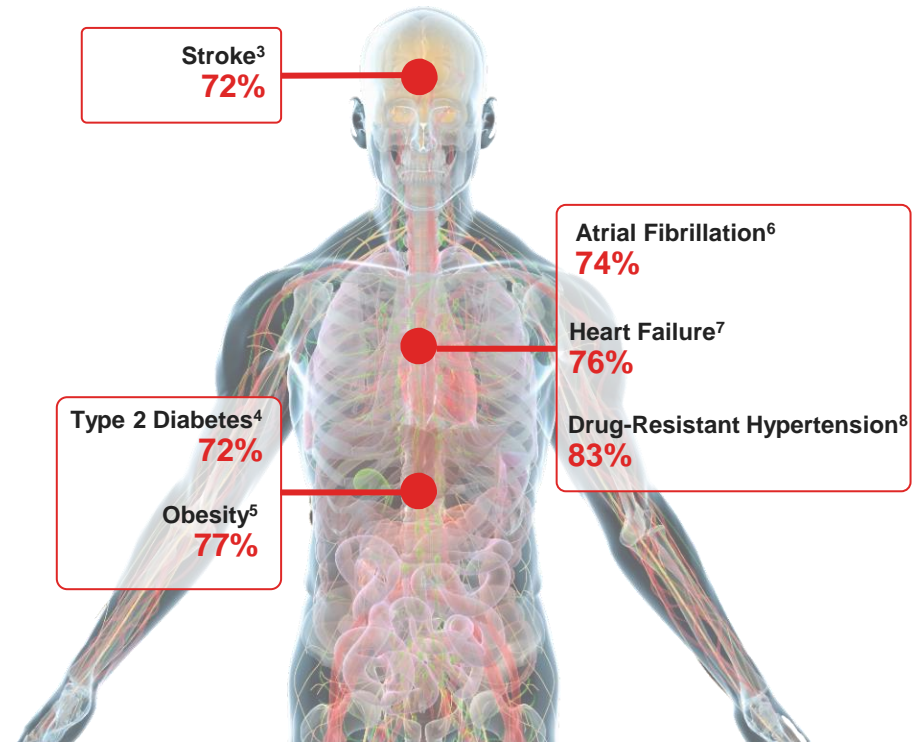


# Sleep apnea is more than 80% undiagnosed...

...and is highly prevalent in other chronic conditions

For every 100 U.S. adults...

4 KNOW THEY HAVE SLEEP APNEA<sup>1,2</sup>



1 Peppard PE et al. *Am J Epidemiol* 2013  
2 Young T et al. *Sleep* 1997

3 Johnson KG and Johnson DC. *J Clin Sleep Med* 2010  
4 Einhorn D et al. *Endocr Pract* 2007  
5 O'Keefe T and Patterson EJ. *Obes Surg* 2004

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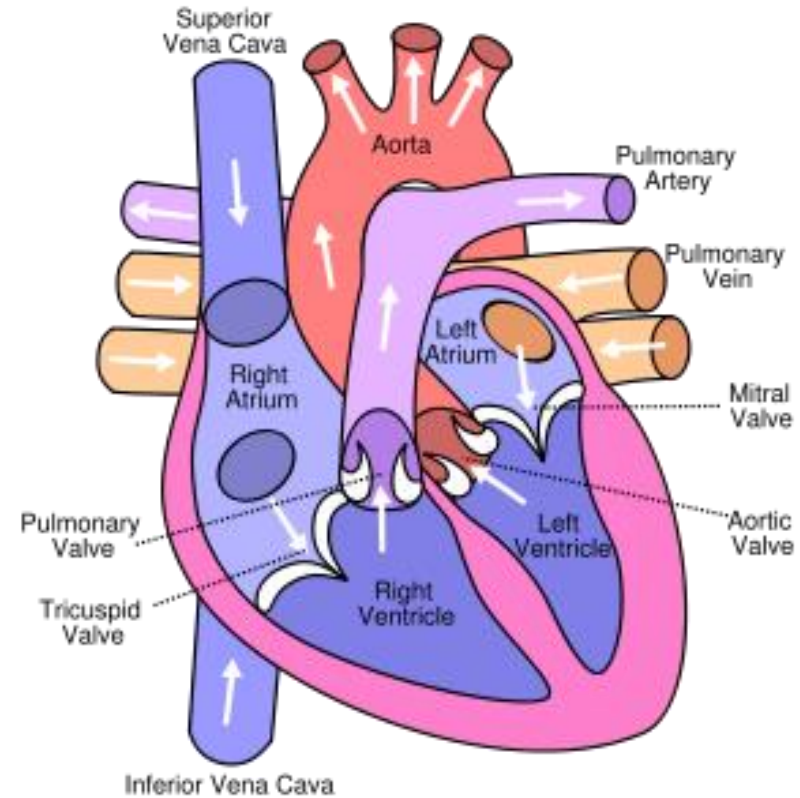
# Cardiovascular Disease



- #1 killer since 1990
- In 1999, 33% of deaths from CVD occurred in patients over 75 years old
- Need new Paradigms and Treatments
- Death from Myocardial Infarction typically occurs 6am-Noon.
- Death from OSA occurs Midnight - 6am

# Independent Predictors of Myocardial Infarction

<u>Risk Factor</u>	<u>Odds Ratio</u>
Standard	1.0
Overweight	7.1
Hypertension	7.8
Smoking	11.1
OSA (>5.3)	23.3



# Normal Sleep Physiology

## NREM 75-80%

- Decreased sympathetic nerve activity
- “Nocturnal Dipping” 10-15% decrease in bp following a circadian rhythm pattern
- Decreased cerebral blood flow
- Regular breathing pattern
- Decreased minute ventilation
- Decreased muscle tone

# Normal Sleep Physiology

## REM 20-25%

- Sympathetic nerve activity, HR and BP similar to wake
- Increased cerebral blood flow
- Irregular breathing pattern
- Respiration dependent on diaphragm
- Absent muscle tone

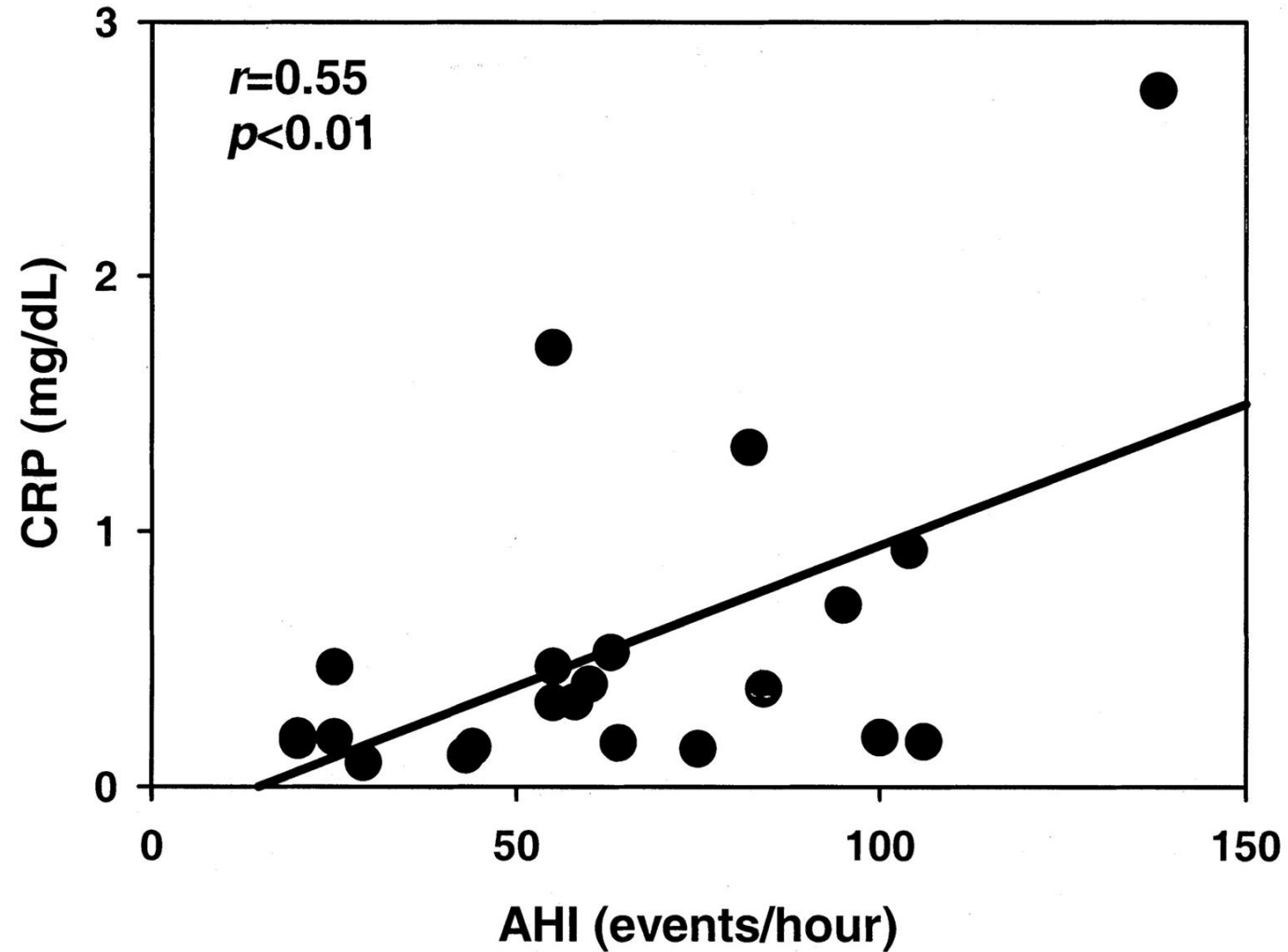
# Cardiovascular Effects of Apnea

- Apnea: a cessation of breathing for a minimum of 10 seconds
- Tends to result in decreased blood O<sub>2</sub> and increased CO<sub>2</sub>
- Hypoxia independently association with CVD
- Nervous system responds by increasing heart rate and blood pressure and constricting blood vessels in periphery
- Mueller Maneuver
  - Airway closure, increased negative intra-thoracic pressure resulting in increase cardiac pressures
- Alteration of heart rate and blood pressure variability

# Transmyocardial Pressure

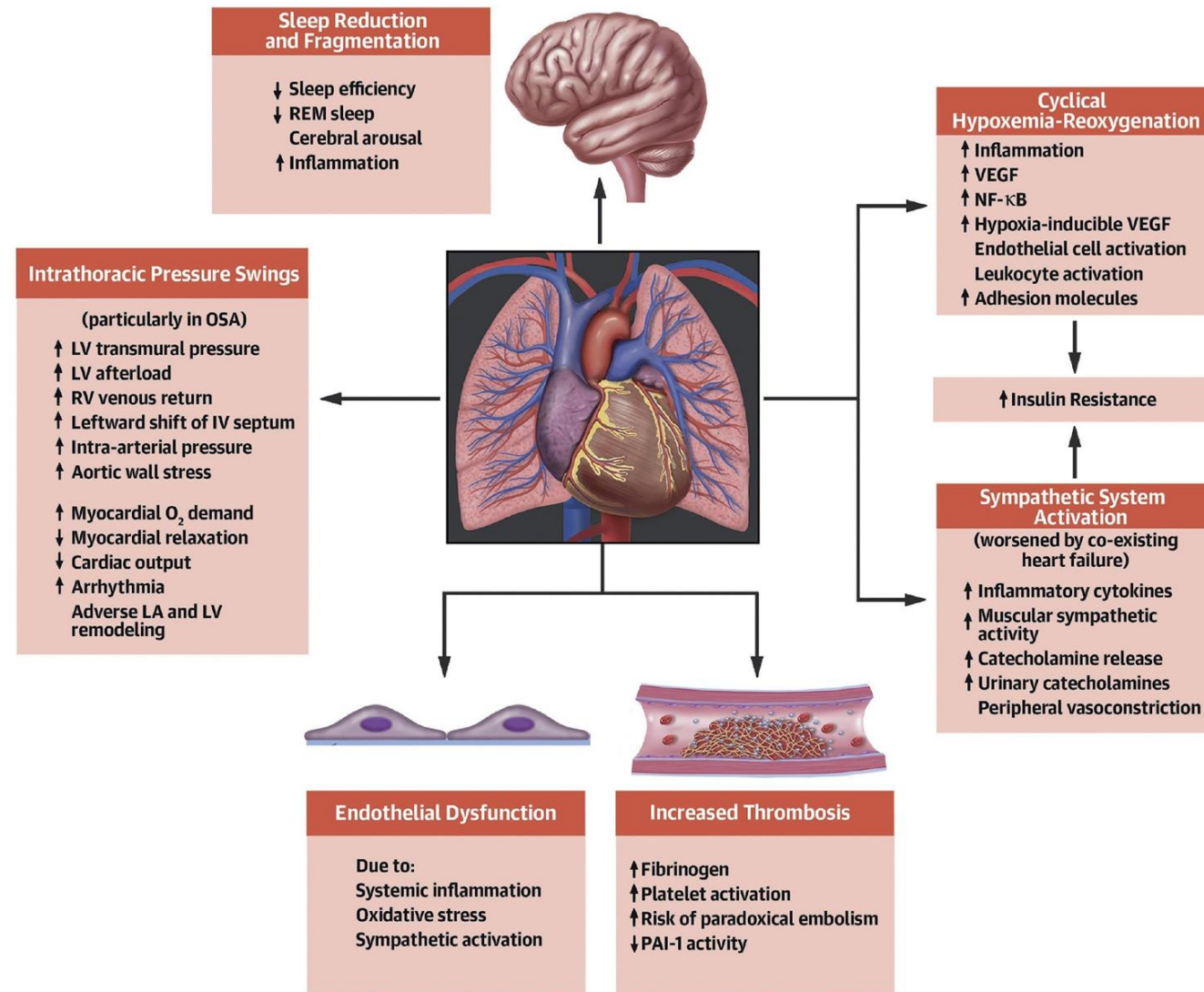
- Decrease in pleural pressure with inspiration and increases with positive airway pressure
- Transmural pressure of heart = intracardiac pressure minus extracardiac pressure (pericardial or pleural)
- Transmyocardial pressure determines wall stress/afterload
- Each inspiration increases transmyocardial pressure
- PAP decreases preload and afterload

# OSA: An Inflammatory Disease





## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Pathophysiological Abnormalities in Sleep Disordered Breathing



Cowie, M.R. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2021;78(6):608-624.

# Cardiovascular Manifestations of OSA

- Vascular inflammation
- Clotting tendency
- Oxidative stress
- Hypertension, Pulmonary Hypertension
- Diastolic Dysfunction
- Endothelial dysfunction
- Obesity
- Arrhythmias
- CHF
- Diabetes Mellitus / Metabolic syndrome

**\*\*Comparing variables leading to CV death- OSA carries greater risk than Diabetes, Hypertension and Smoking\*\***

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## OSA & Hypertension

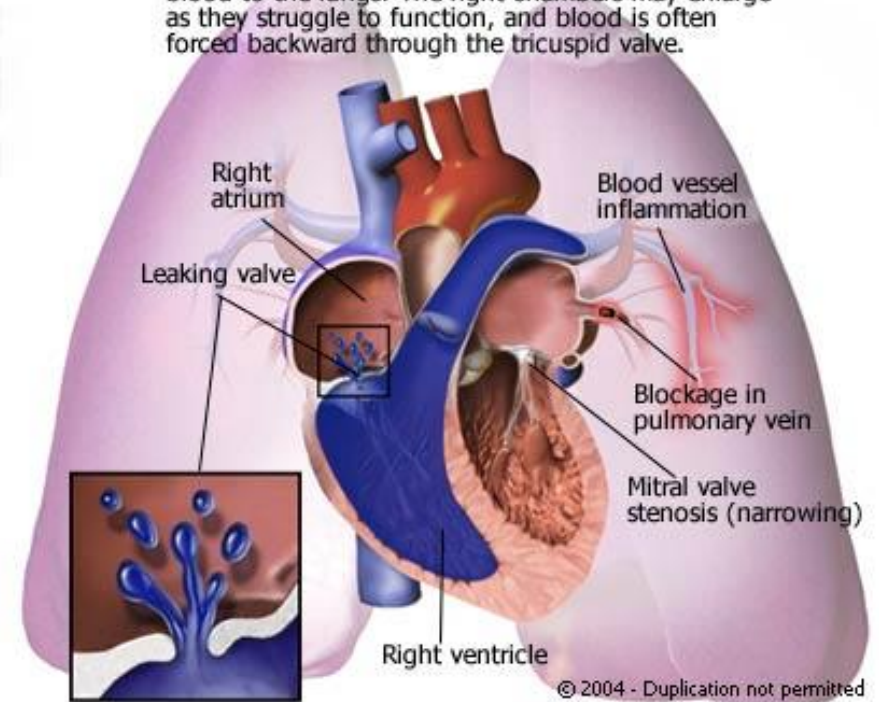
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# Hypertension

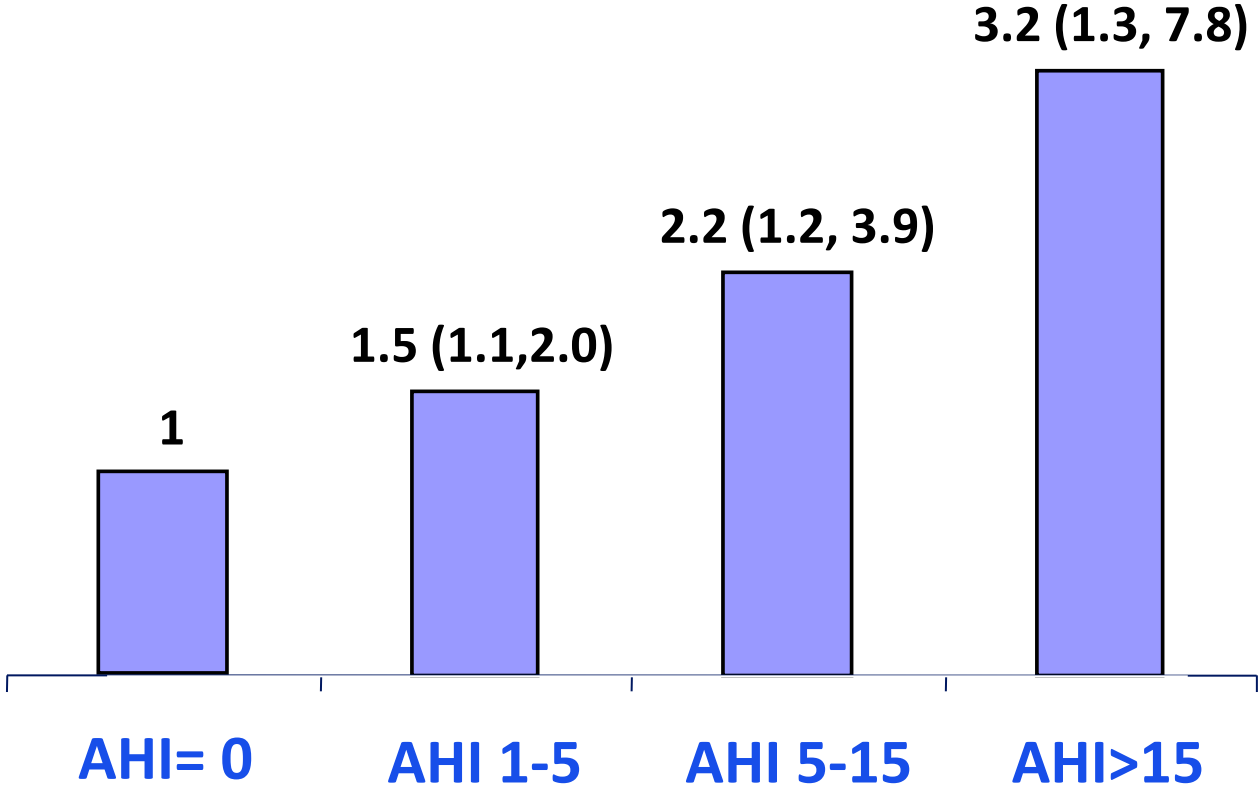
- 50% of OSA patients have hypertension
- 30% of hypertensive patients have OSA
- More difficult to control as OSA worsens
- OSA present in 65-80% of patients with drug-resistant HTN
- JNC 7 concluded that OSA is an independent cause of hypertension
- Treating OSA improves hypertension

## Pulmonary Hypertension

Can be caused by a number of factors, all of which force the heart's right side to work harder to pump blood to the lungs. The right chambers may enlarge as they struggle to function, and blood is often forced backward through the tricuspid valve.

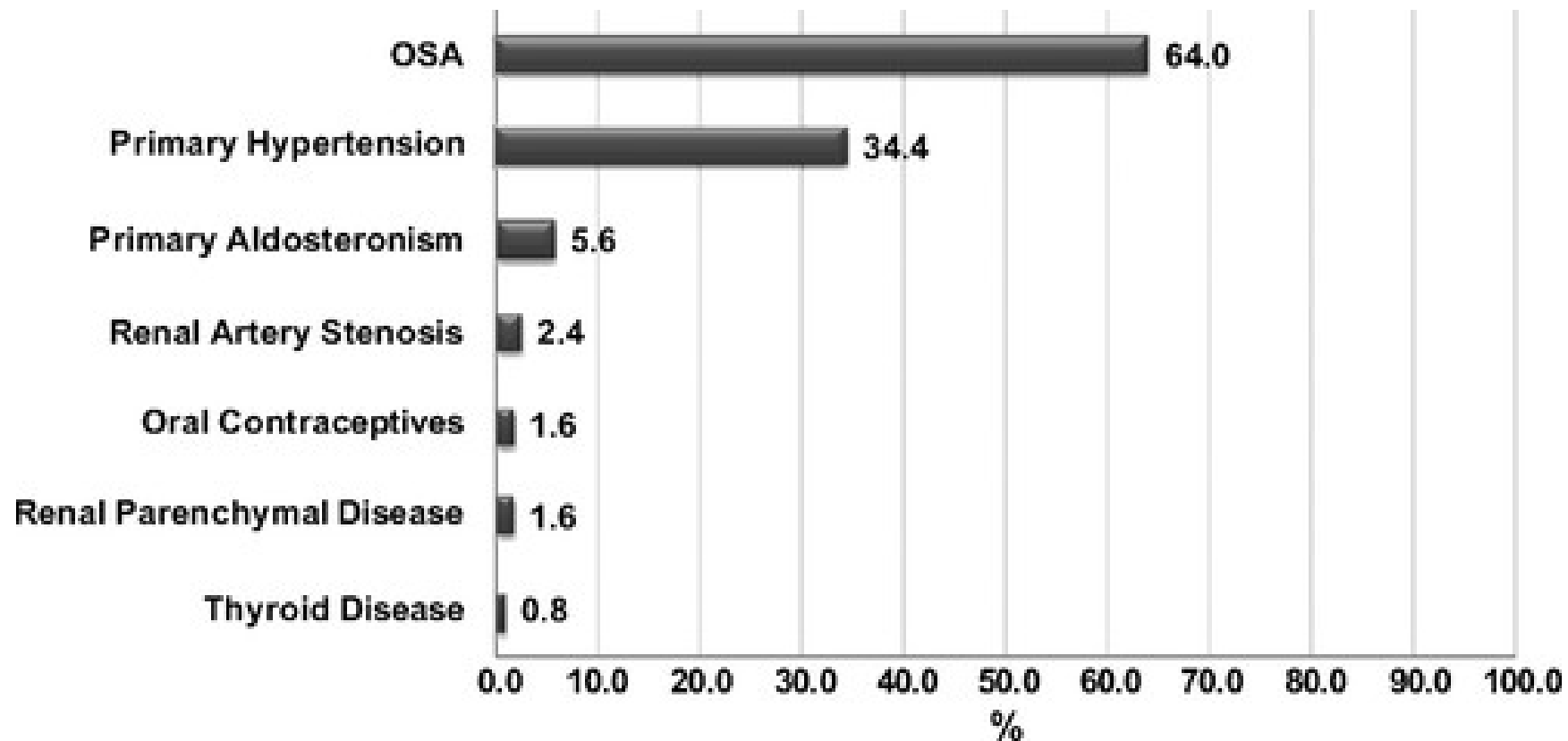


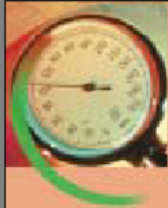
# Odds Ratios for Incident Hypertension at 4-year F/U With Baseline Ahi>0 Wisconsin Sleep Cohort Study



\*adjusted for baseline Hypertension, Age, Gender, BMI, Waist Circumference, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use

# Prevalence of Secondary Causes Associated With Resistant Hypertension





# Reference Card From the Seventh Report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC 7)

## EVALUATION

### CLASSIFICATION OF BLOOD PRESSURE (BP)\*

CATEGORY	SBP mmHg	and/or	DBP mmHg
Normal	<120	and	<80
Prehypertension	120–139	or	80–89
Hypertension, Stage 1	140–159	or	90–99
Hypertension, Stage 2	≥160	or	≥100

\* See *Blood Pressure Measurement Techniques* (reverse side)  
Key: SBP = systolic blood pressure DBP = diastolic blood pressure

### DIAGNOSTIC WORKUP OF HYPERTENSION

- Assess risk factors and comorbidities.
- Reveal identifiable causes of hypertension.
- Assess presence of target organ damage.
- Conduct history and physical examination.
- Obtain laboratory tests: urinalysis, blood glucose, hematocrit and lipid panel, serum potassium, creatinine, and calcium. Optional: urinary albumin/creatinine ratio.
- Obtain electrocardiogram.

### ASSESS FOR MAJOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD) RISK FACTORS

- Hypertension
- Obesity (body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Dyslipidemia
- Diabetes mellitus
- Cigarette smoking
- Physical inactivity
- Microalbuminuria, estimated glomerular filtration rate  $< 60$  ml/min
- Age ( $> 55$  for men,  $> 65$  for women)
- Family history of premature CVD (men age  $< 55$ , women age  $< 65$ )

### ASSESS FOR IDENTIFIABLE CAUSES OF HYPERTENSION

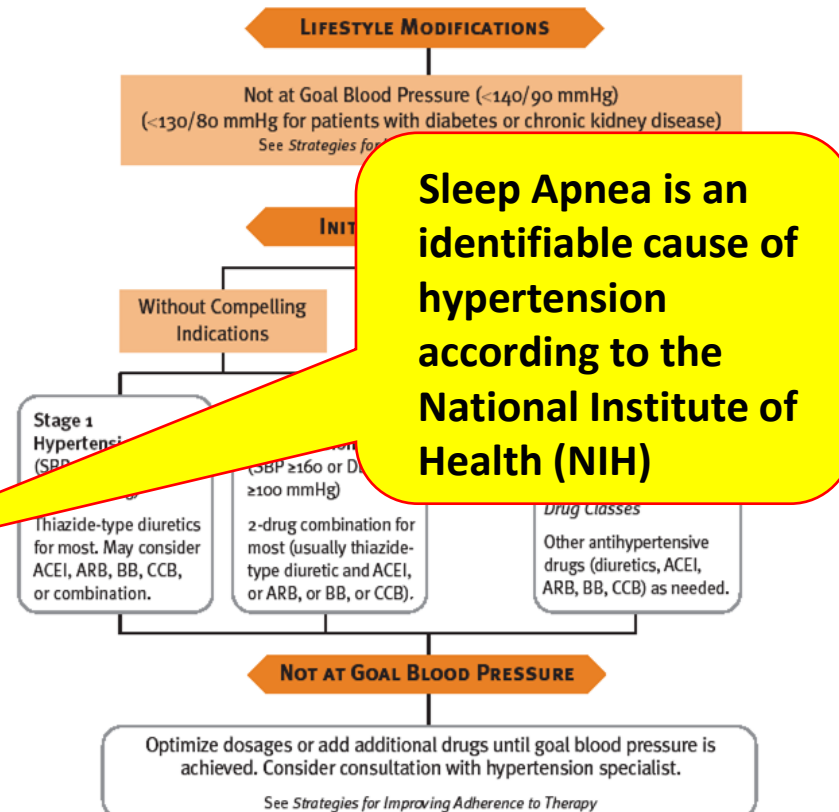
- Sleep apnea
- Drug induced/exacerbated
- Chronic kidney disease
- Primary aldosteronism
- Renovascular disease
- Cushing's syndrome or steroid therapy
- Pheochromocytoma
- Coarctation of aorta
- Thyroid/parathyroid disease

## TREATMENT

### PRINCIPLES OF HYPERTENSION TREATMENT

- Treat to BP  $< 140/90$  mmHg or BP  $< 130/80$  mmHg in patients with diabetes or chronic kidney disease.
- Majority of patients will require two medications to reach goal.

### ALGORITHM FOR TREATMENT OF HYPERTENSION



**Sleep Apnea is an identifiable cause of hypertension according to the National Institute of Health (NIH)**

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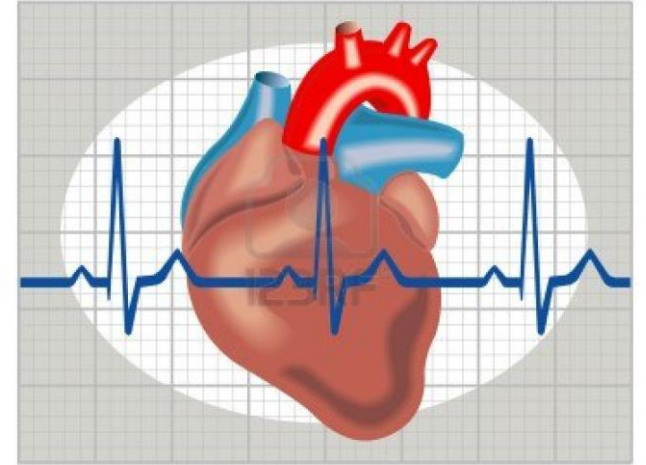
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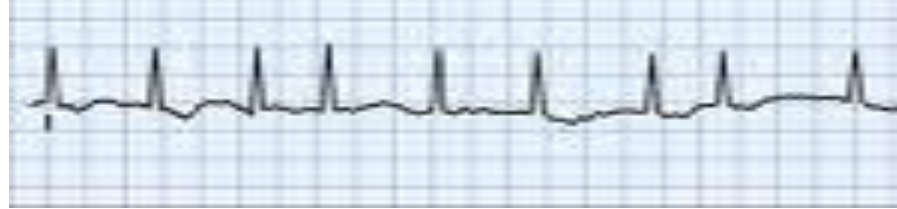


# Arrhythmias

- Increased risk with worsening OSA
- Occur in 50% of OSA patients
- Most common include PVCs, NSVT, Sinus Arrest, Bradycardia, Atrial Fibrillation
- Treating OSA improves
- Atrial Fibrillation is more difficult to convert to normal rhythm with untreated OSA
- Atrial Fibrillation ablation has high failure rate in untreated OSA patients

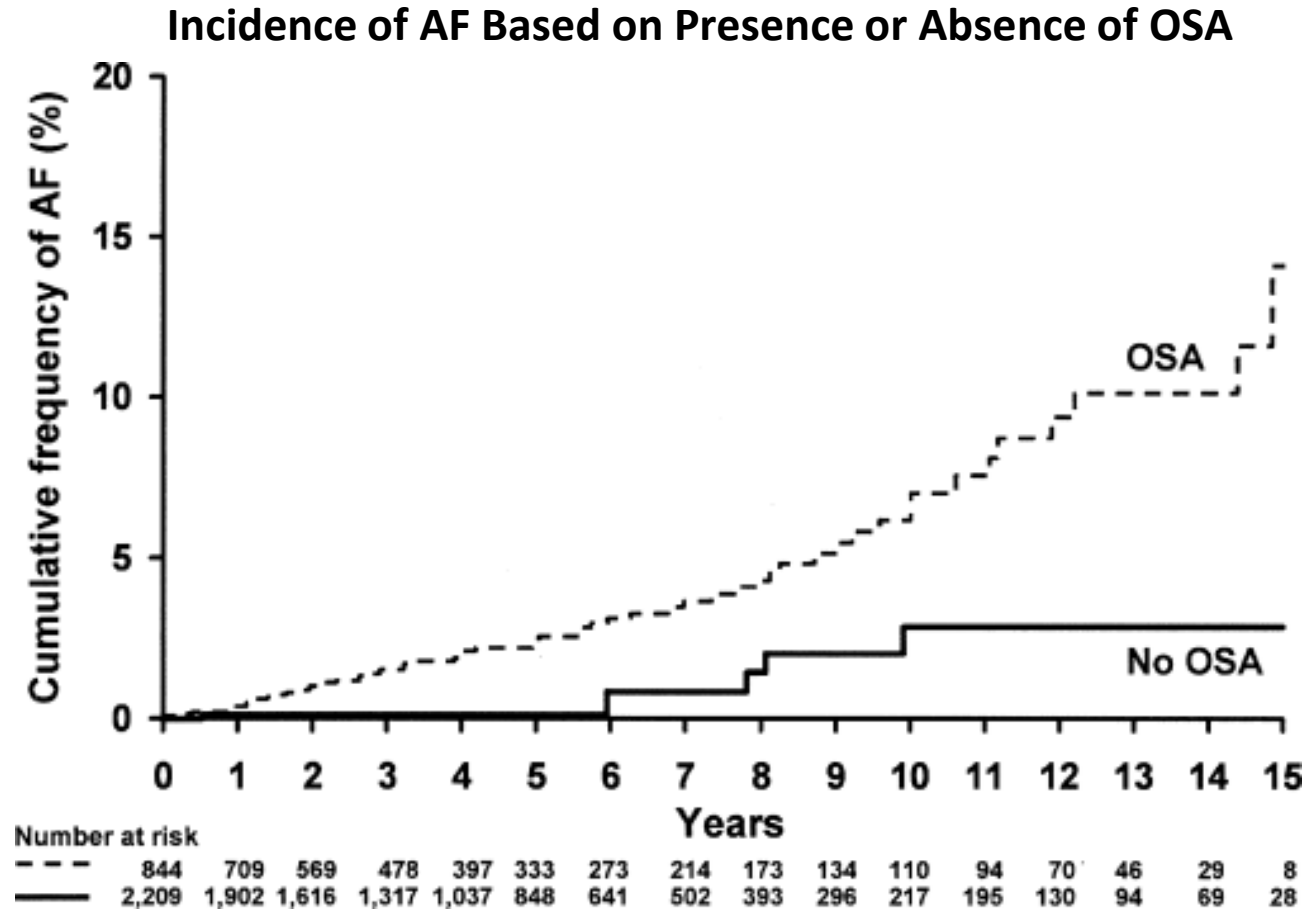


# Atrial Fibrillation



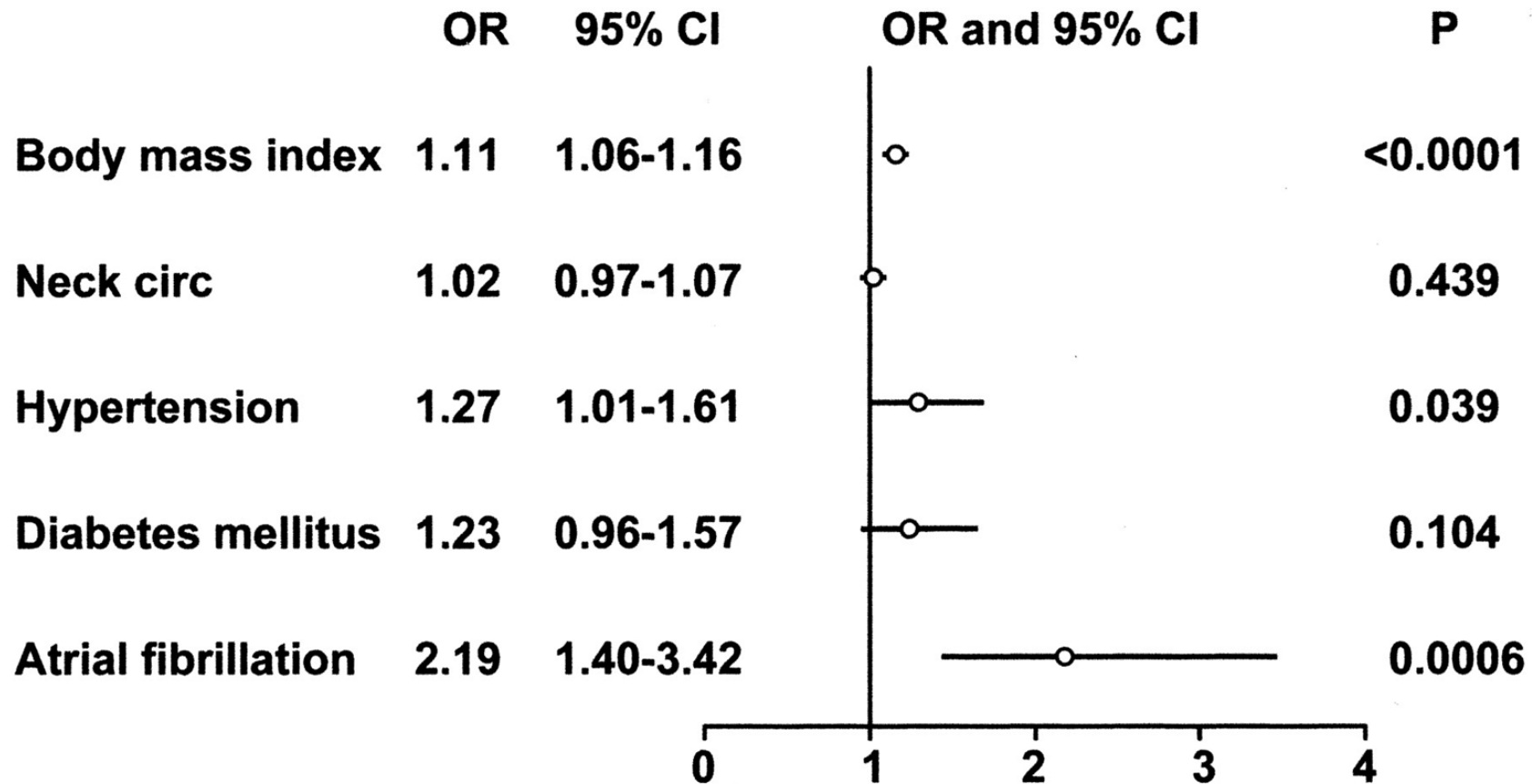
- Obesity and hypoxemia are independent predictors of AFib in pts < 65
- 82% recurrence of Afib if OSA untreated after cardioversion
- 50% of pts presenting for cardioversion have OSA (30% in general cardiac population)
- Mechanisms: LA stretch more common in OSA, recurrent hypoxemia, significant catecholamine swings, arousals

# Atrial Fibrillation and OSA

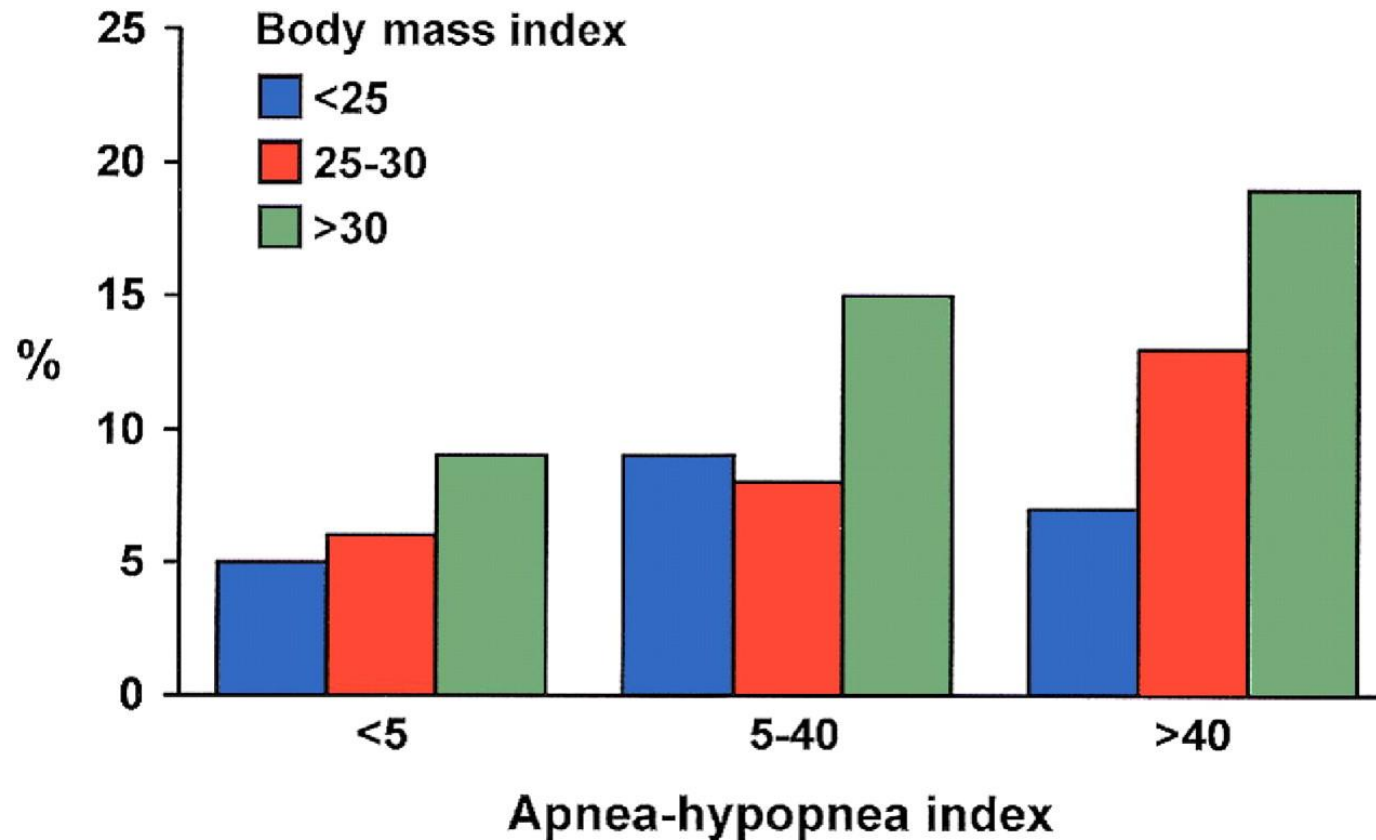


Cumulative frequency curves for incident atrial fibrillation (AF) for subjects <65 years of age with and without obstructive **sleep apnea** (OSA) during an average 4.7 years of follow-up

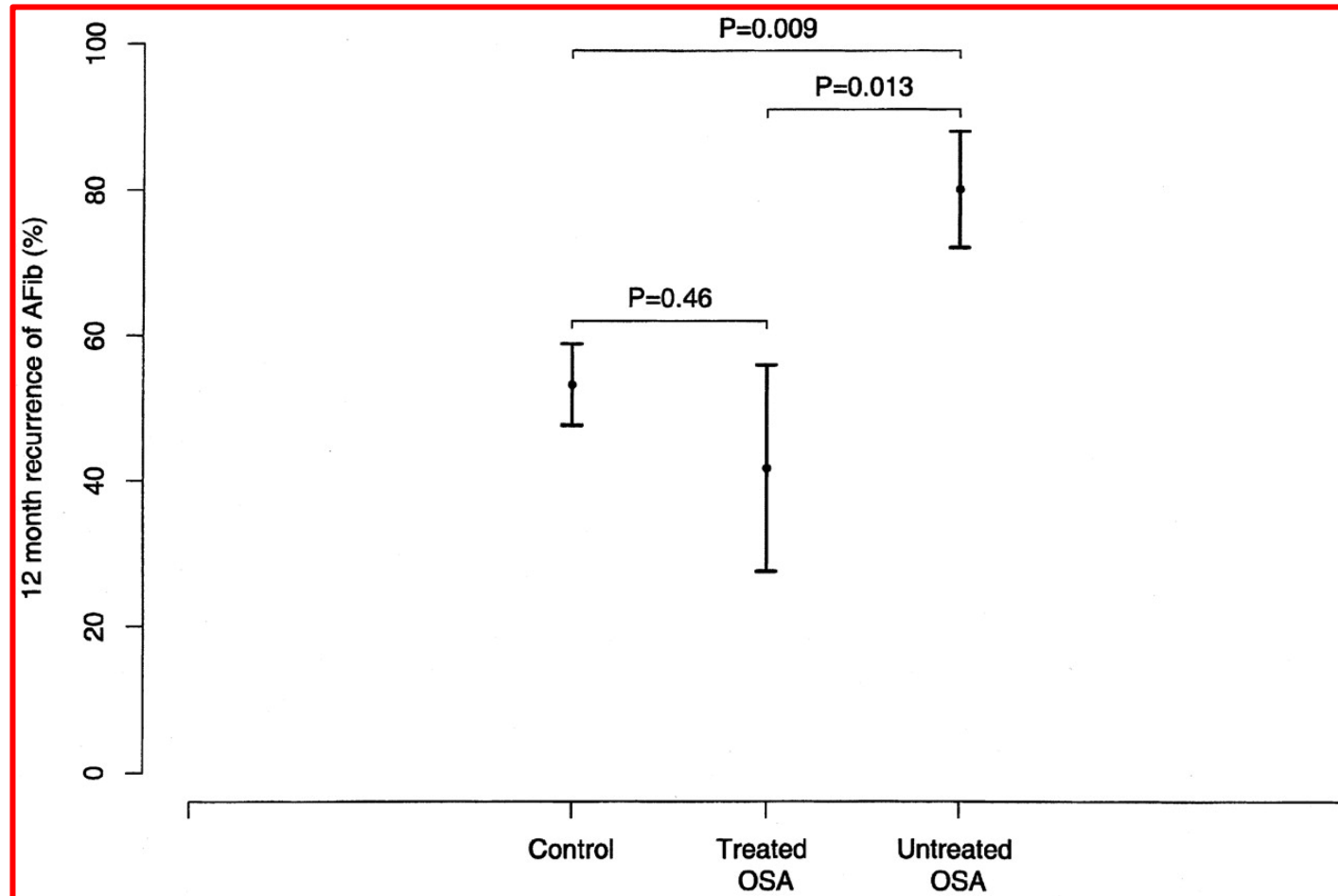
# Adjusted OR and 95% CI for Association Between AF and OSA



# Incidence of AF Based on the Severity of OSA and Obesity



# Recurrence of AF at 12 months comparing patients with treated and untreated OSA



# Case Study:

70-year-old male referred for a syncopal episode

# Cardiac HPI

- While moving furniture, bent over to pick up a chair, became dizzy and passed out
- No associated chest pain, palpitations, SOB, incontinence or seizure activity
- Regained consciousness and felt back to baseline



# Sleep History

- Awakens refreshed
- Denies snoring
- Intermittent EDS
- Denies morning headaches
- No witnessed apneas
- Denies waking choking or gasping
- Epworth: 8/24

# Past Medical History

- HTN
- Hyperlipidemia
- Gout
- Morbid Obesity

# Physical Exam

- BP: 154/87
- HR: 72
- RR: 18
- Wt: 274
- BMI: 41.7
- Unremarkable except for 2/6 SEM base, trace pitting edema lower extremities

# Cardiac Evaluation

- Nuclear Stress Test:
  - Normal with LVEF= 55-60%
- Echocardiogram:
  - Normal LV systolic function
  - LVEF= 55-60%
  - Grade 1 Diastolic Dysfunction
  - No significant valvular disease
- Carotid Ultrasound
  - Mild diffuse non-critical plaquing

# **Ambulatory Cardiac Telemetry**

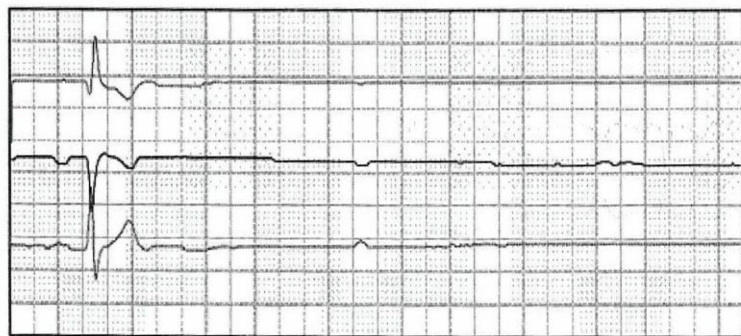
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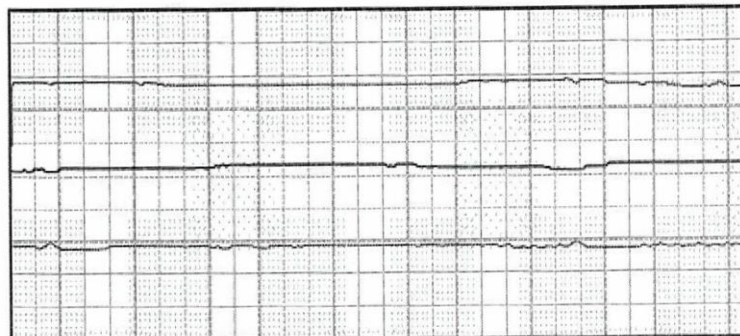
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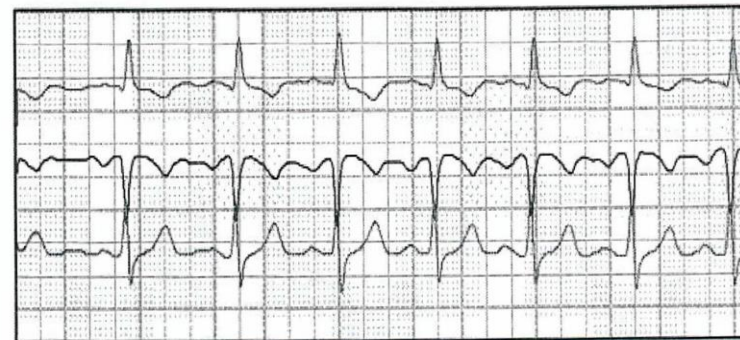
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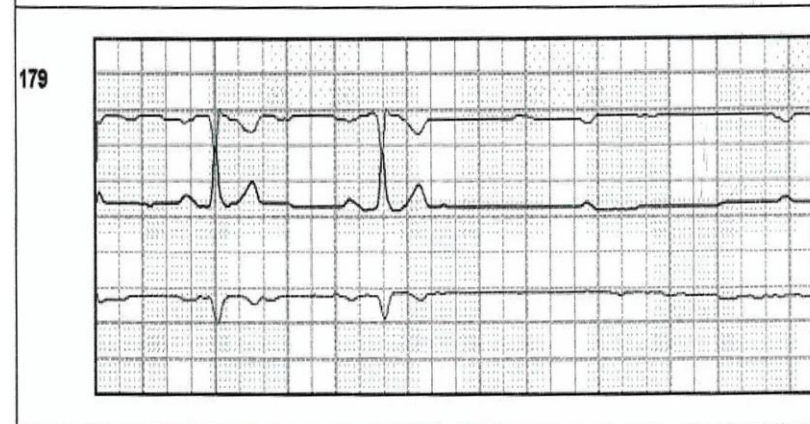
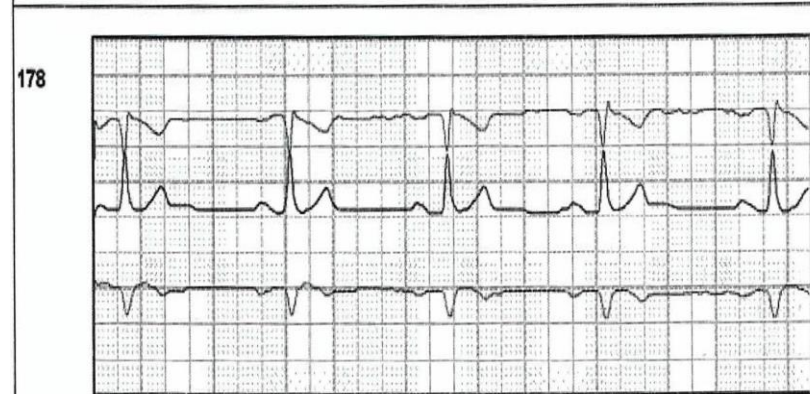
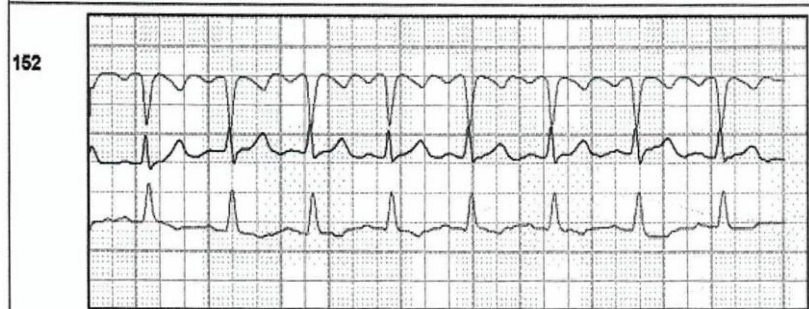
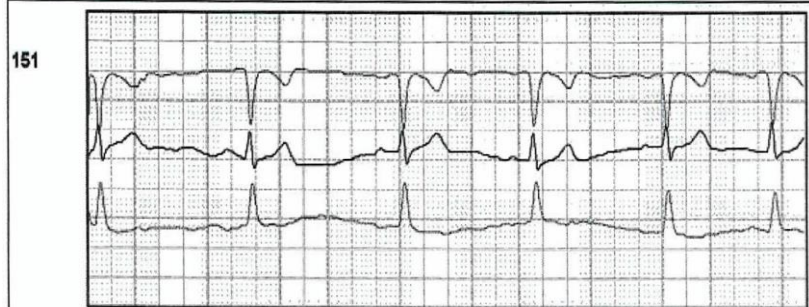
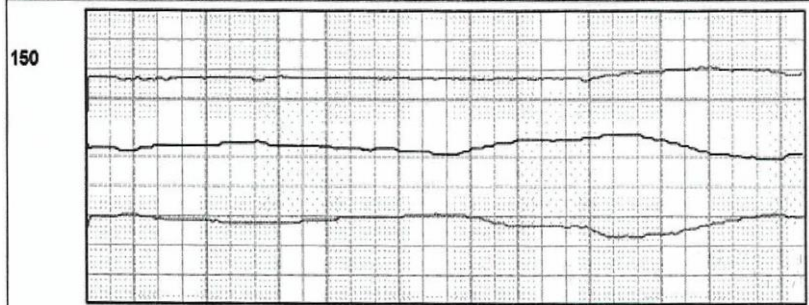
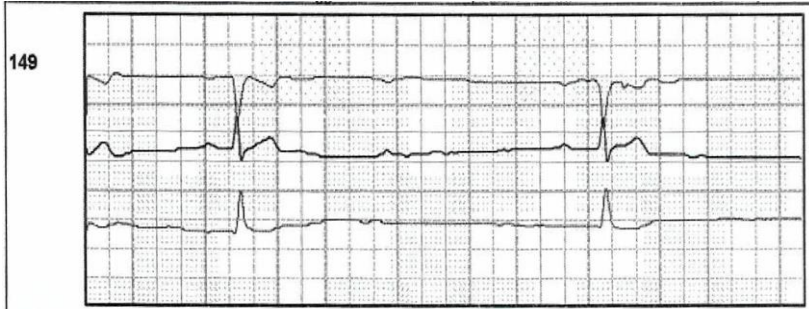


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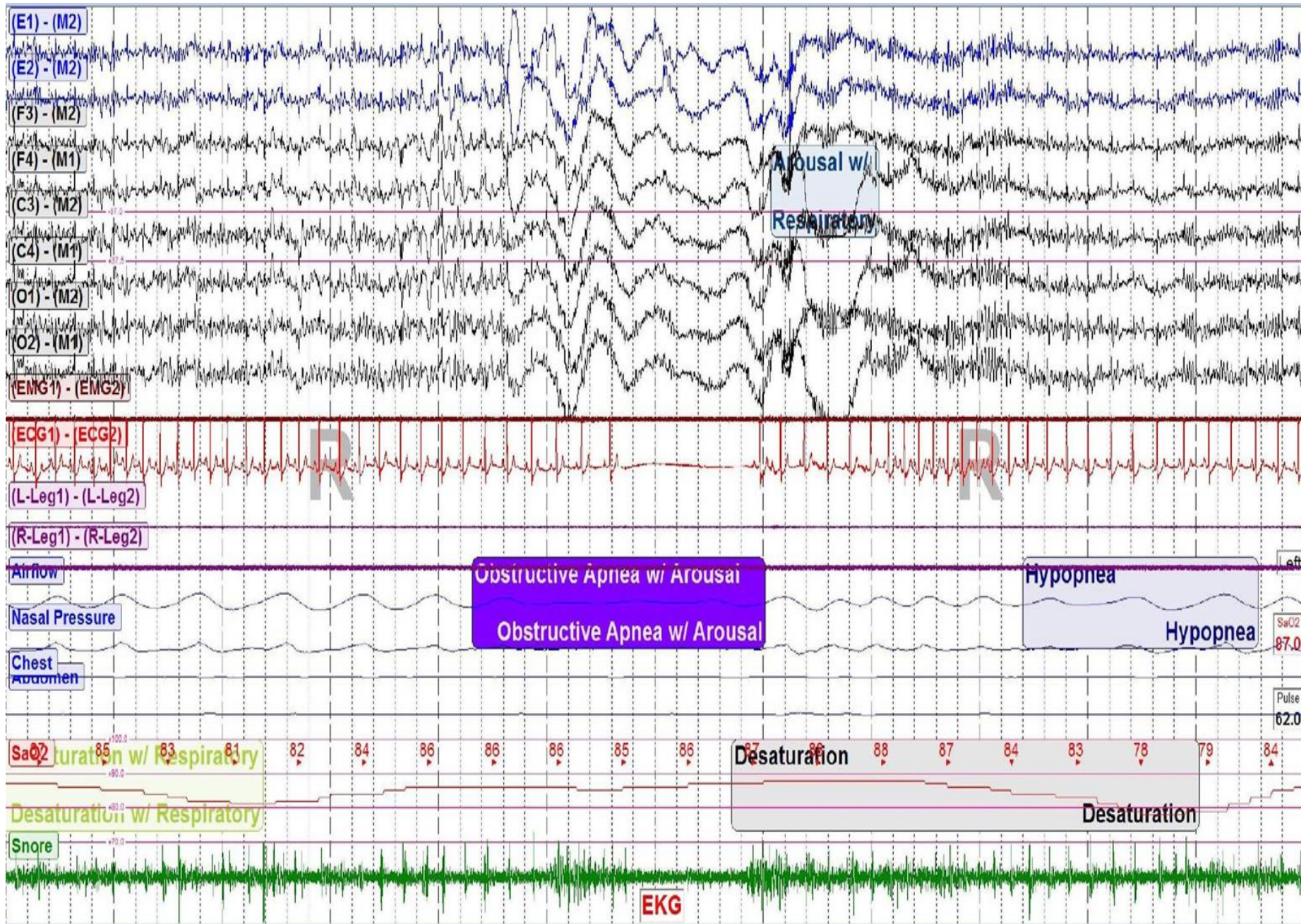
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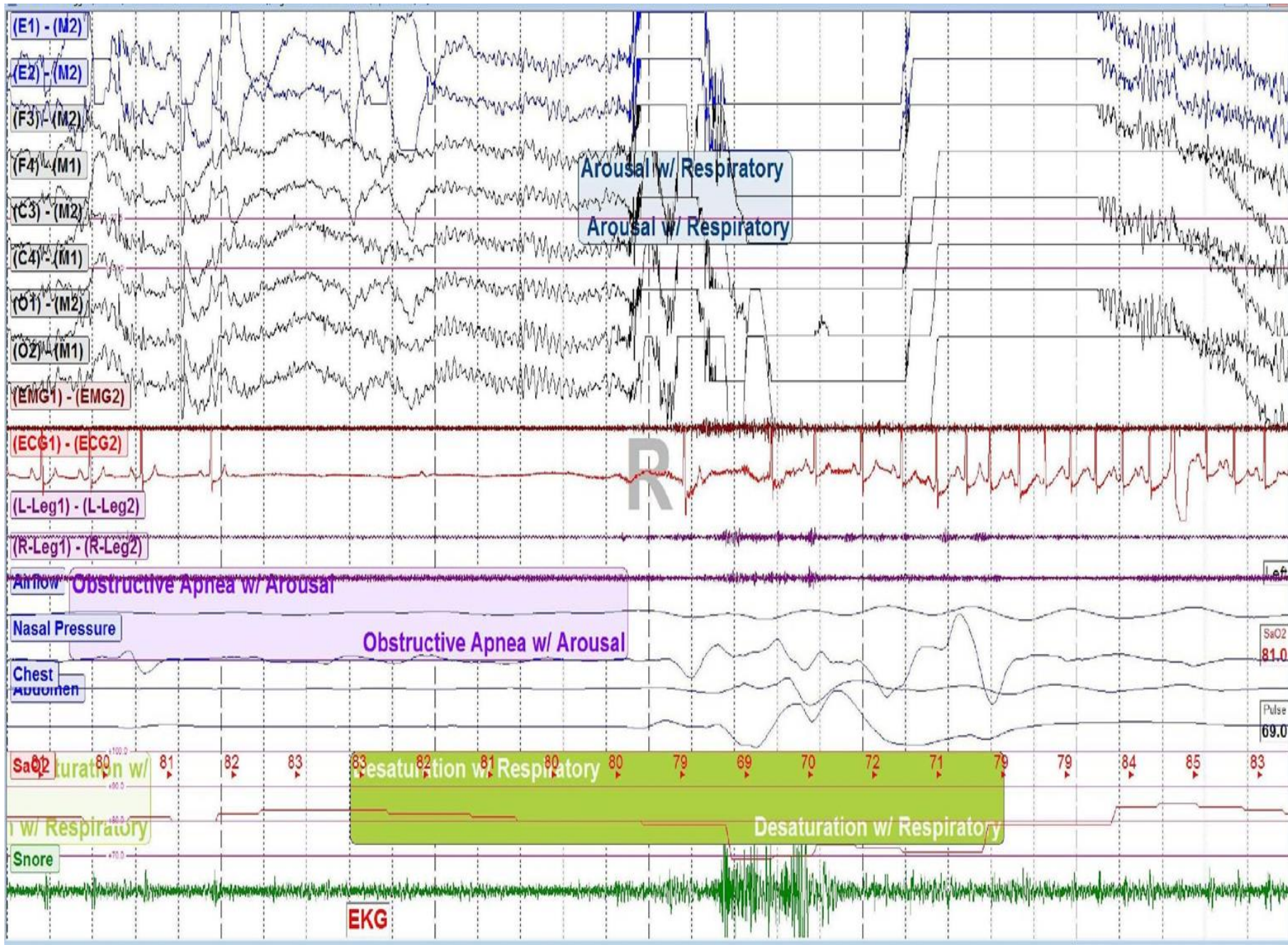
- Polysomnogram

- Severe OSA with an AHI of 64.1 (REM AHI= 118.5).

- Marked brady-arrhythmias with complete heart block associated with respiratory events mostly in REM sleep. Desaturations to a low of 69%.







# Management

- CPAP titration optimized OSA resulting in no further episodes of asystole in the sleep lab
- Strict adherence to PAP therapy endorsed by patient
- Follow up 30-day ambulatory cardiac monitoring did not reveal recurrent arrhythmias

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## OSA & Congestive Heart Failure

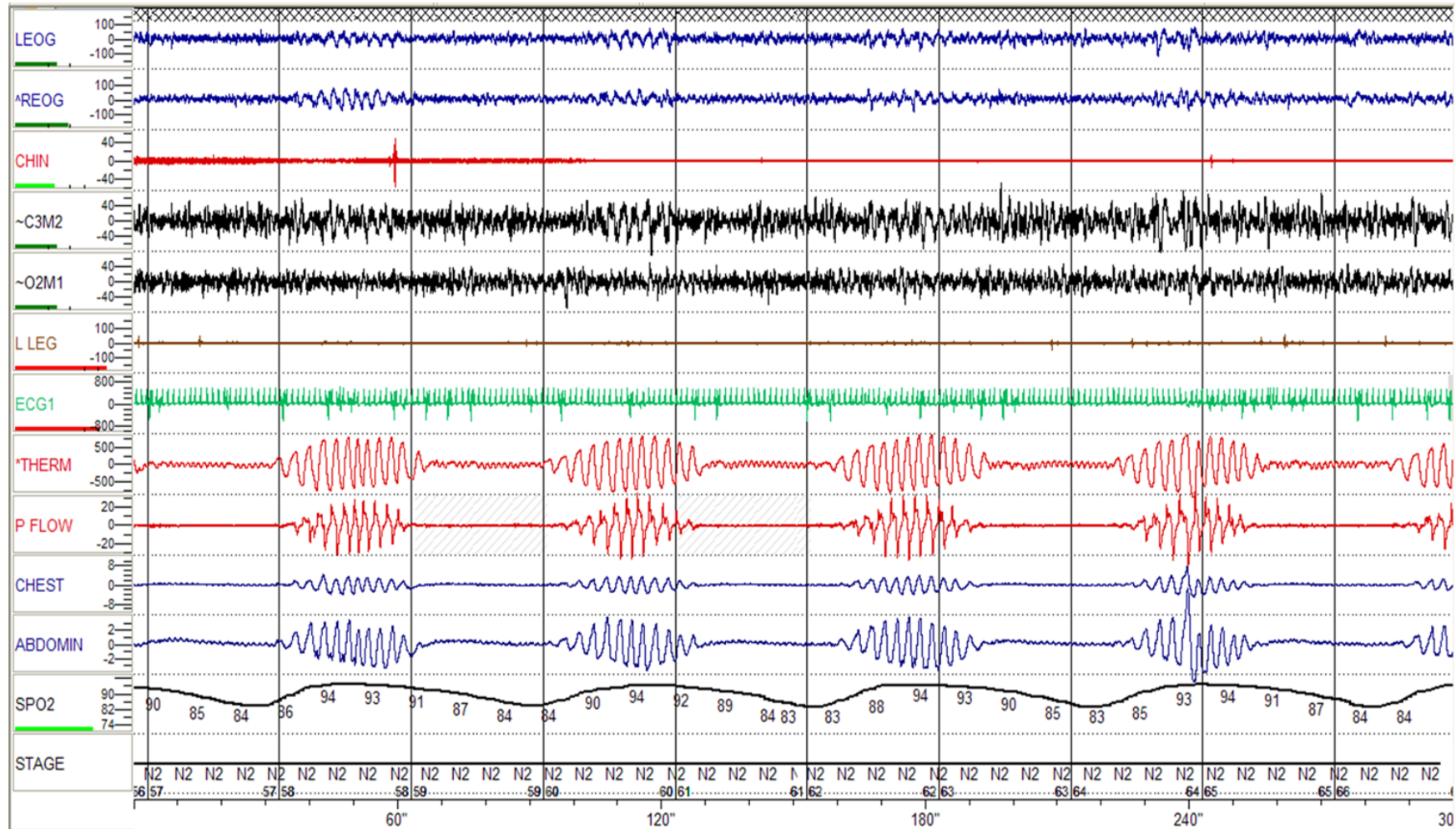
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# Congestive Heart Failure (HFrEF and HFpEF)

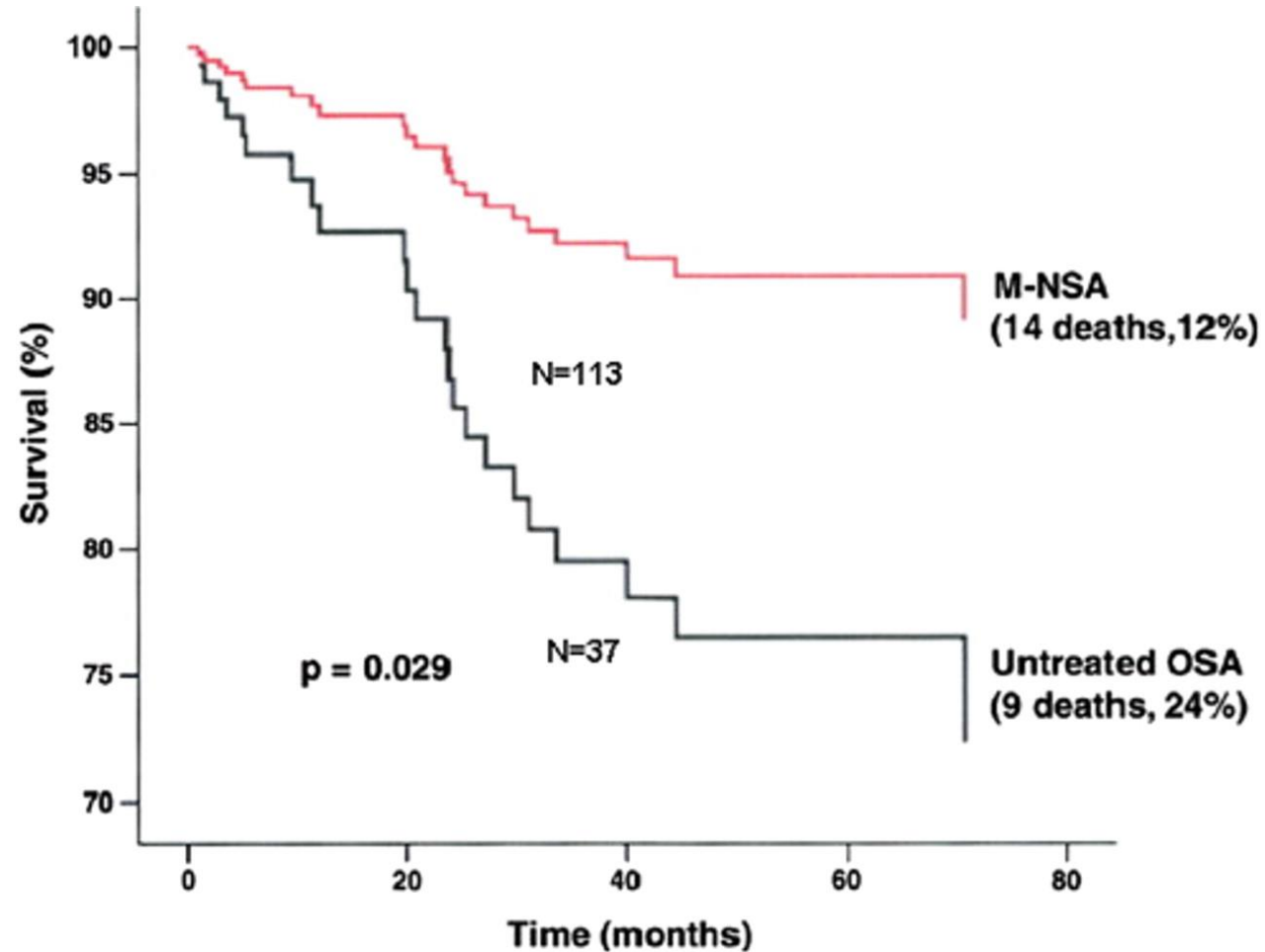
- 50-75% of CHF patients have OSA- according to a study by Oldenburg et al Eur J Heart Fail 2007;9:251-257
- Untreated moderate or severe OSA (AHI>15) and CHF is associated with increased mortality risk
- Cross-sectional data from the SHHS showed the presence of OSA with an AHI  $\geq 11$  to be associated with a 2.38 relative increase in the likelihood of having HF, independent of confounding factors
- Central Sleep Apnea (CSA) increases as HFrEF worsens and is associated with an increased mortality risk



# Hunter-Cheyne-Stokes Breathing (HCSB)



# CHF Survival in Normal or Mild Untreated OSA (AHI <15) vs Untreated OSA (AHI>15)



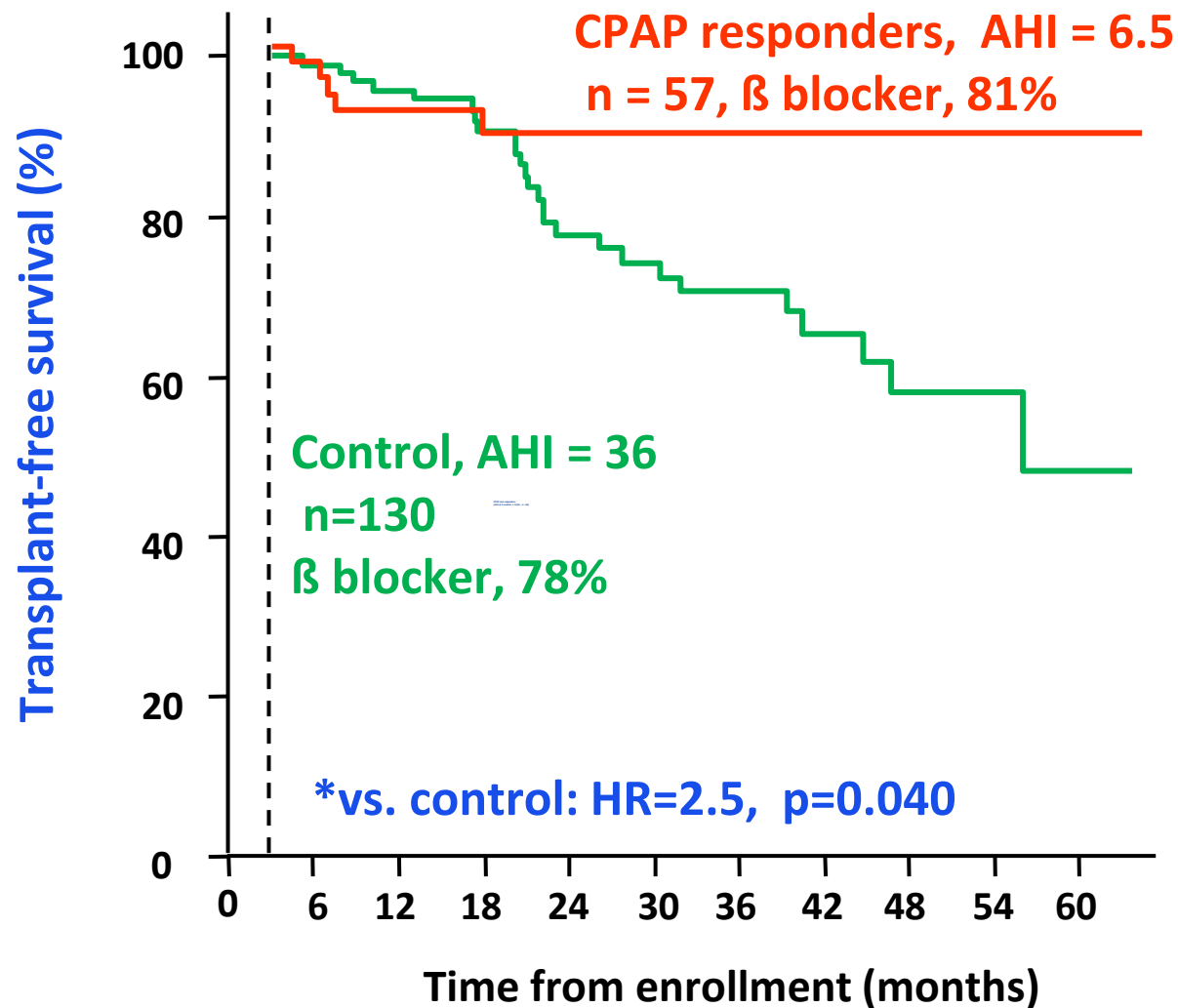
# CANPAP: Canadian Continuous Positive Airway Pressure for Central Sleep Apnea (CSA) and Heart Failure (HF) Trial

- Hypothesis: CPAP improves survival without cardiac transplantation in patients with CSA and heart failure
- Medical therapy optimized
- 258 patients enrolled with HF and CSA
- Randomly assigned to CPAP or no CPAP and followed for 2 years
- In CPAP group, AHI and Norepinephrine decreased and Mean SpO<sub>2</sub>, LVEF, 6-minute walk distance increased
- No difference in number of hospitalizations, QOL, ANP levels
- Early divergence in survival without transplant seen in control with divergence at 18 months favoring CPAP
- Overall event rates (death and heart transplant) did not differ

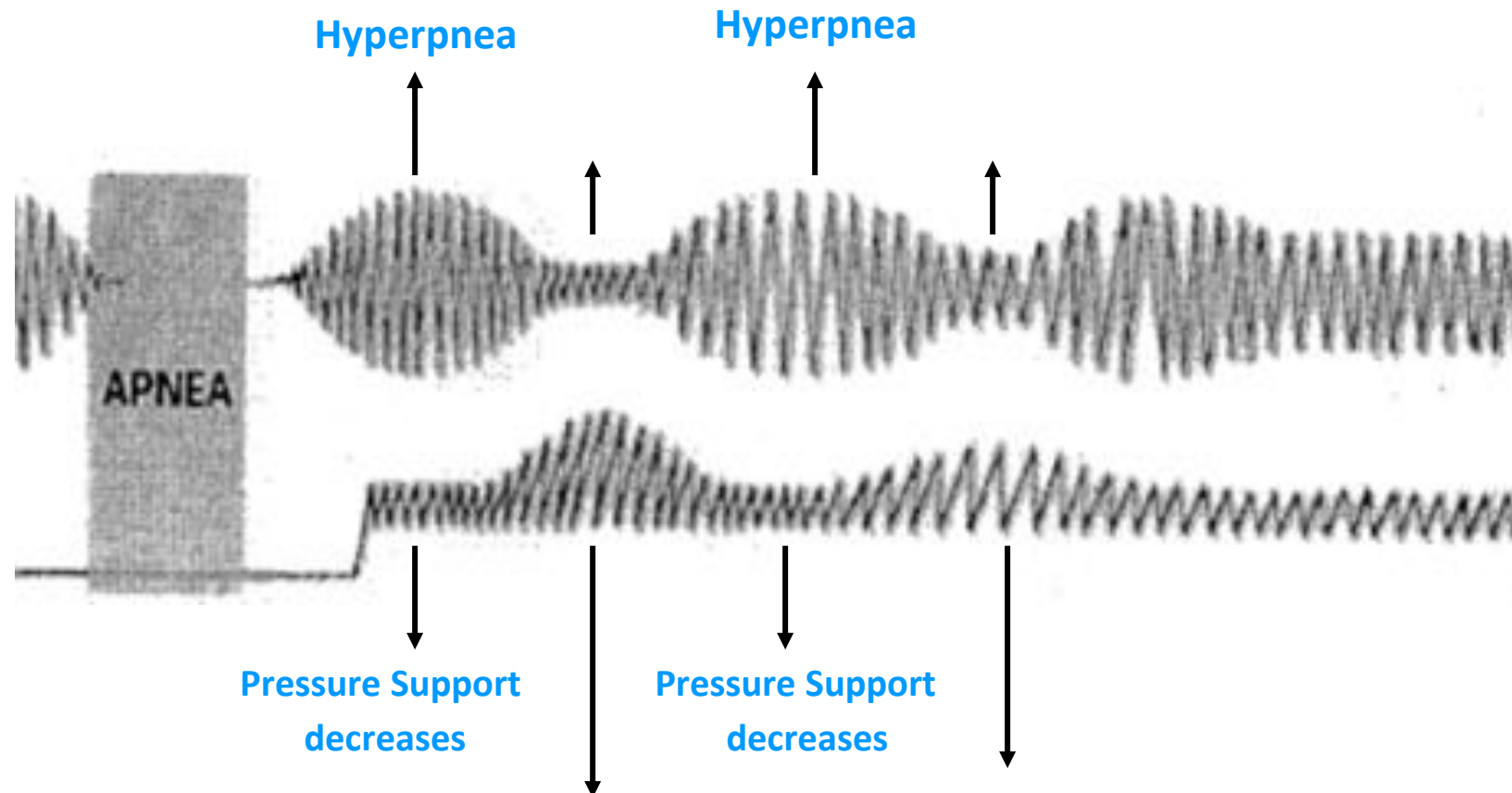


# Post-hoc Analysis of the CANPAP RCT

## Transplant-free Survival in HFrEF Patients



# Adaptive Servoventilation (ASV) Corrects HCSB



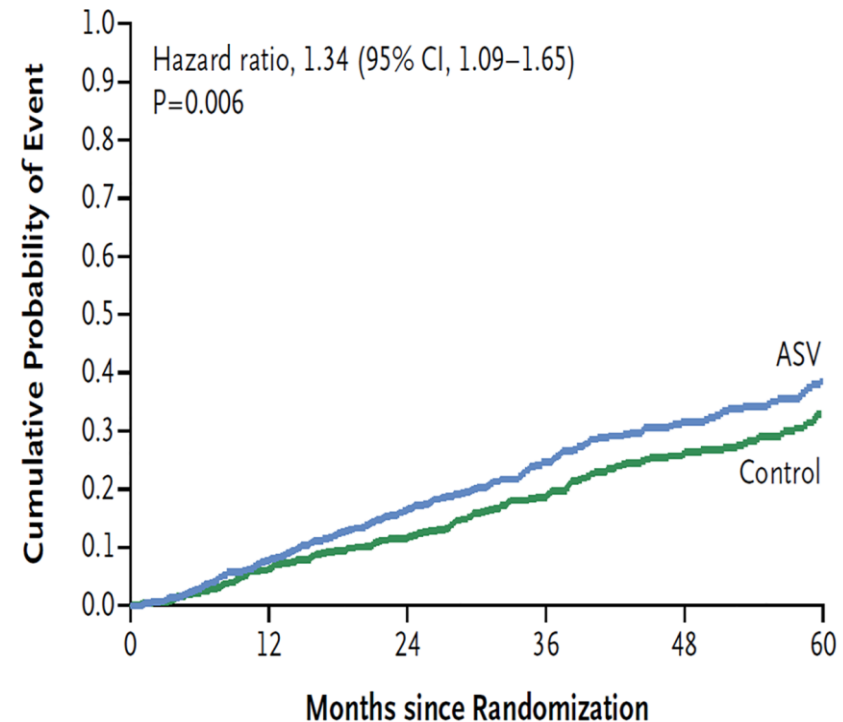
# SERVE-HF

- 1300 patients with chronic HF with LVEF  $\leq 45\%$
- NYHA class III or IV, or NYHA class II with  $\geq 1$  hospitalization for HF in the previous 24 months
- Subjects had predominant central SDB defined as an AHI  $\geq 15$  events/h with  $\geq 50\%$  central events and a central AHI  $\geq 10$  events/h
- Randomized to ASV or Usual Care

# SERVE-HF: Results

- No statistically significant difference in the primary endpoint of time to all-cause mortality or unplanned hospitalization for worsening heart failure
- 2.5% absolute increased risk of annual CV mortality
- Study prematurely stopped due to mortality increase

Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk

Control	659	563	493	334	213	117
ASV	666	555	466	304	189	97

# Phrenic Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Central Sleep Apnea: a Pooled Cohort Analysis

- Reduction in arousals by 14/hr
- Reductions in AHI (22/hr) and CAI (95% reduction)
- Improvement in sleepiness
- Improvement in QoL
- Improved oxyhemoglobin desaturation index
- Long-term outcomes announced 10/20/2020 and confirmed sustained benefit through 5 years

# Acetazolamide for Obstructive and Central Sleep Apnea: A Comprehensive Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

- 28 studies, including 542 treatment subjects and 553 controls
- Acetazolamide doses 36-1000mg/day. Duration from 1-90 days (median 6days)
- Compared with controls, acetazolamide reduced the AHI by 37.7% (possibly secondary to respiratory stimulant effect)
- Reduction was similar in OSA vs CSA
- Improvements significantly greater with higher doses
- Acetazolamide improved SpO<sub>2</sub> nadir by +4.4% and sleep quality measures
- Benefits were short term. Long term efficacy has not been established but randomized trial is underway

# Ongoing CHF Trials

- ADVENT-HF: Heart failure patients with CSA or non-sleepy OSA treated with ASV
- LOFT-HF: Impact of Low-Flow Oxygen Therapy on Hospital Admissions and Mortality in Patients with Heart Failure and Central Sleep Apnea

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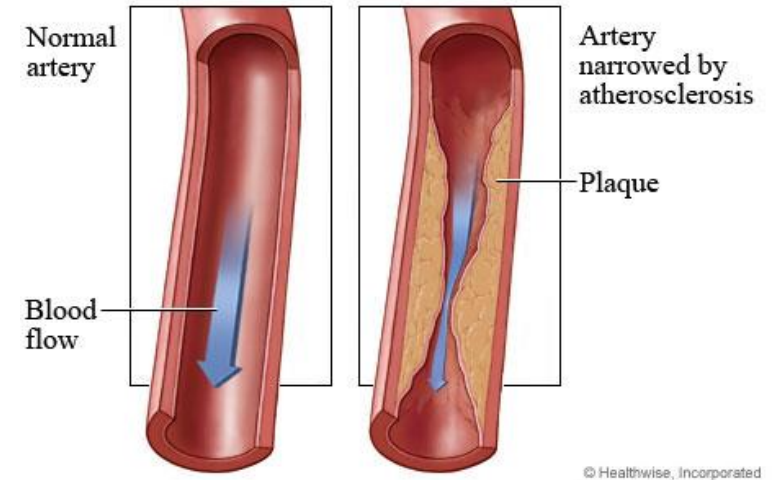
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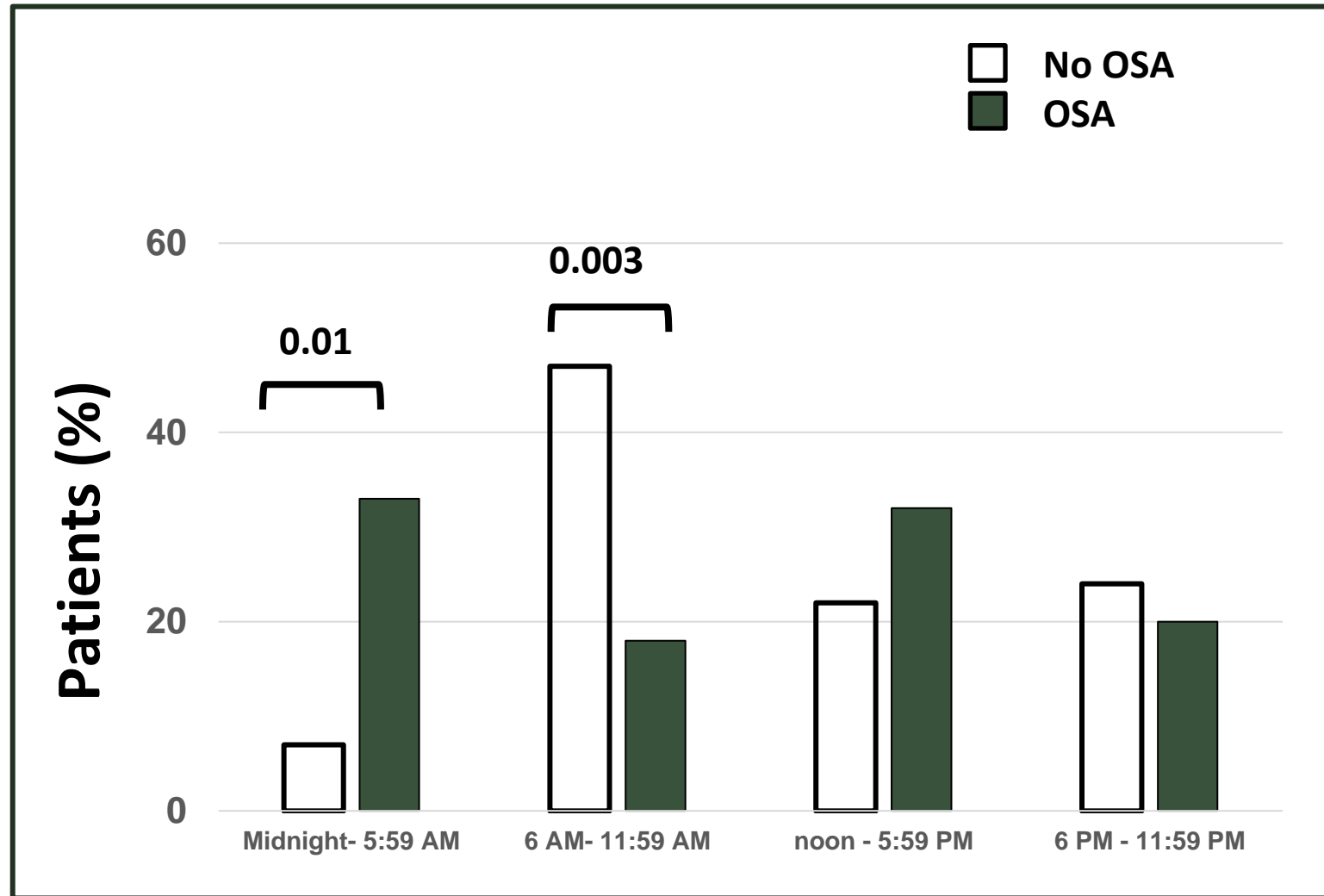
- OSA associated with increased risk of MI and CVA independent of other variables
- OSA linked to “Vulnerable Plaque” on CT
- OSA worsens other CV risk factors
- OSA not yet definitively considered an established cause of CAD
- More studies are urgently needed
- Possible Mechanisms...
  - Recurrent Hypoxia, Decreased Coronary Blood Flow
  - Arousal from Sleep, Increased Transmyocardial Pressure
  - Snoring mechanical forces, Systemic inflammation
- Daylight Savings Time effect



# Daylight Saving Time and Acute Myocardial Infarction: A Meta-Analysis

- Meta-analysis evaluating the risk of AMI following DST transitions
- Seven studies including >115,000 subjects were included
- A significantly higher risk of AMI was observed during the two weeks following spring DST transitions
  - OR: 1.05; 95% CI 1.02–1.07
- American Academy of Sleep Medicine Position Statement:
  - Daylight savings time results in circadian misalignment
  - Associated with increased cardiovascular disease risk, metabolic syndrome and other health risks
  - Shifting to DST associated with increased cardiovascular morbidity
    - Increased risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, and hospital admissions for acute atrial fibrillation

# 6-h Epochs of MI Occurrence



# OSA and “Vulnerable Plaque” on CT

- Retrospective study by Dr. U. Schoepf from MUSC
- Measured coronary calcium (hard plaque) and degrees of non-calcified stenotic lesions (vulnerable or soft plaque)
- 95 patients studied: 49 with OSA (23 women) mean age 61, avg BMI 33. 46 without OSA (24 women) with similar characteristics
- No difference in hard plaque between two groups
- Total number of vessels with vulnerable plaque strongly correlated with OSA group ( $P=0.008$ ) and the most stenotic lesions ( $P=0.0013$ )
- Study presented at 2010 Annual Meeting of Radiological Society of North America

# Benefits of OSA Treatment in CAD

- Study by Milleron in Eur Ht Journal 2004
- 54 pts with CAD (>70% stenosis) and OSA (AHI>15)
- 25 treated with PAP or ENT surgery and 29 refused treatment
- Followed 4-10 years for MACE (Death, ACS, CHF hospitalization, Revascularization)
- Similar CAD treatments
- Treatment group had 6/25, 24% events. Untreated had 17/29, 58% (P<0.01)
- Treatment significantly reduced the risk of MACE

# OSA/CAD: Four RCT

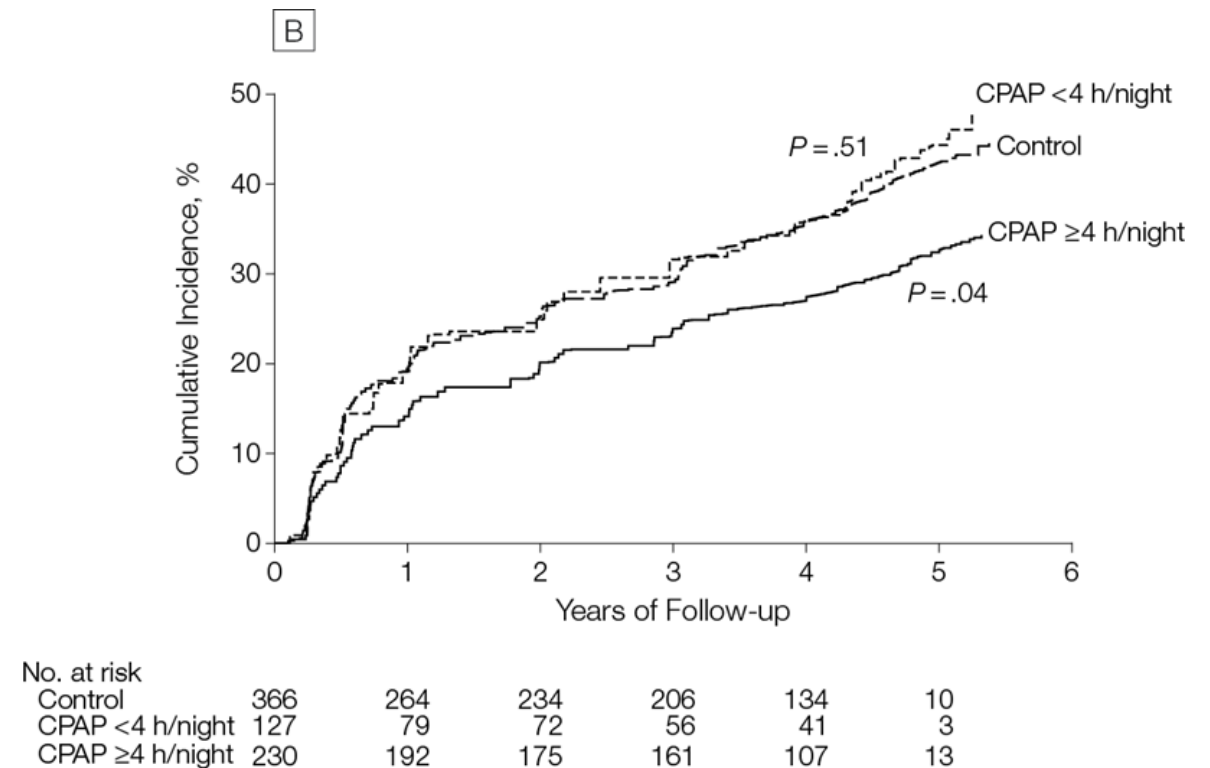
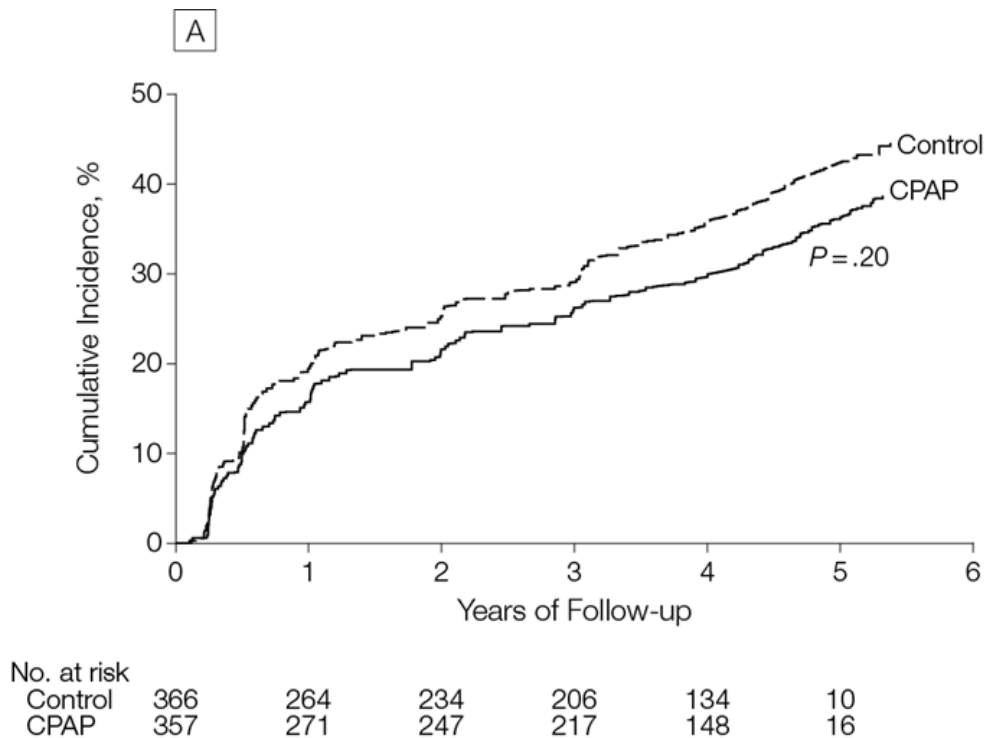
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# Effect of CPAP on the Incidence of HTN and CV Events in Patients with OSA

- 723 consecutive patients without known CVD (50% HTN) with AHI  $\geq 20$  and ESS  $< 10$ ; 357 in CPAP group, 366 with usual care
- Mean age 52, BMI 31, 85% male
- AHI median 42 (29-59), SaO<sub>2</sub>  $< 90\%$  in 8% (2-22.8%)
- Primary outcome: Effect of CPAP treatment on incidence of HTN or CV events
- Secondary outcome: Association between the incidence of HTN or CV events and severity of OSA assessed by AHI and O<sub>2</sub> desaturation
- Median F/U 4 years

# Results: No significant difference in treated group compared to control.

## Post-hoc analysis on right shows benefit in adherent patients.





# Effect of CPAP on the Incidence of HTN and CV Events in Patients with OSA: Summary & Implications

- This study suggests that in patients with OSA and *without daytime sleepiness*, CPAP compared with usual care did not result in a statistically significant reduction in the incidence of hypertension or cardiovascular events.
- A post hoc analysis suggested that CPAP treatment may reduce the incidence of hypertension or cardiovascular events in patients with CPAP adherence of 4 h/night or longer.
- The disease severity assessed by the AHI and time with SaO<sub>2</sub> less than 90% was not related to the incidence of hypertension or cardiovascular events. However, patients with worse oxygen saturation at night and with CPAP adherence of less than 4h/night showed a higher rate of hypertension or cardiovascular events than the control group

# OSA/CAD: Four RCT

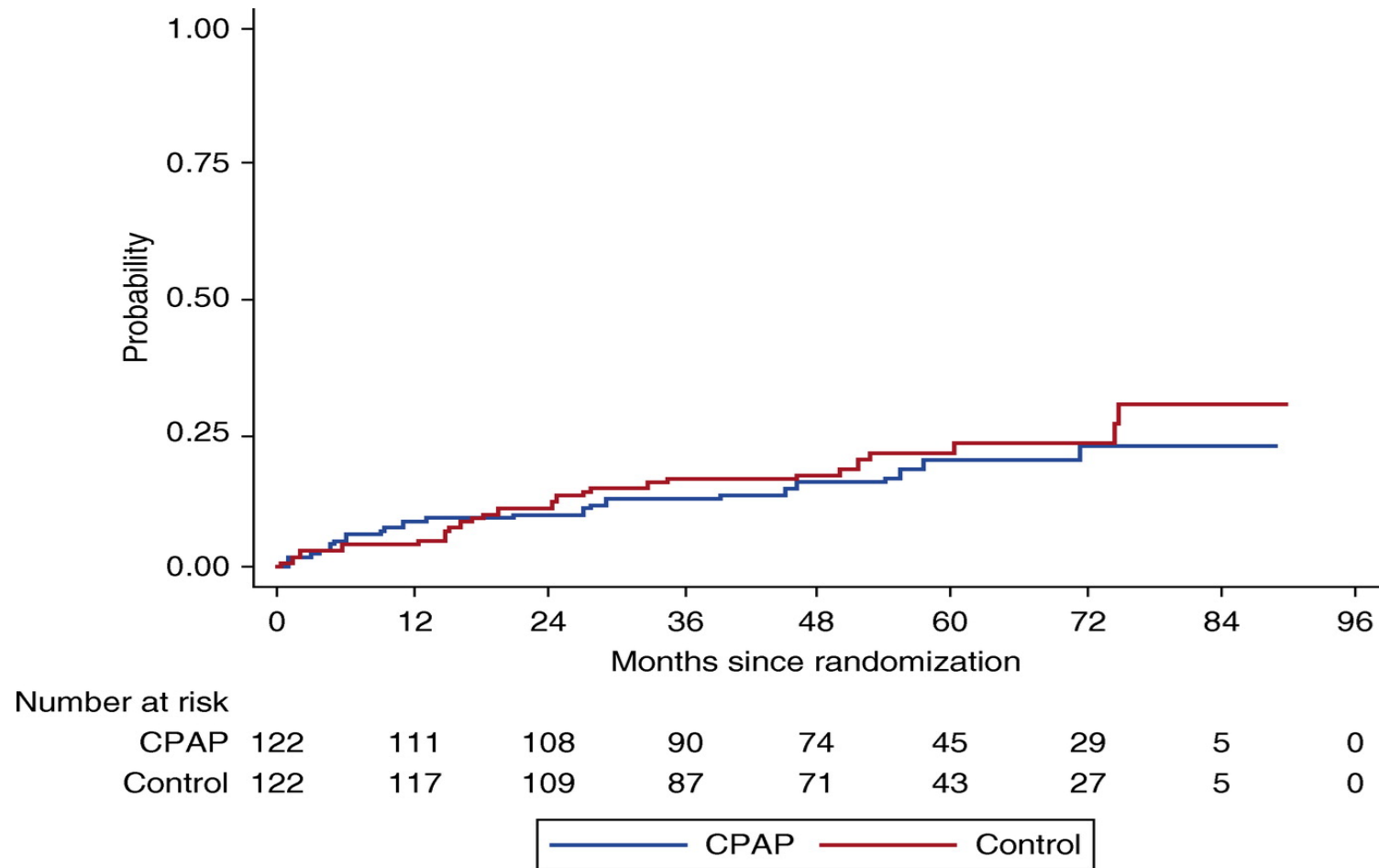
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# Effect of Positive Airway Pressure on CV outcomes in CAD patients with non-sleepy OSA: The RICCADSA Trial

- 244 patients with established CAD and/or Cerebrovascular disease
- Age 66 y; 85% men, BMI 28
- HTN 70%, Acute MI 53%, CABG 27%, PCI 22%, DM 28%
- ODI 17; AHI 28 by PSG
- Primary endpoint: First event of repeat revascularization, MI, stroke, or CV mortality

(Single center, prospective, randomized controlled, open-label, blinded trial)

# Cumulative Incidences of the Composite Endpoint in the Intention-to-Treat Population



# RICCADSA: Intention to Treat Data

- 17 returned CPAP within 1 month
- 13 returned CPAP within 1-3 months
- 8 returned CPAP within 3-6 months
- 7 returned CPAP within 6-12 months
- 4 returned CPAP within 12-24 months
- 1 lost to follow up
- 7 died

Total=57 patients

# RICCADSA Trial Results and Conclusion

## Results:

- Median follow up was 57 months
- Incidence of primary endpoint did not differ in treated vs. control (18% vs. 22%, P=0.449)

## Conclusion:

- Routine prescription of CPAP to CAD patients with ***non-sleepy*** OSA did not significantly reduce long-term adverse CV outcomes in intention-to-treat population

# RICCADSA Trial Results Based on Adherence

## Results:

- Significant difference in outcomes based on adherence; (6 events in CPAP >4 hours/night, 43 events in CPAP <4 hours/night).  
HR=0.29, CI=0.10-0.86 with covariate adjustments
- Incidence of composite endpoints; 2.31 (95% CI=0.96-5.54) per 100 person-years for CPAP > 4 hours/night vs. 5.32 (95% CI 3.96-7.15) per 100 person-years for CPAP < 4 hours/night or no CPAP

## Conclusion:

- **There was a significant reduction in endpoints after adjustment for baseline comorbidities and adherence with treatment**

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# SAVE Trial (Sleep Apnea Cardiovascular Endpoints)

- 2687 *non-sleepy* patients with established CAD and/or Cerebrovascular Disease
- 81% men, BMI 29
- ODI=28; AHI=29 by HSAT (ApneaLink)
- RCT: Open labeled, CPAP or usual care
- Primary endpoint: Composite of death from any CV cause, MI, CVA, hospitalization for CHF, ACS

# SAVE Trial: CPAP use

- APAP initially set to the auto-mode for 1 week and thereafter set to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile pressure
- First month usage: 4.4 +/- 2.2 hours per night
- 12 months: 3.5 +/- 2.4 hours per night
- Remained relatively stable thereafter with overall mean of 3.3 +/- 2.3 hours per night

# SAVE Trial: Results

- The primary outcome, CV death; myocardial infarction (MI); stroke; hospitalization for HF, unstable angina, or transient ischemic attack, for CPAP + usual care vs. usual care: 17.0% vs. 15.4% (hazard ratio 1.10, 95% confidence interval 0.91-1.32);  $p = 0.34$
- CV death: 1.9% vs. 1.5%,  $p=0.5$
- MI: 3.1% vs. 2.9%,  $p=0.8$

# SAVE Trial: Overview

- CPAP as an addition to usual care is not superior to usual care alone for secondary prevention of CV events in patients with established CAD and CVD and moderate to severe OSA.
- CPAP did improve daytime sleepiness and health-related quality-of-life parameters.
- On adjusted propensity analyses, it appeared that there may be a benefit in patients using at least 4 hours of CPAP every night on average (mean in trial, 3.3 hours).

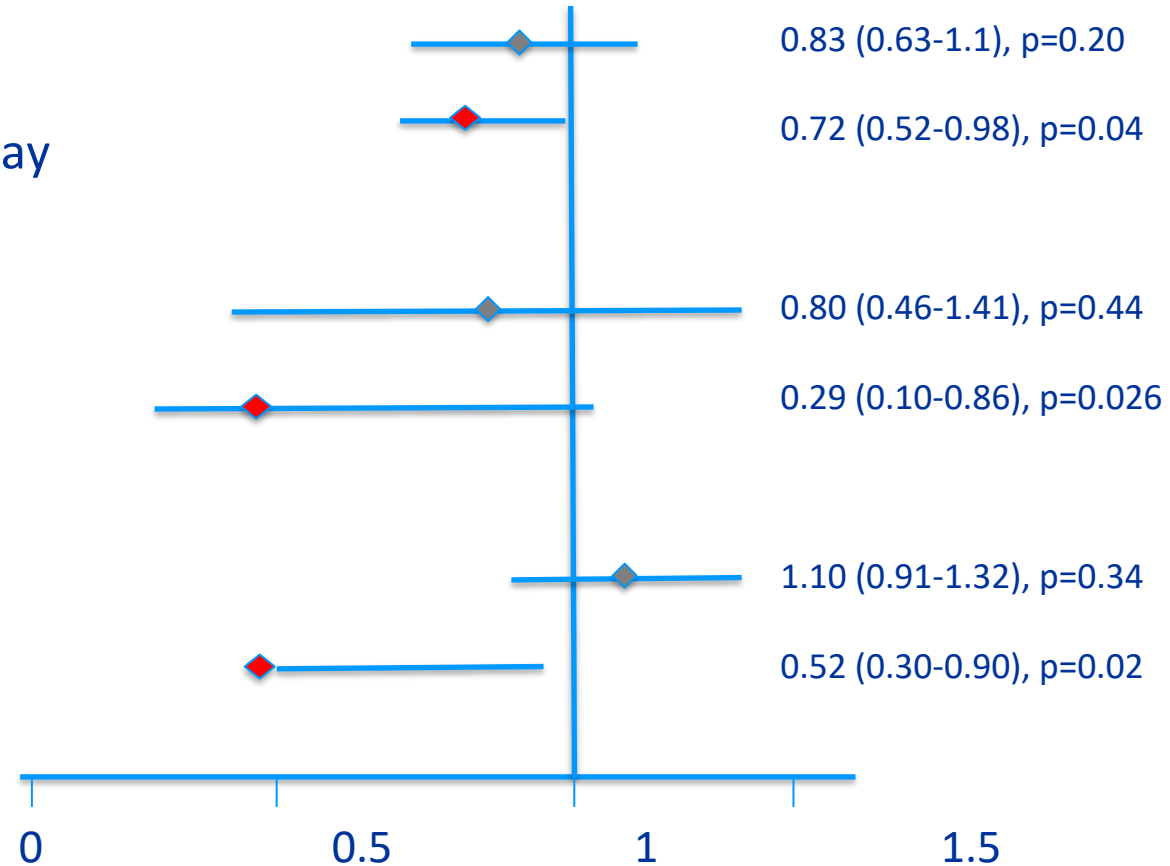
◆ Intention-to-treat analysis

◆ Adherence analysis  
(patients with CPAP  
adherence  $\geq 4$  hours/day)

Barbe et al.  
(CPAP=358,  
Control=367)  
Follow-up: 4 yrs

Peker et al.  
(CPAP=122,  
Control=122) Follow-  
up: 4,7 yrs

McEvoy et al.  
(CPAP=1359,  
Control=1358)  
Follow-up: 3, 7 yrs

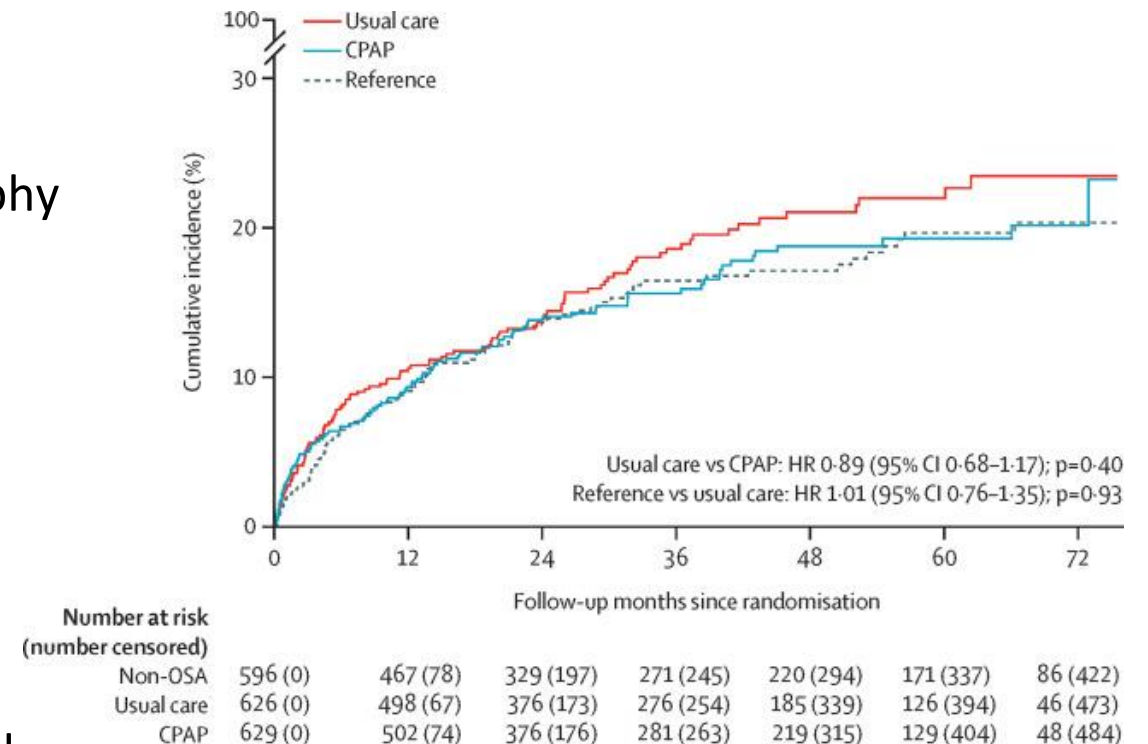


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# Effect of OSA and its Treatment with CPAP on the Prevalence of Cardiovascular Events in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ISAACC study)

- ISAACC study (Impact of Sleep Apnea syndrome in the evolution of Acute Coronary syndrome)
  - Spanish, multicenter, RCT of patients with ACS
- 2551 patients with ACS underwent respiratory polygraphy
  - 49.6% had OSA
  - Randomly assigned to CPAP or usual care
  - Followed up for a median of 3.35 years
- Cardiovascular events similar between groups
  - 16% vs 17%; HR – 0.89, p=0.40
  - 15% in those without OSA
  - **Mean CPAP use 2.78 h/night**
- OSA was not associated with an increase in cardiovascular events and treatment with CPAP did not significantly reduce events



# CPAP Adherence for Prevention of Major Adverse Cerebrovascular and Cardiovascular Events in OSA

- Meta-analysis - 5 trials with 943 CPAP users and 1,141 controls
- Primary outcome – composite of CVA, AMI, cerebrovascular or cardiac death
- CPAP use of at least 4 hours/night, compared with no CPAP therapy
  - Improved the primary composite outcome (RR, 0.68, P = 0.01)
  - CPAP improved cerebrovascular composite outcome (RR, 0.59, P=0.01)
  - No difference in the cardiac composite outcome
- Adequate use of CPAP (>4 h/d) associated with significant improvements in MACCEs (primarily CVAs)



# Sleep and Cardiovascular Disease

- Insufficient sleep duration and OSA clearly shown to increase cardiovascular disease, major adverse cerebrovascular and cardiovascular events (MACCEs), and mortality
- Intuitively, adequate treatment of OSA should improve cardiovascular outcomes
- Multiple studies demonstrated beneficial effects of PAP therapy
  - Largely limited to modest improvements in BP and Afib control
- 2012-2016 several RCTs failed to show CPAP reduces MACCEs
  - Limited by poor PAP adherence

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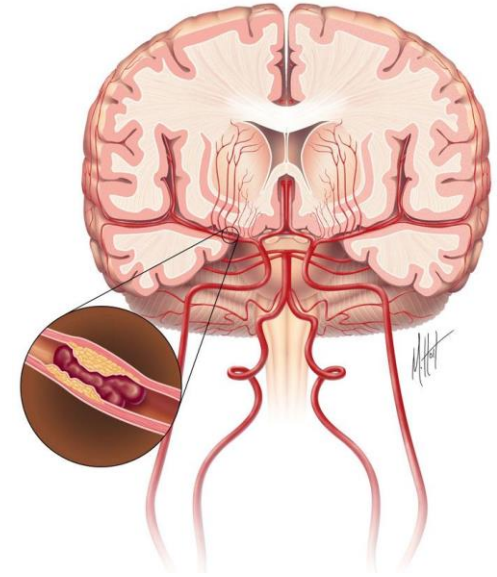


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# Cerebrovascular Accident

- 750,000 CVA Annually
- 72% of patients with CVA have OSA
- OSA precedes onset of CVA
- Results from similar CV causes of hypertension, inflammation, oxidation, etc
- Snoring associated with carotid disease
- OSA treatment difficult to assess secondary to adherence issues



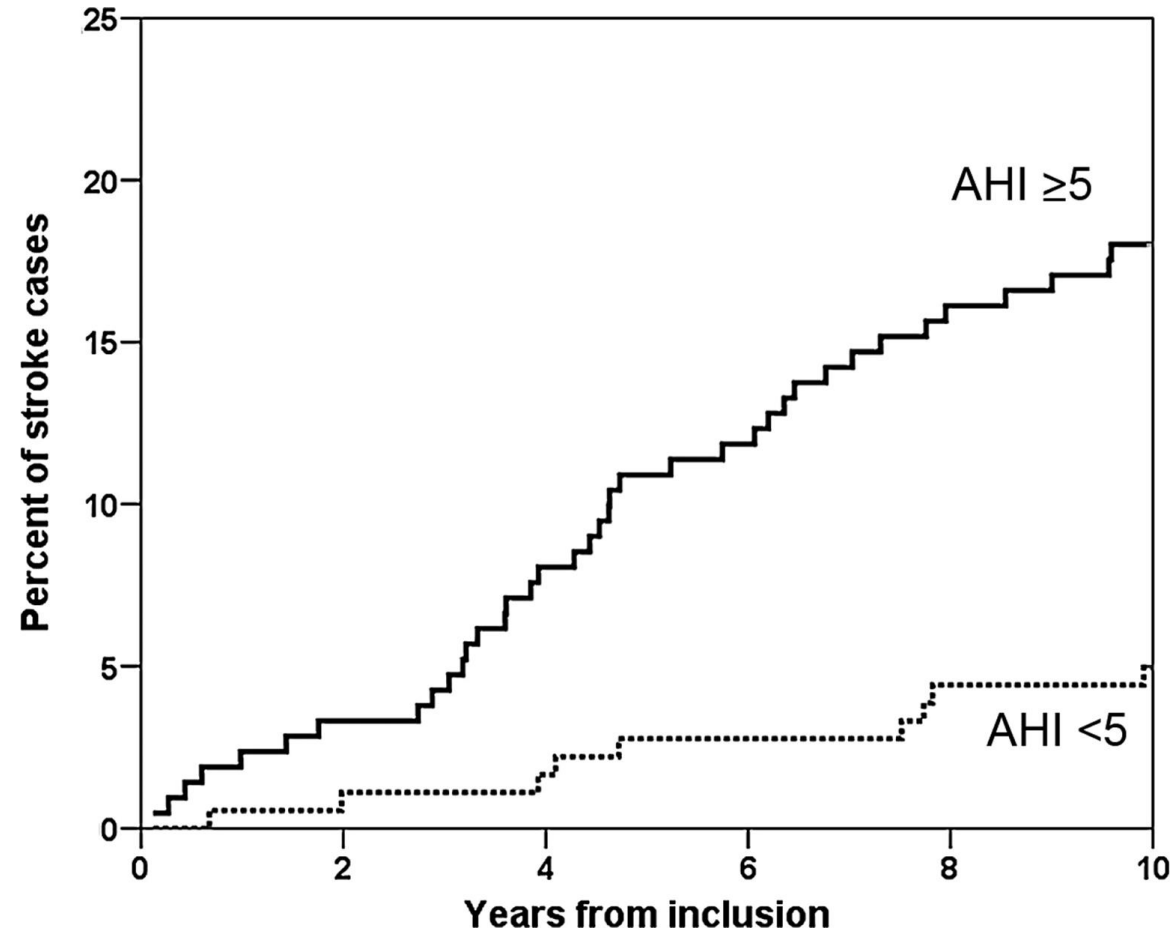
# Cerebrovascular Accident

- Most commonly associated with obstructive sleep apnea (36-90% of patients)<sup>1</sup>
- Also associated with central sleep apnea (12-40%)
- Central SA has better outcome than obstructive<sup>2</sup>
- Severe central SA > 2 weeks with large CVA and cardiac dysfunction have poor outcomes<sup>3</sup>
- SA improves in 50% during recovery phase (mostly central SA improves)<sup>4</sup>

# CVA Mechanisms

- Endothelial dysfunction
- Coagulation
- Inflammation/Oxidation
- Metabolic/DM
- HTN
- Hypoxia/Hypercapnea

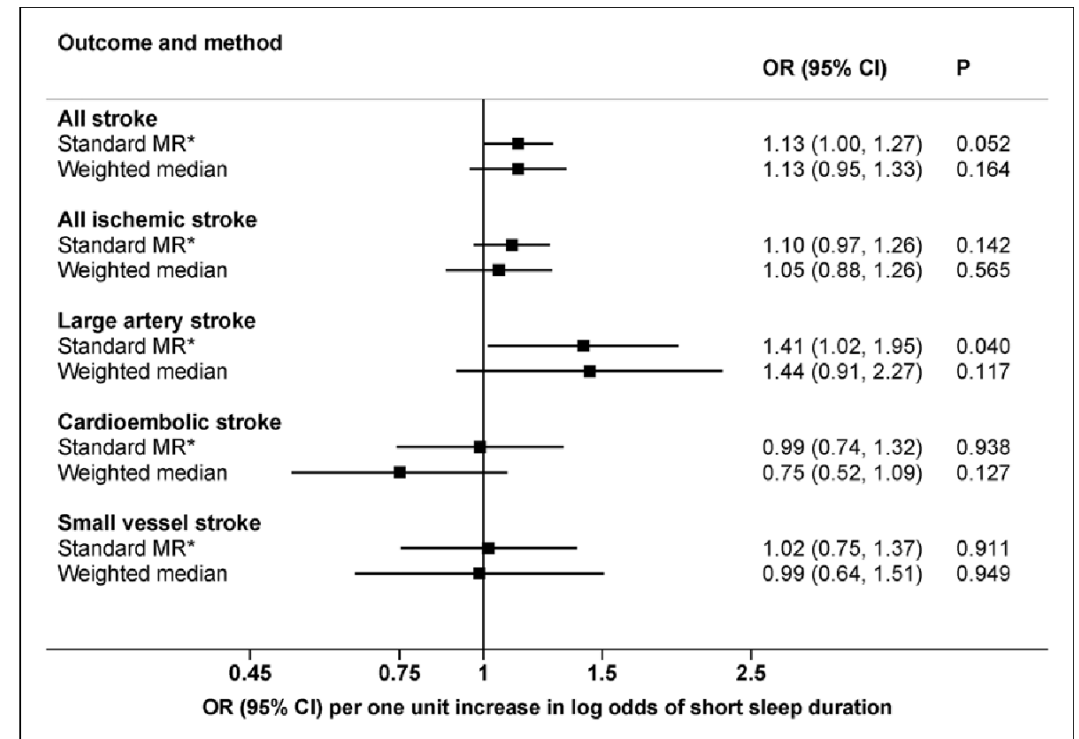
# Cumulative Risk of CVA During 10 Years of Follow-up



# Sleep Duration and Stroke

## Prospective Cohort Study and Mendelian Randomization Analysis

- Prospective observational study, N=79,881 (Swedish Registers)
- Followed for incident stroke or death
- Mean follow-up 14.6 years (116,464 person-years)
- Long sleep (>9h) – increased risk of ischemic stroke (HR 1.14)
- Short sleep (<7h) – higher risk of intracerebral hemorrhage (HR 1.21)
- Modest effect size



# Sleep Duration and Cardiovascular Health in a Representative Community Population

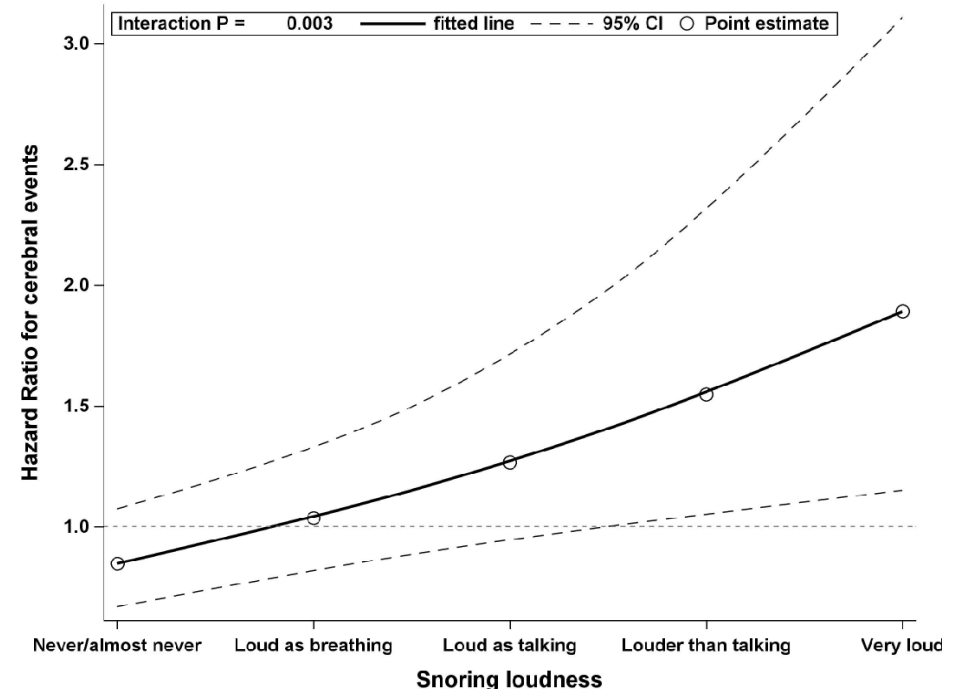
## (from NHANES, 2005 to 2016)

- 32,152 patients completed sleep survey as part of National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
- Identified all patients with HF, coronary artery disease, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, DM, and stroke from 2005 to 2016
- Data adjusted for multiple confounders
- Both short (<7 hours) and long (>9 hours) sleep duration associated with poor cardiovascular health
- Short sleep associated with higher prevalence of...
  - CVA (OR 1.45; 95% CI 1.23 to 1.70)
  - Heart Failure (OR 1.65; 95% CI 1.40 to 1.95)
- Long sleep duration was associated with a higher prevalence of...
  - CVA (OR 1.81; 95% CI 1.37 to 2.34)
  - Heart Failure (OR 1.47; 95% CI 1.08 to 1.97)



# Self-reported Snoring Patterns Predict Stroke Events in High-risk Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea: post-hoc analyses of the SAVE study

- Explored major CV events between those who reported snoring prior to PAP use vs those who denied snoring
- Snoring vibrations induce carotid artery endothelial damage in animal models
- Snorers w/ OSA had greater risks of cerebral but not cardiac events
  - Independent of CPAP treatment and AHI
  - Dose-dependent relationship
- Snoring frequency: HR 1.10, 95% CI 1.02-1.20,  $p=0.015$
- Snoring loudness: HR 1.16, 95% CI 1.06–1.27,  $p=0.001$



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## Treatment Options

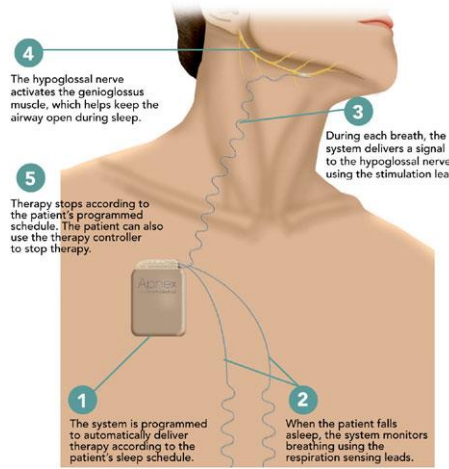
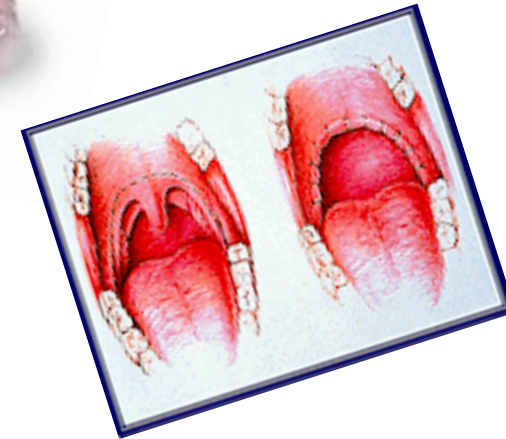
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# Treatment Outcomes – CPAP or other...

- Improved quality of life
- Associated with better blood pressure control
- Decreases sympathetic activity
- Decreases recurrent Atrial Fibrillation
- Improves cardiac function
- Decreases early signs of Atherosclerosis
- Uncertain impact on long-term CAD  
(ADHERENCE IS KEY, Sleepy vs. Non-sleepy?,  
Male vs. Female?)
- Uncertain benefit in CHF patients



# Alternative Treatment Options



sleep apnea therapy



# Summary

- OSA is a validated CV risk factor
- OSA is independently associated with hypertension, arrhythmias, CHF, CVA, MI, CV death and all cause mortality
- High prevalence of OSA contributes to increased CV risk in population
- CPAP may result in decreased CV risk with adherence to therapy
- Longer term and additional trials are needed

# NM: Vignette Patient



**Get this person a Sleep Evaluation STAT!!!**

# Thank You!



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