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# SLEEP, SODIUM, AND CVD

A CARDIOLOGY PERSPECTIVE



Sleep, Sodium, and CVD

# Salt, Sleep and Cardiovascular Risk



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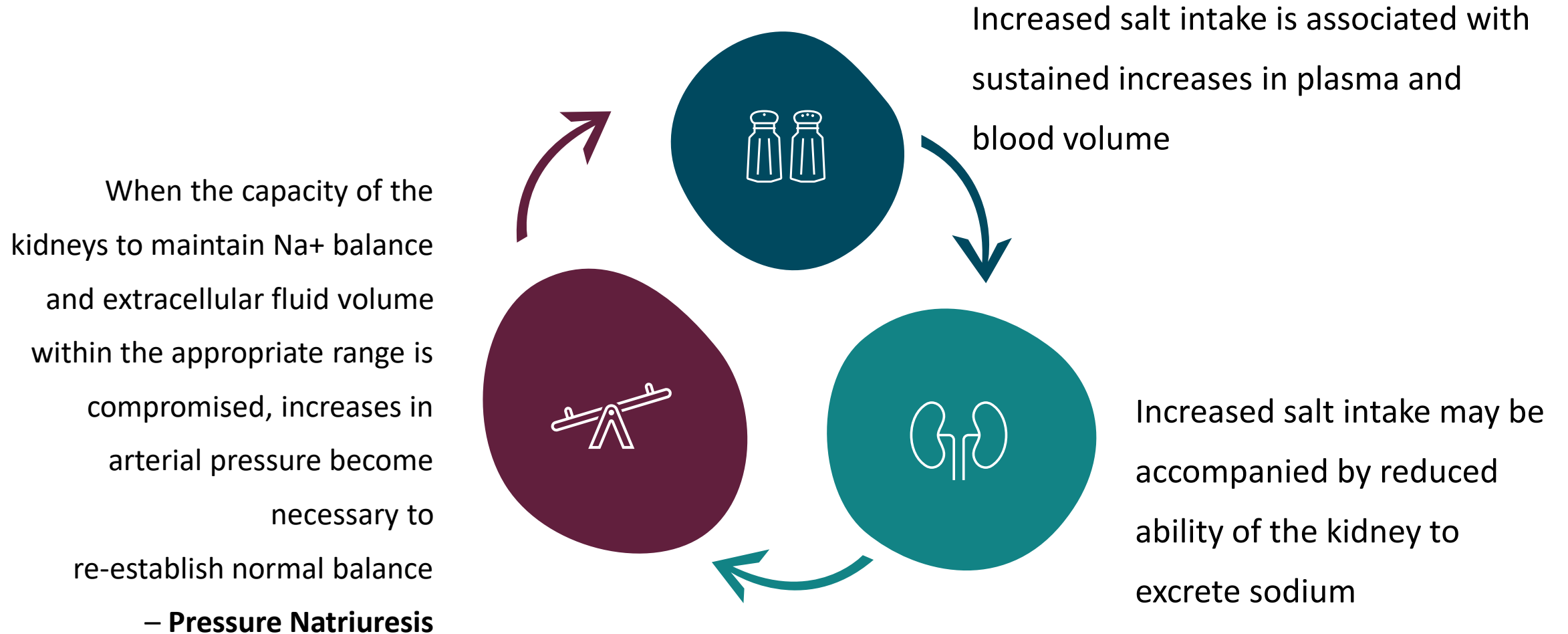
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Narcolepsy

# How Does Salt Cause Hypertension





# Salt Sensitivity



Some people can effectively excrete high dietary salt intake without an increase in arterial BP, and other people (salt sensitive) cannot excrete sodium effectively without an increase in arterial BP.



This is a heterogeneous characteristic with a familial component



Factors associated with heightened salt sensitivity (increased BP with sodium intake) include women, African Americans, post menopause and increased age



73% of black hypertensives are salt sensitive versus 56% of white hypertensives

# Salt Sensitive Hypertension

Salt sensitive hypertension is defined as an increase in blood pressure associated with increased salt intake.



Approximately 50% of humans with hypertension have salt sensitivity with this number varying between sexes and influenced by age and race.



In response to a high salt diet, cardiac output increases. Salt resistant subjects respond with reciprocal decreases in systemic vascular resistance, while salt sensitive subjects have a paradoxical increase in vascular resistance associated with increased BP.



Among normotensives, approximately 26% are salt sensitive which has led to increased mortality - increased salt intake has effects apart from blood pressure and volume expansion that may contribute to tissue injury.



End organ structure and function damaged by salt may be the basis for the increased mortality among normotensive individuals with salt.





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# Salt, Diet and Drugs



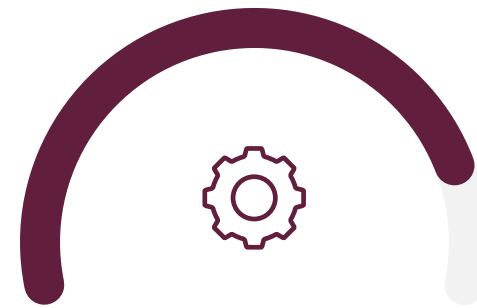
1700 mg

How much sodium in  
effervescent  
paracetamol?



1640 mg

How much sodium in 9g  
of sodium oxybate?



3400 mg

Average US sodium  
intake



2300 mg

Recommended daily  
sodium intake



# Sodium Loading

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2300 mg/day increase in sodium excretion was associated with a 3.1–to 6.0–mmHg increase in SBP (INTERSALT Study, Elliott et al, 1996)

24-h SBP increased by 3.6 mm Hg with 3 weeks of effervescent paracetamol (1600 mg sodium/day) (Benitez-Camps et al, 2018)

Salt loading may blunt nocturnal BP decline (Higashi et al, 1997)

# Sodium Loading

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Sodium-containing medications were associated with significantly increased odds of adverse cardiovascular events (George et al, 2013)

4 weeks after d/c effervescent paracetamol (1700 mg sodium), SBP was lower by 13 mmHg and DBP by 2.5 mmHg (Ubeda et al, 2009)

Sodium intake reduction of 1200mg/day is projected to reduce MI by 12%, stroke by 8%, and all-cause mortality by 4% (Bibbins-Domingo et al, 2010)



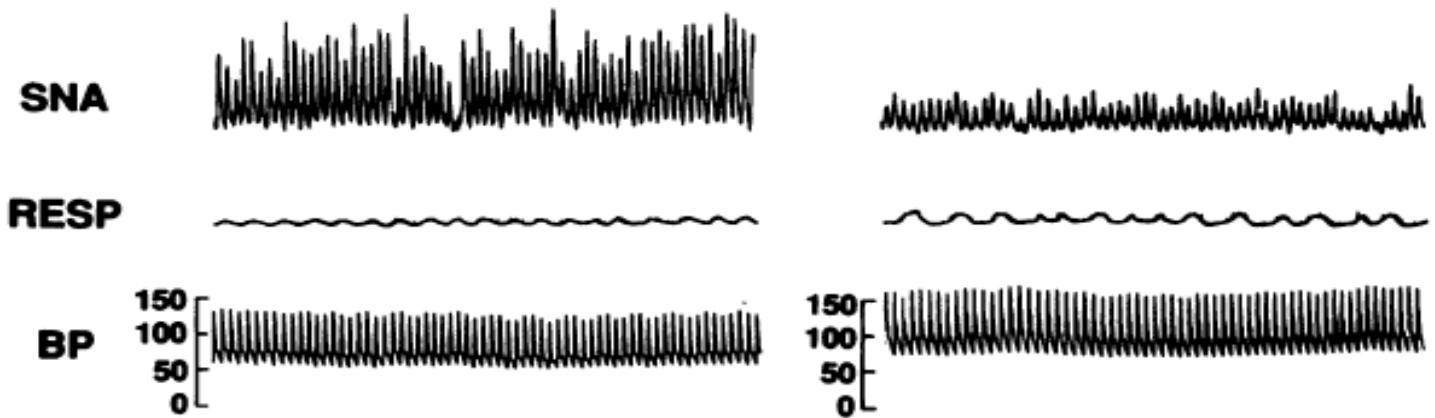
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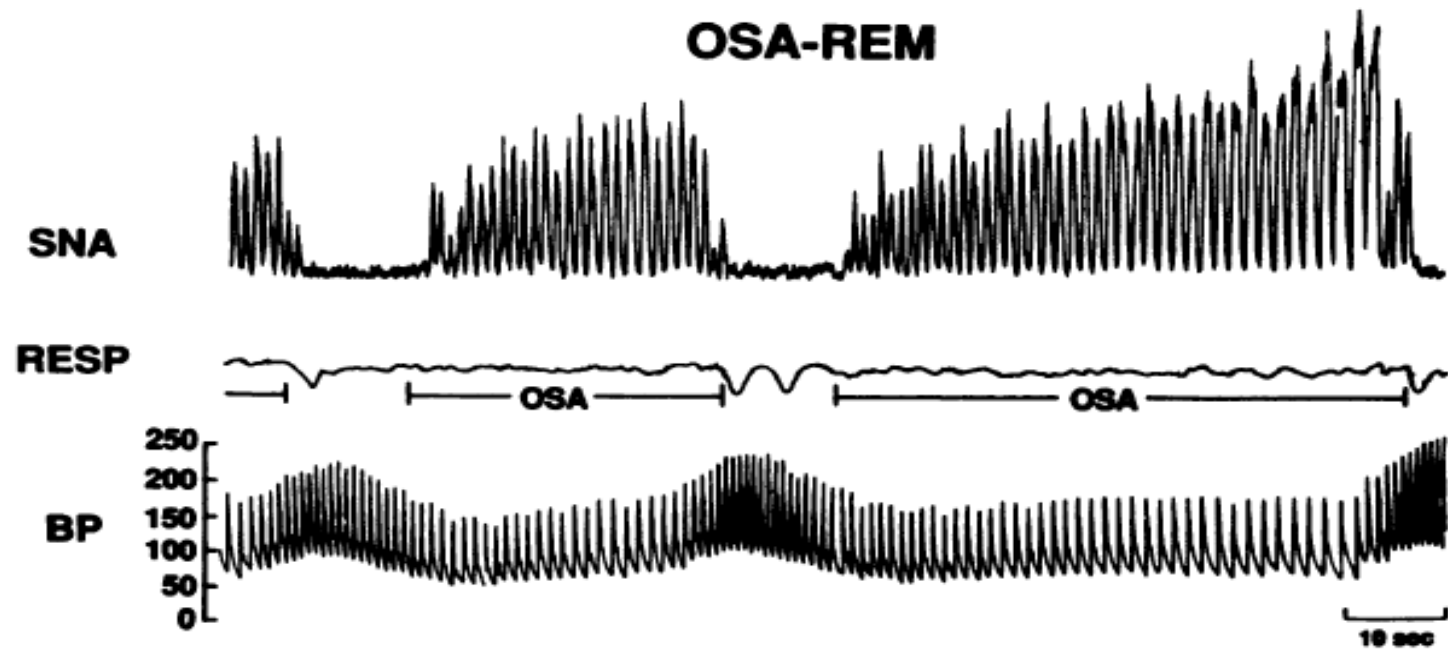
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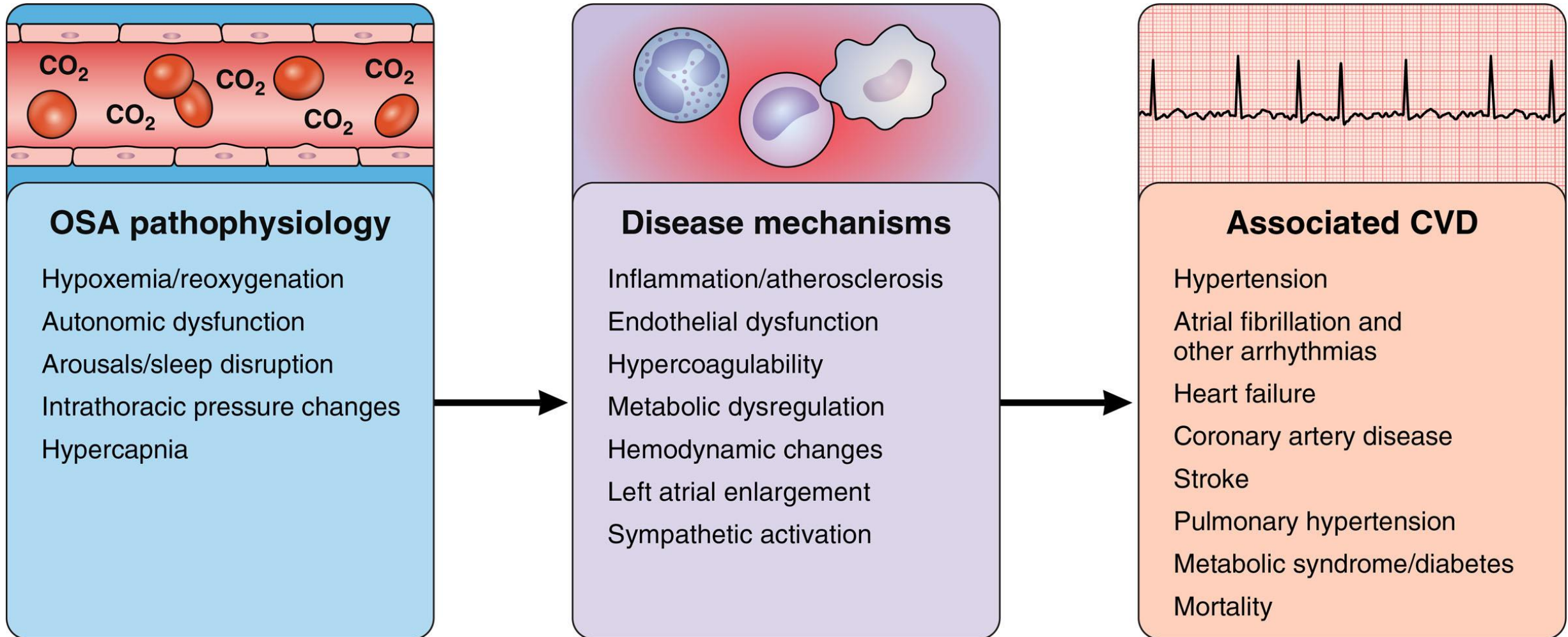
### CPAP-REM



### OSA-REM



# Cardiovascular implications of OSA



## Original Articles

### **Short Sleep Duration as a Risk Factor for Hypertension Analyses of the First National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey**

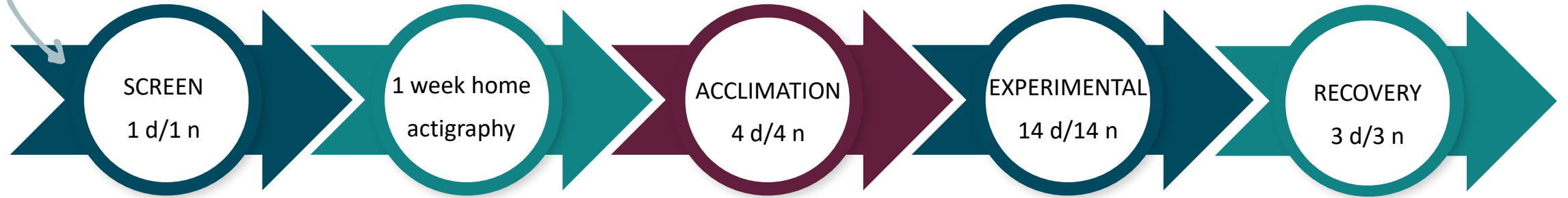
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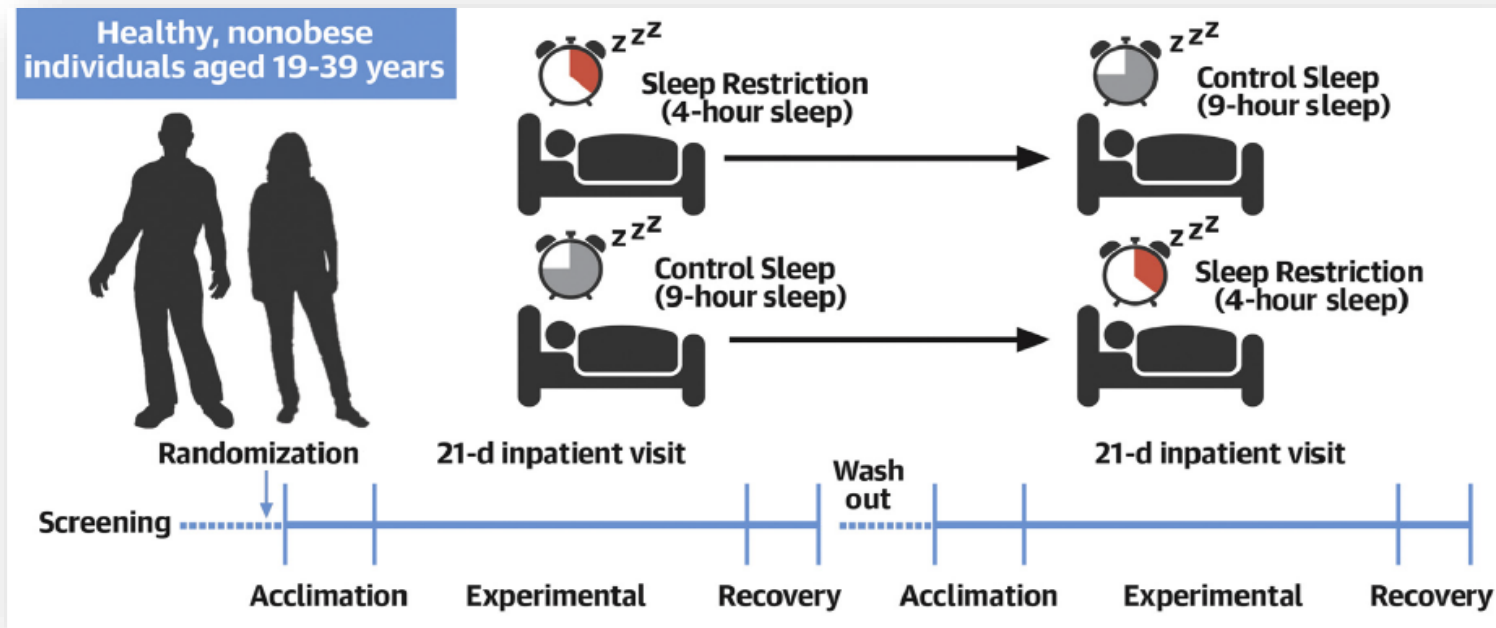
Sleep duration of five hours or less was associated with a two-fold increase in risk of hypertension

Design

# Sleep Deprivation and Energy Balance



Simple crossover randomization to 9 hours vs 4 hours time in bed



# Sleep and the Zeitgeist of Cardiovascular Medicine

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## The Most Talked About Articles From 2022

The following articles published in 2022 received the most attention online throughout the world during the year, according to Altmetrics. Altmetric attention scores include mainstream media coverage, mentions on social networks such as Twitter, discussions on research blogs, citations on Wikipedia, bookmarks on reference managers like Mendeley and more. Tap/click the donut to visit the article's details page to see the original mentions and references that have contributed to the attention score.

### Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC)



Effects of Experimental Sleep Restriction on Energy Intake, Energy Expenditure, and Visceral Obesity

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022 Apr, 79 (13) 1254-1265



Consumption of Olive Oil and Risk of Total and Cause-Specific Mortality Among U.S. Adults

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022 Jan, 79 (2) 101-112



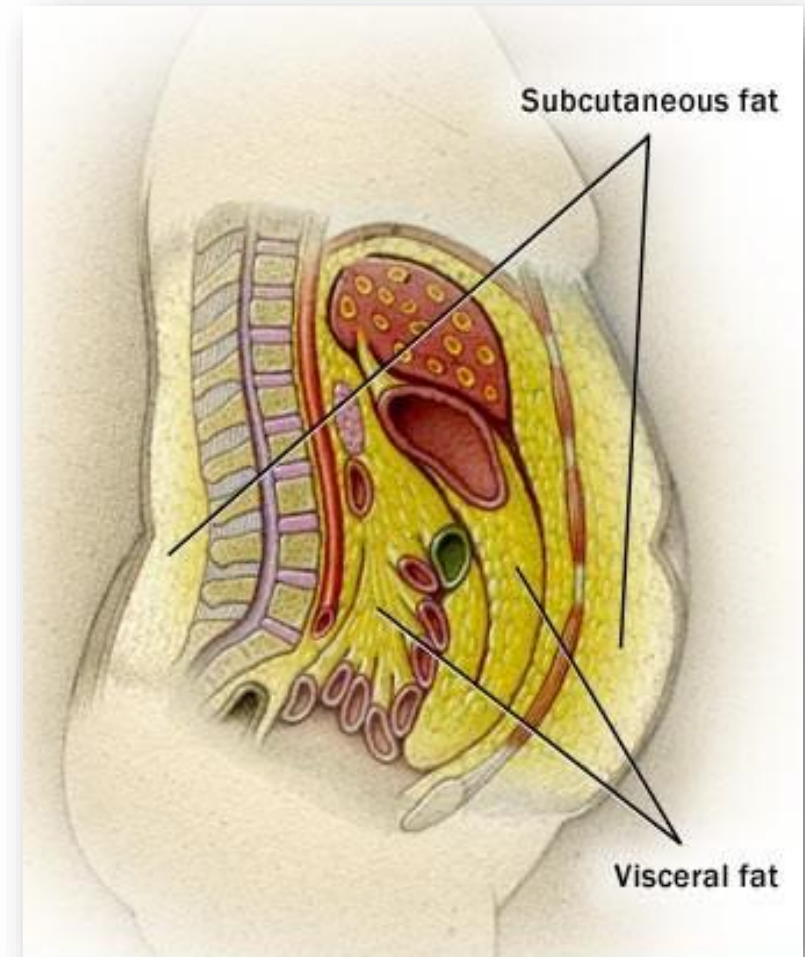
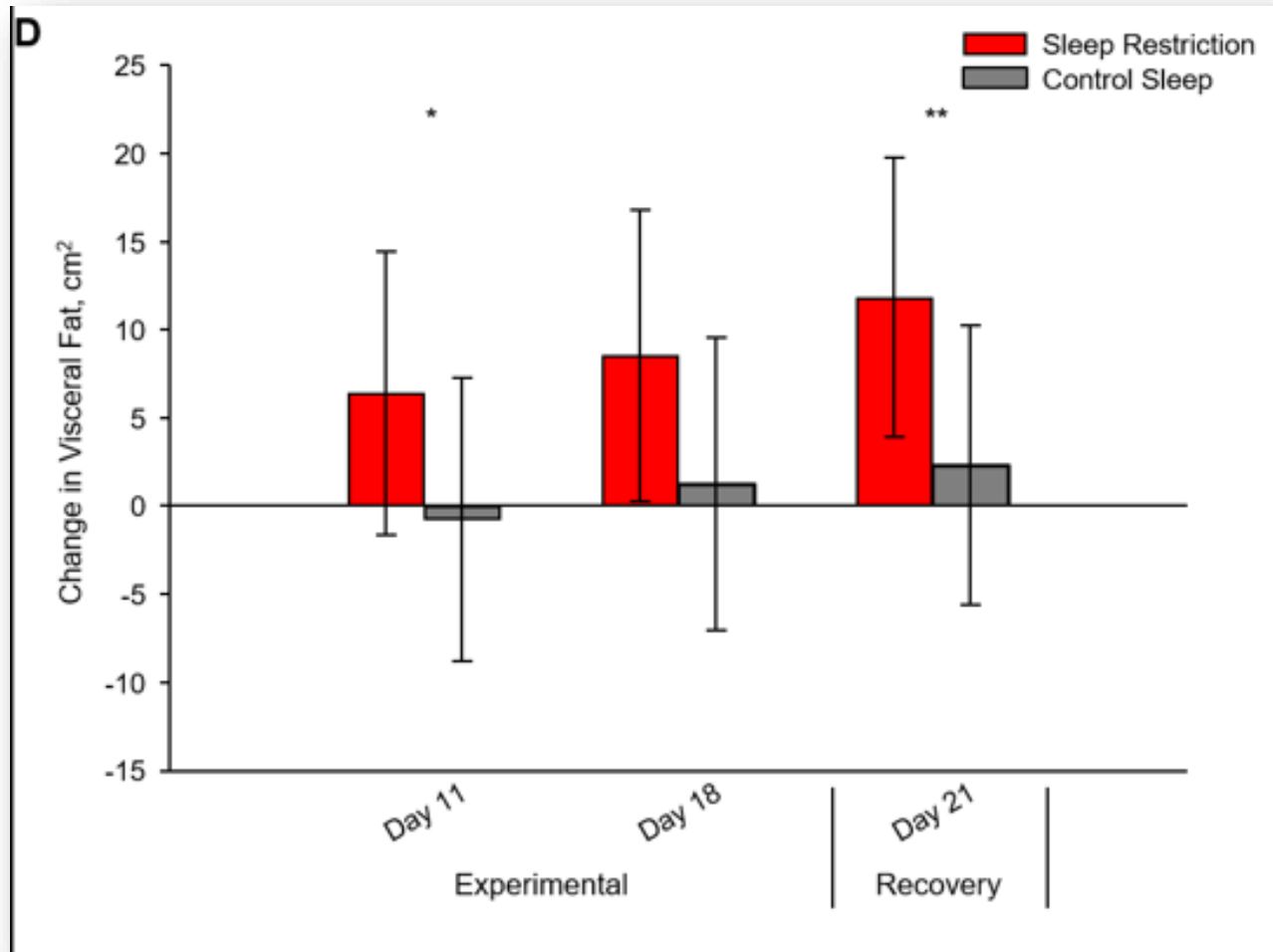
2022 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Cardiovascular Sequelae of COVID-19 in Adults: Myocarditis and Other Myocardial Involvement, Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection, and Return to Play: A Report of the American College of Cardiology Solution Set Oversight Committee

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022 May, 79 (17) 1717-1756



# Visceral fat increases during Sleep Deprivation and further into Recovery

Calorie intake during sleep dep increased by more than 300kcal/day



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# Nurses Health Study



71617 women 45-65 years



10-year follow-up of Incident CHD

Sleep Duration	Relative Risk	Confidence Interval
5 Hours	1.82	1.34 – 2.41
6 Hours	1.30	1.08 – 1.57
7 Hours	1.06	0.89 – 1.26
8 Hours	1	1

(Ayas et al)



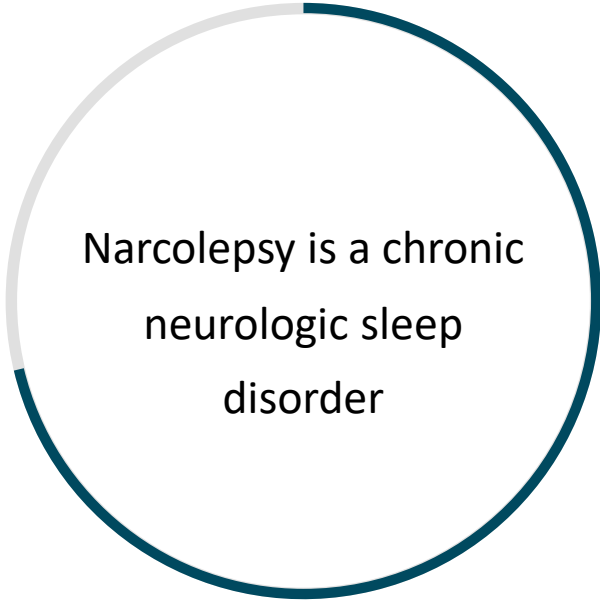
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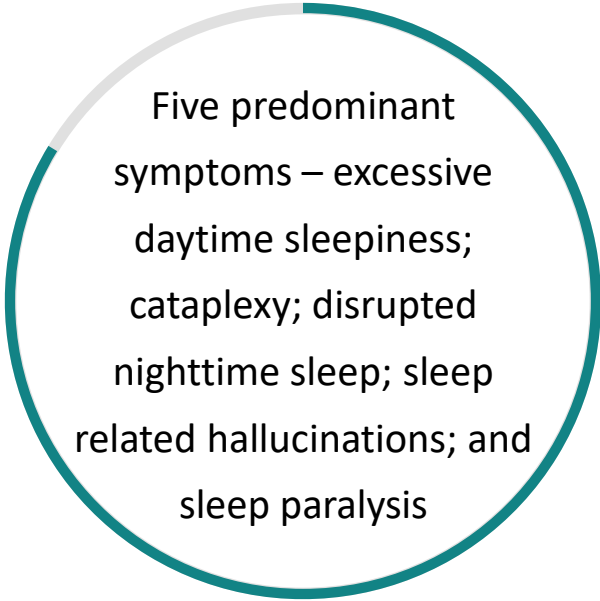
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# Narcolepsy – Clinical Characteristics

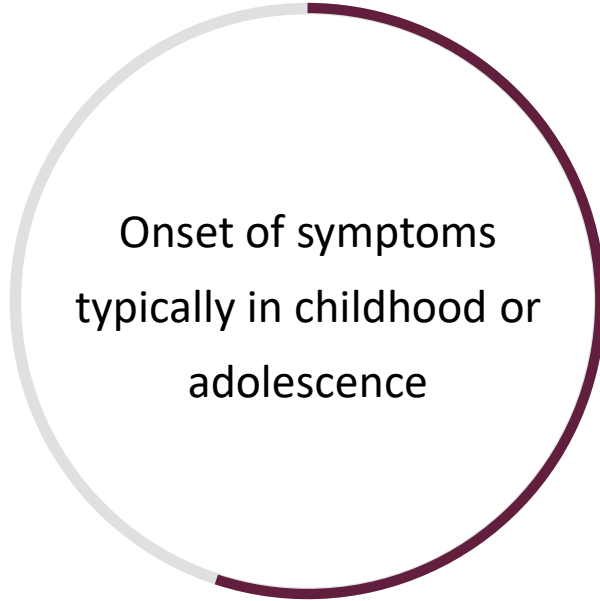
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Narcolepsy is a chronic  
neurologic sleep  
disorder



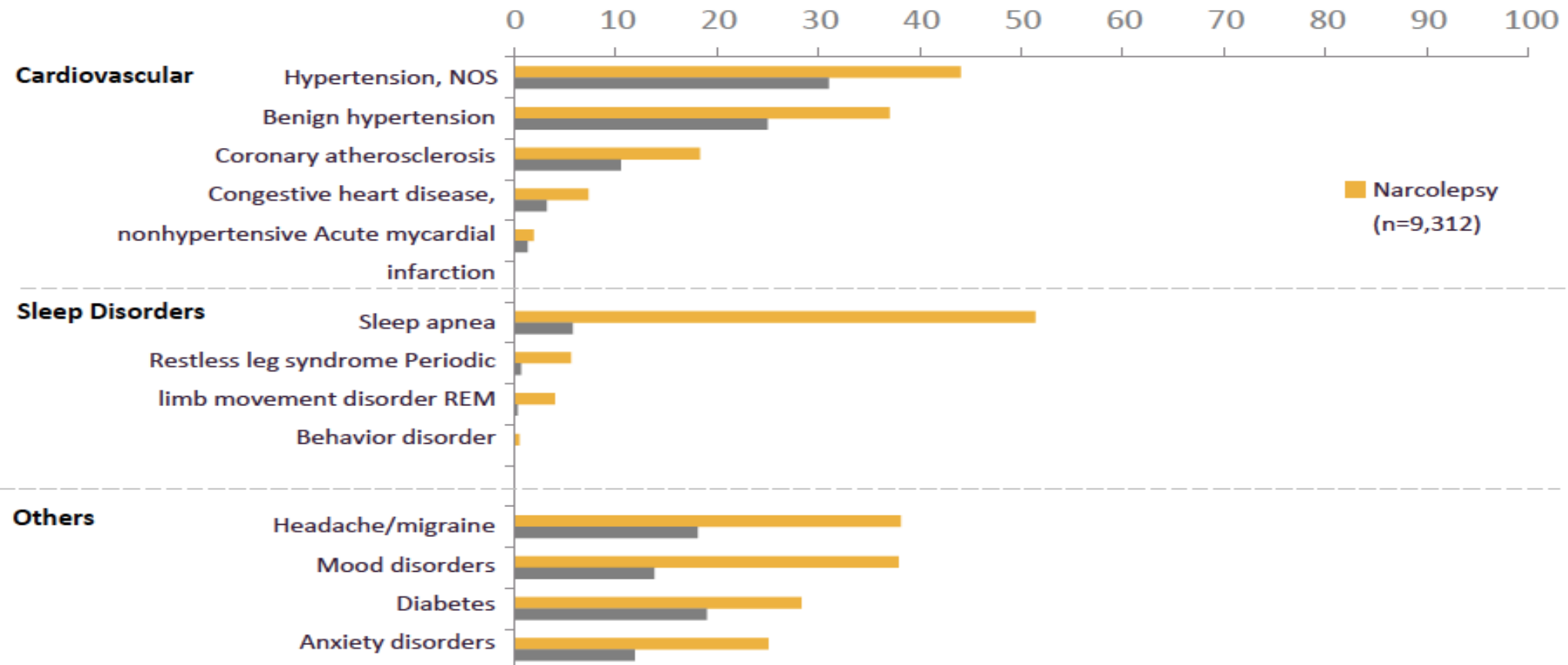
Five predominant  
symptoms – excessive  
daytime sleepiness;  
cataplexy; disrupted  
nighttime sleep; sleep  
related hallucinations; and  
sleep paralysis



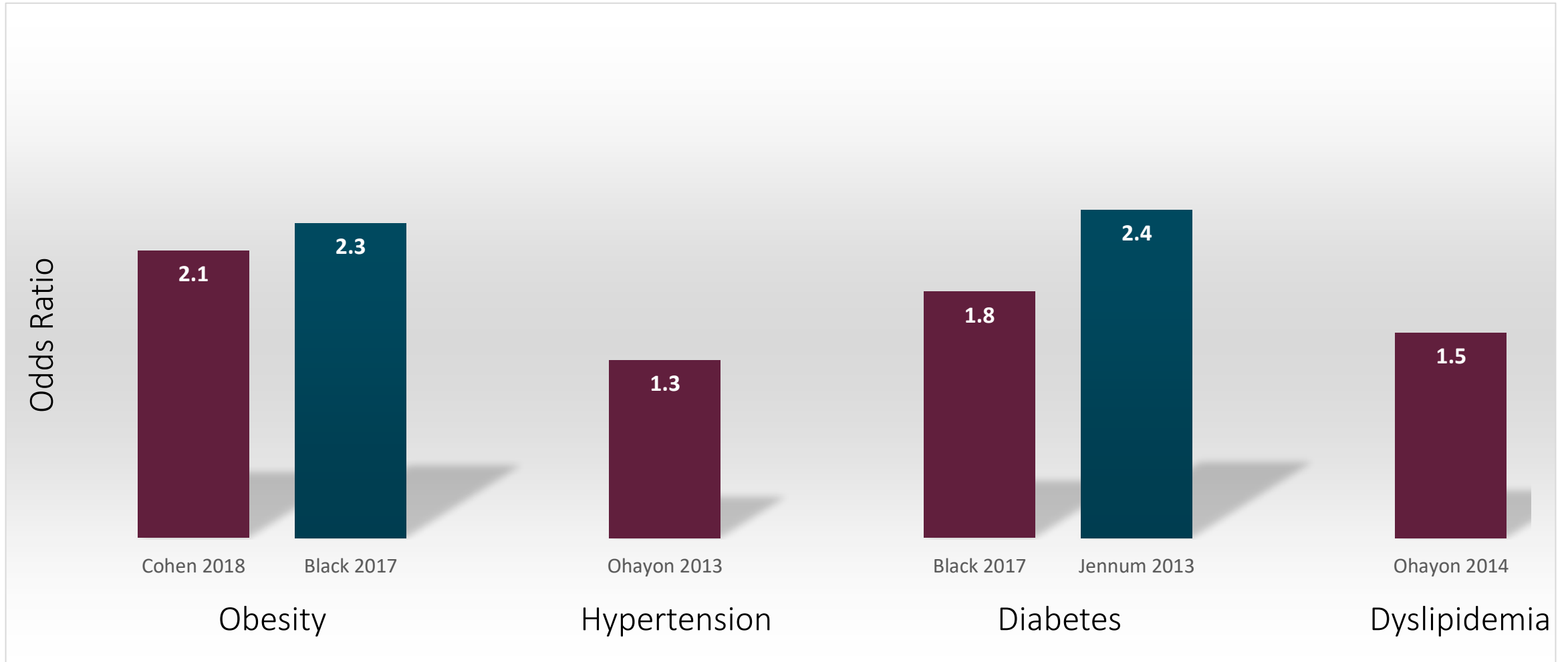
Onset of symptoms  
typically in childhood or  
adolescence

# Narcolepsy and CV Disease: Bond Study

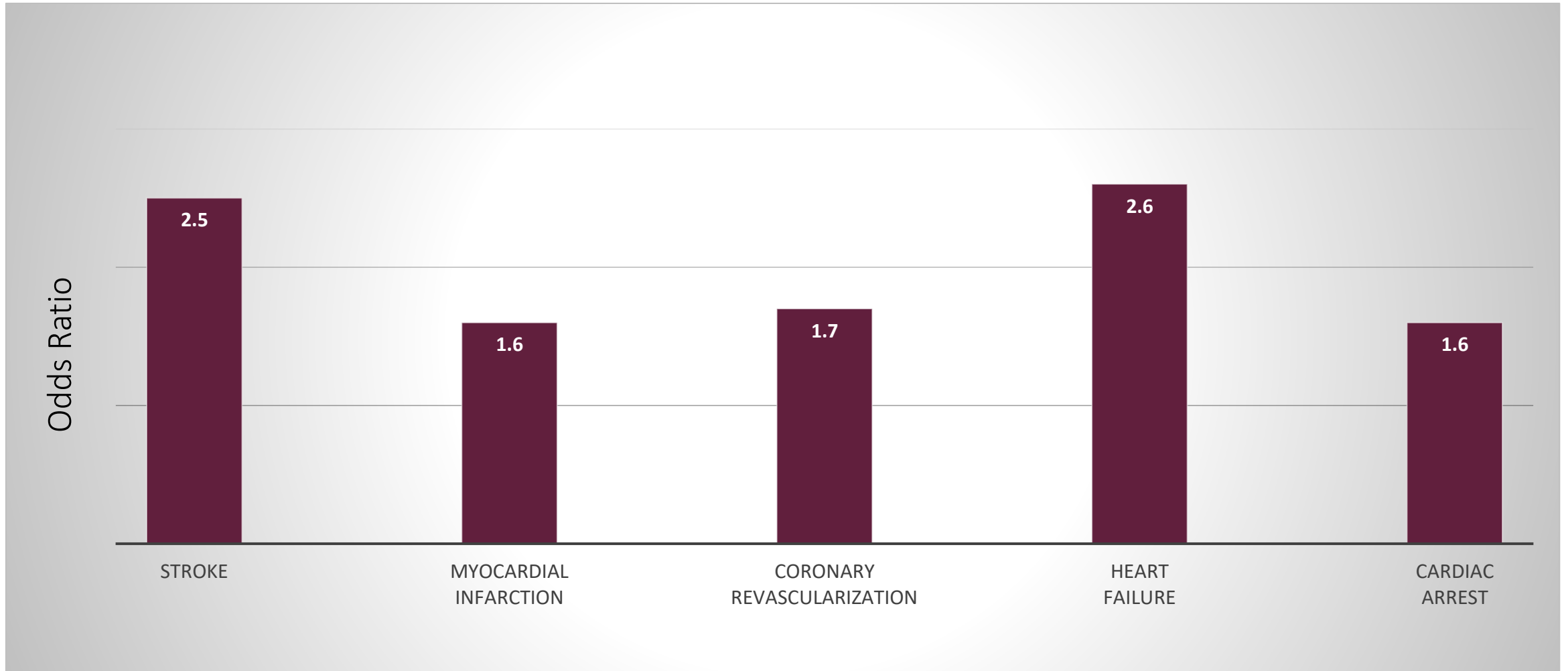
## Comorbid conditions in patients with narcolepsy



# Cardiovascular and Cardiometabolic Comorbidities Associated With Narcolepsy



# Narcolepsy and Cardiovascular Disease



# Narcolepsy and Mortality

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Mortality rates in patients with vs without narcolepsy were estimated using a longitudinal claims database, and compared to CDC general population data (Ohayon, 2014)



Patients with narcolepsy were at approx. 1.5-fold increased mortality risk

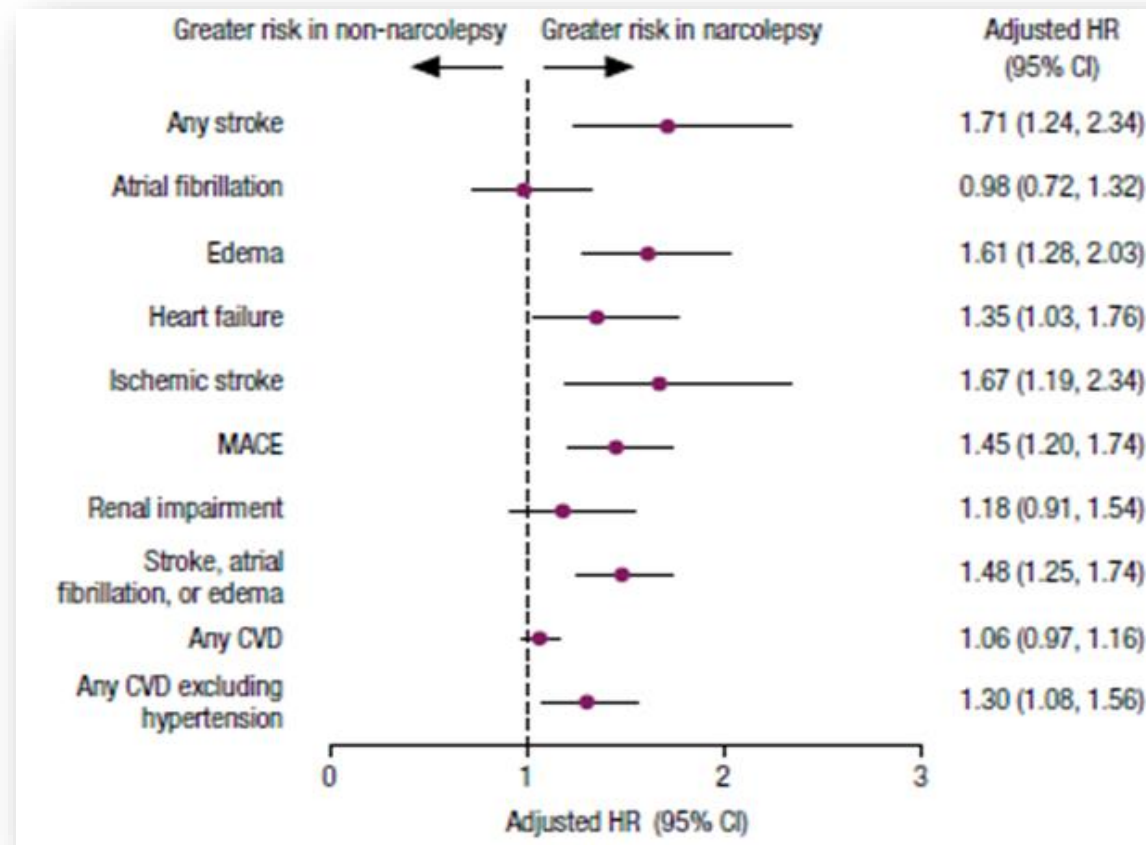


# CV Bond Study

Adjusted Hazard Ratios for Incidence of Newly-Diagnosed Cardiovascular/Renal Conditions in Patients with Narcolepsy and Matched Non-Narcolepsy Controls

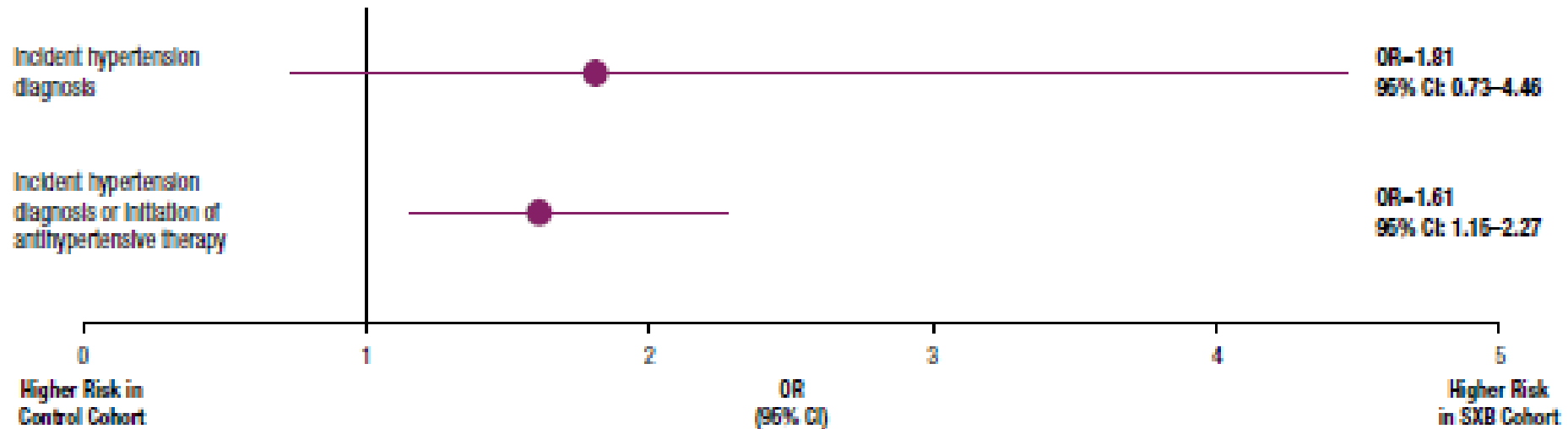
N=±38,000

N=±12,000



# Sodium Oxybate and Increased HTN Risk

Figure 1. Elevated Odds Ratio for New Onset of Hypertension in Patients With Narcolepsy Treated With Sodium Oxybate



A multivariable logistic regression model to estimate ORs and corresponding 95% CIs included all covariates used in the calculation of the PS as independent variables.

CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; PS, propensity score; SXB, sodium oxybate.

- Risk of incident (new) hypertension diagnosis per 100 patients was numerically higher in the SXB cohort (0.94) than the control cohort (0.52; odds ratio [OR]=1.81; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.73-4.46)
- Risk of the composite endpoint of either diagnosis of hypertension or initiation of antihypertensive therapy per 100 patients was higher in the SXB cohort (6.60) than the control cohort (4.20; OR=1.61; 95% CI: 1.15-2.27)
- Results remained robust through a series of sensitivity analyses



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# The Effects of Sodium Intake on Blood Pressure and Cardiovascular Disease



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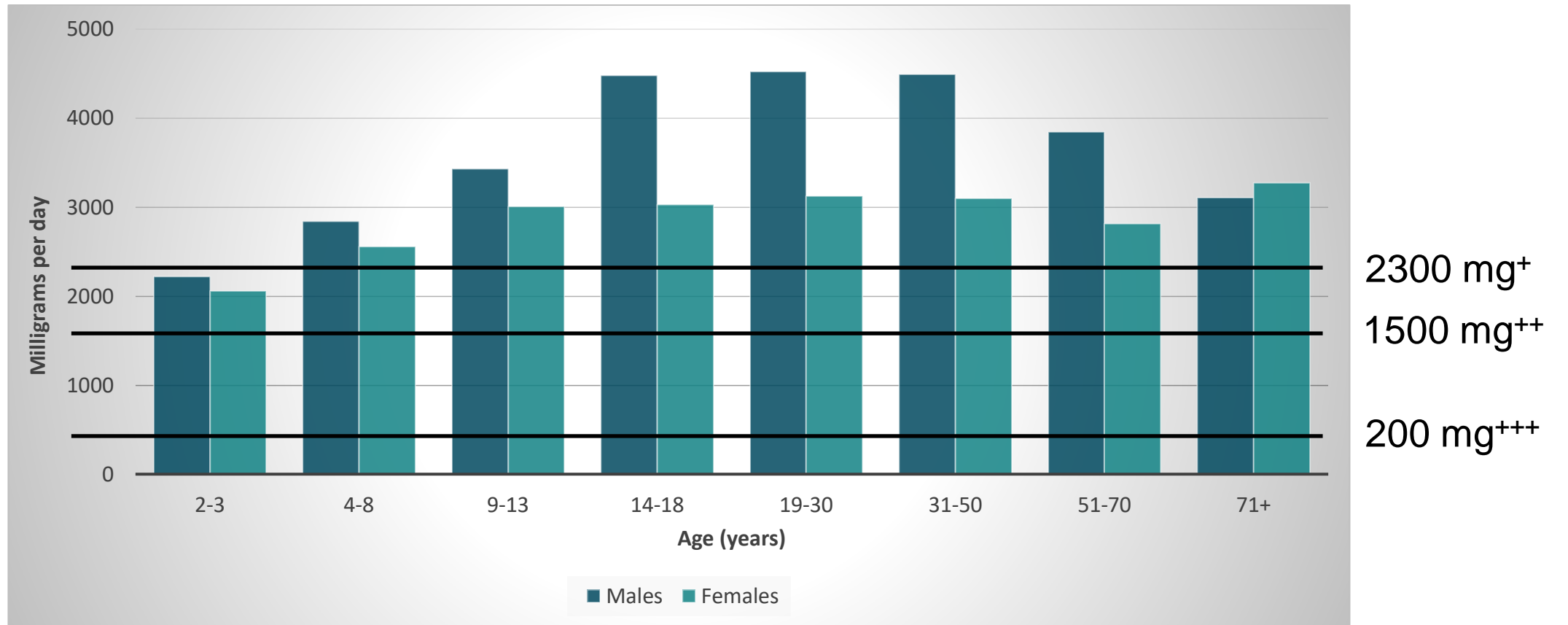
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Recent Evidence

### Sleep, Sodium, and CVD

## Estimated Mean Daily Sodium Intake in US, by age/sex Group, 2005-6



+ Recommended upper limit of intake for adults

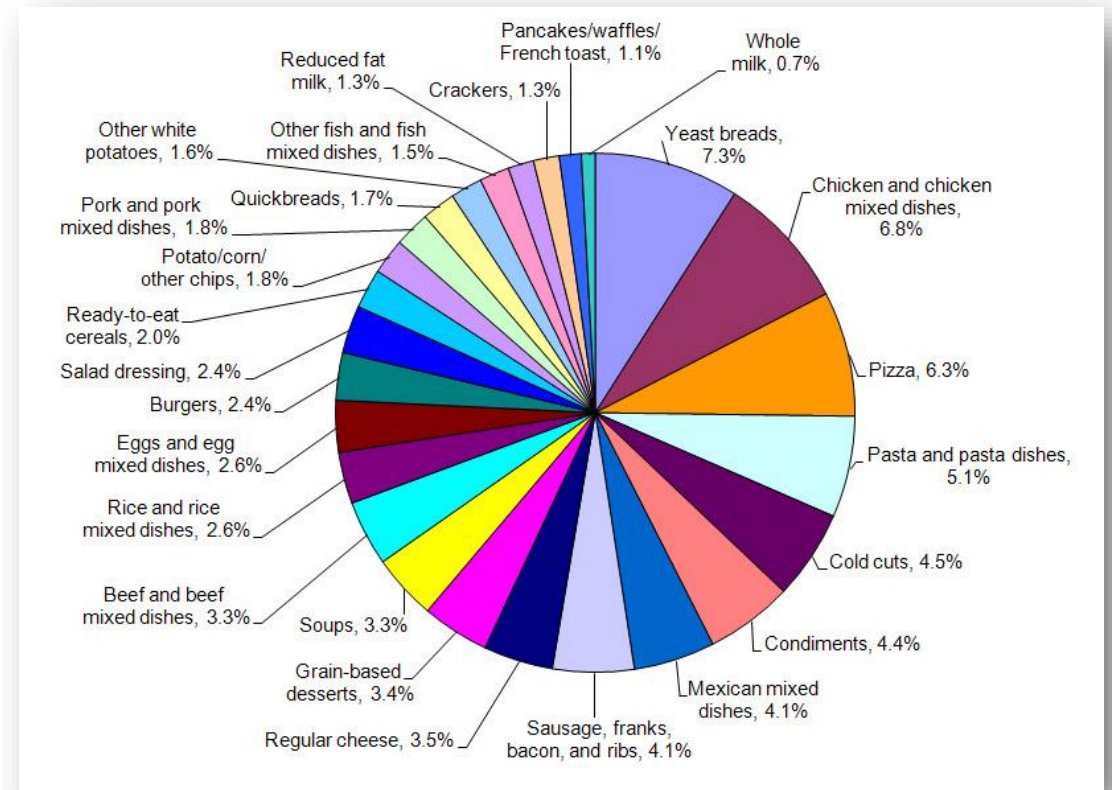
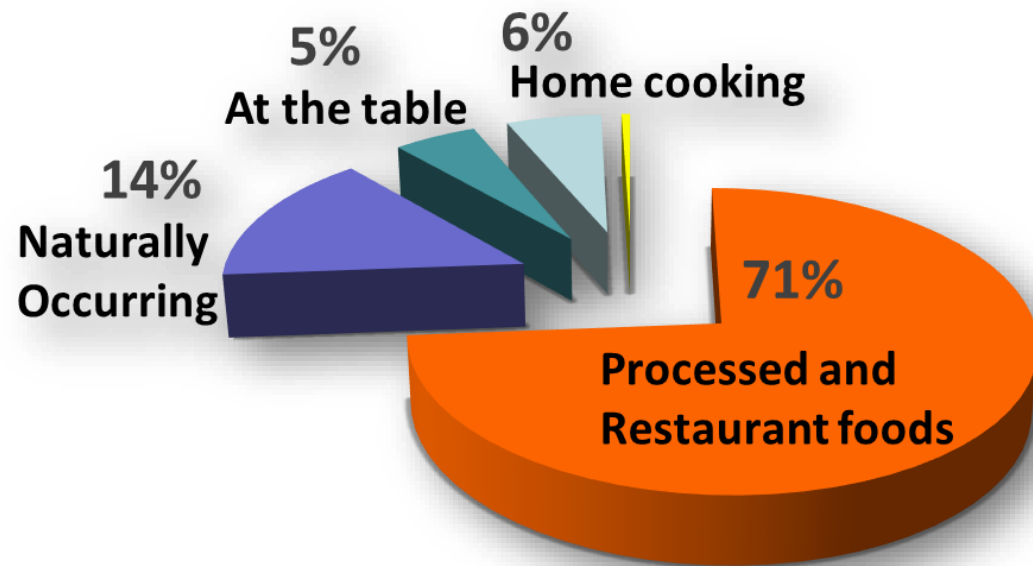
++ Recommended intake for blacks, hypertensives, and middle- and older-aged adults

+++ Needed to replace obligatory losses (Dahl, 1958)

# Dietary sources of sodium - US

In US, Most Sodium(>70%) Comes from Processed and Restaurant Food

Sources of Sodium Among the US Population, 2005-6



Harnack LJ, et al. Sources of Sodium in US Adults from 3 Geographic Regions. Circulation. 2017;135:1775-1783.

National Cancer Institute website  
<http://riskfactor.cancer.gov/diet/foodsources/sodium/>.

# Dietary sources of sodium - China

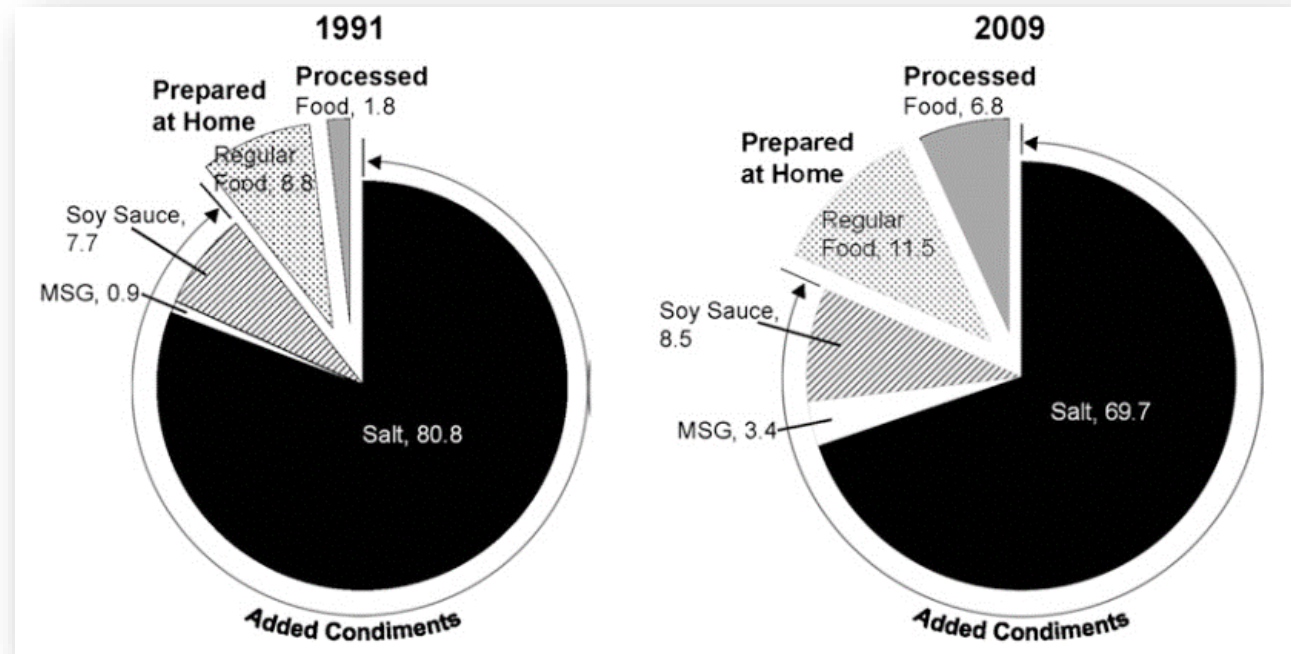
In China, processed foods contributes to <10% of total sodium intake.



Most comes from added condiments, especially table salt (around 70% of all sodium)



However, the contribution of sodium from processed foods is rapidly increasing.







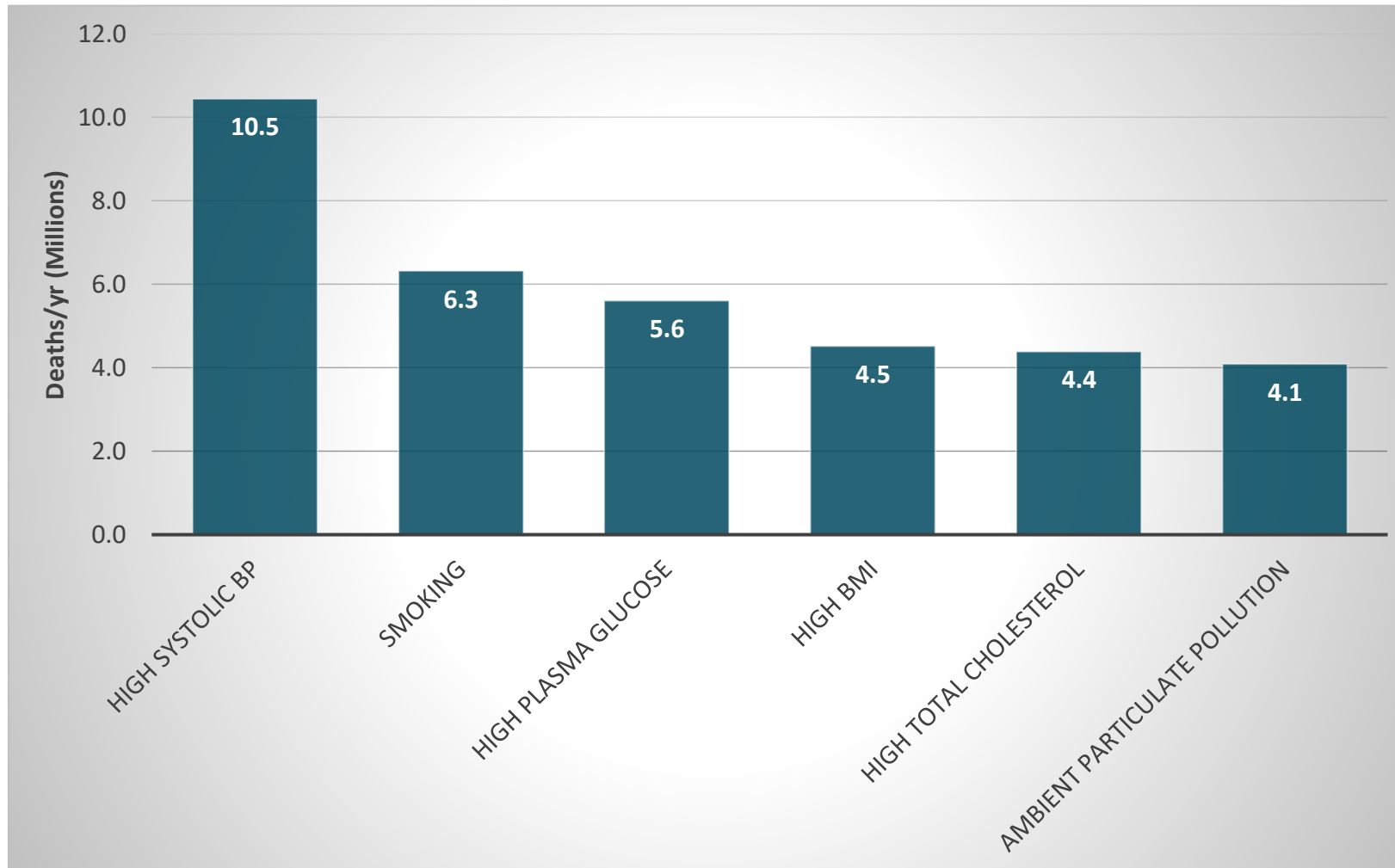
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## Current Blood Pressure Classification

Category	Systolic BP		Diastolic BP
Normal	< 120	And	< 80
Elevated	120-129	Or	< 80
Hypertension Stage 1	130-139	Or	80-89
Hypertension Stage 2	≥140	Or	≥90

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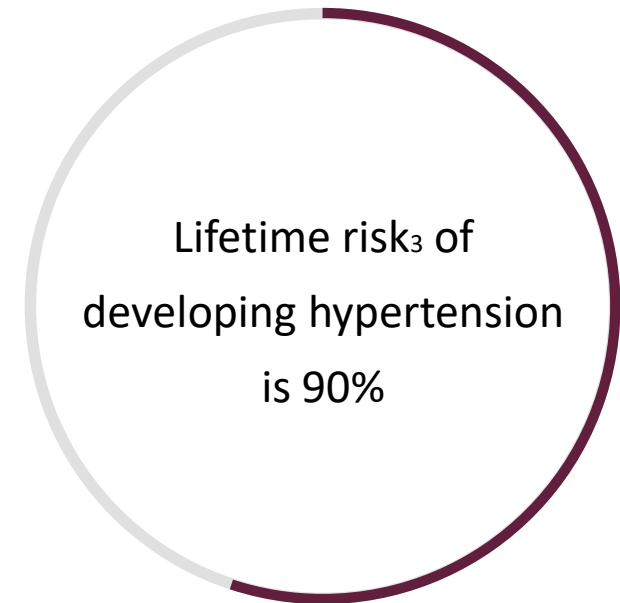
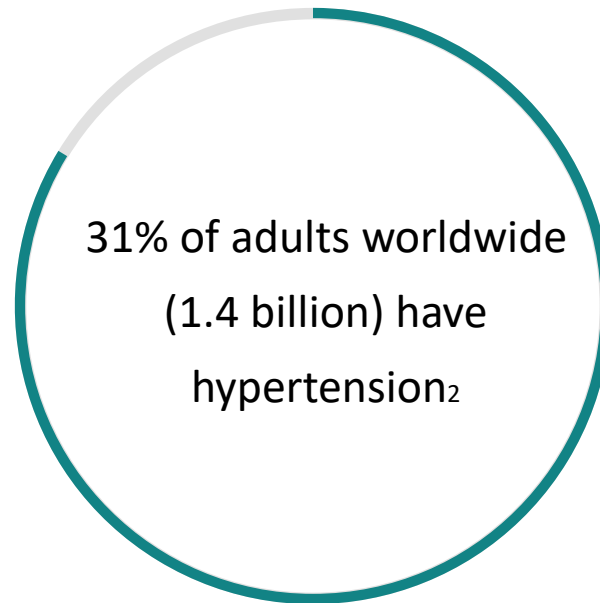
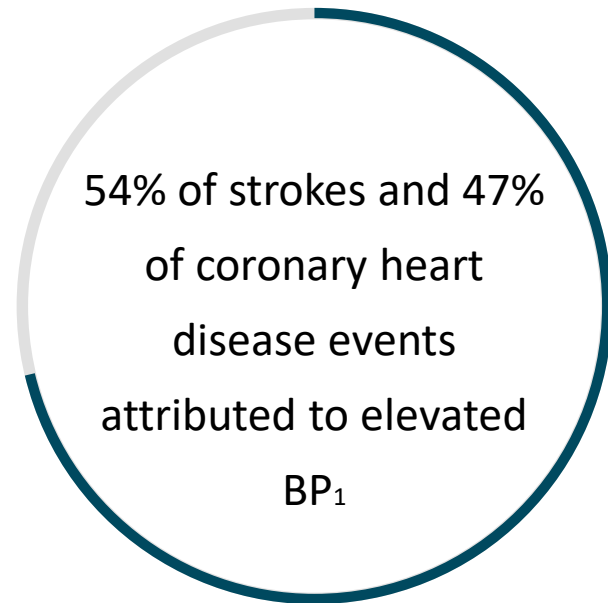
*Big Picture:* Elevated BP is the Leading Cause of Preventable Deaths Worldwide



Source: <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/gbd-results-tool>, 2018

# Magnitude of the BP Epidemic

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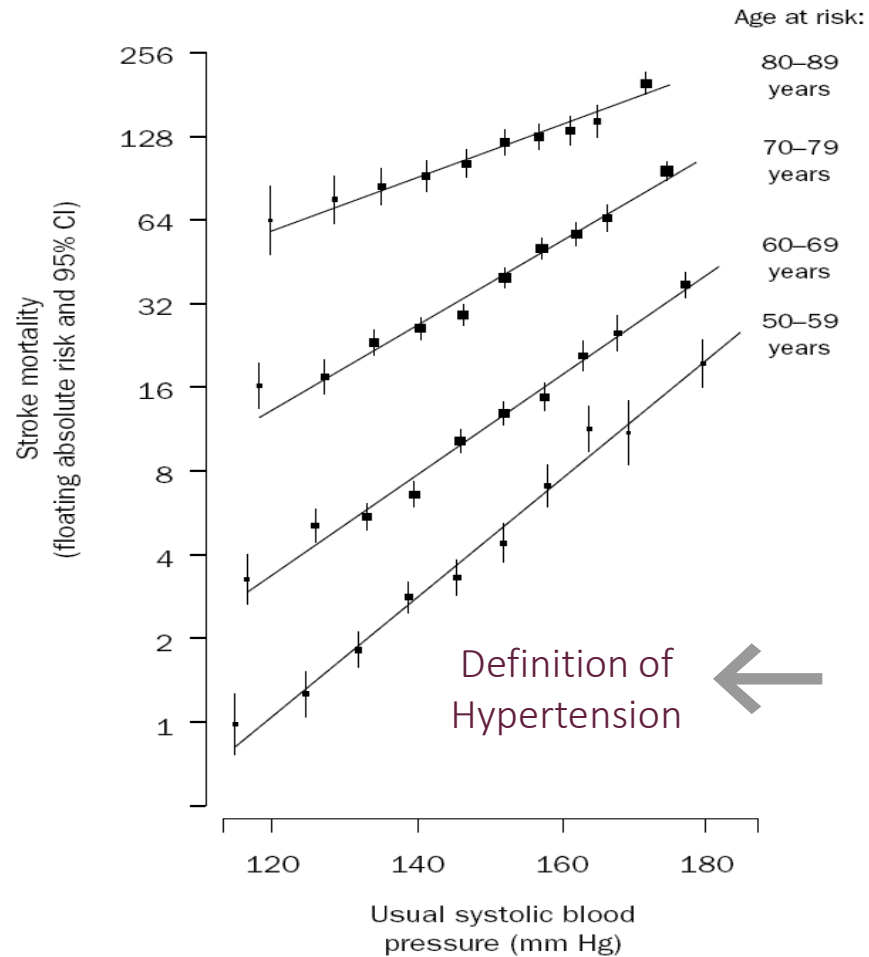


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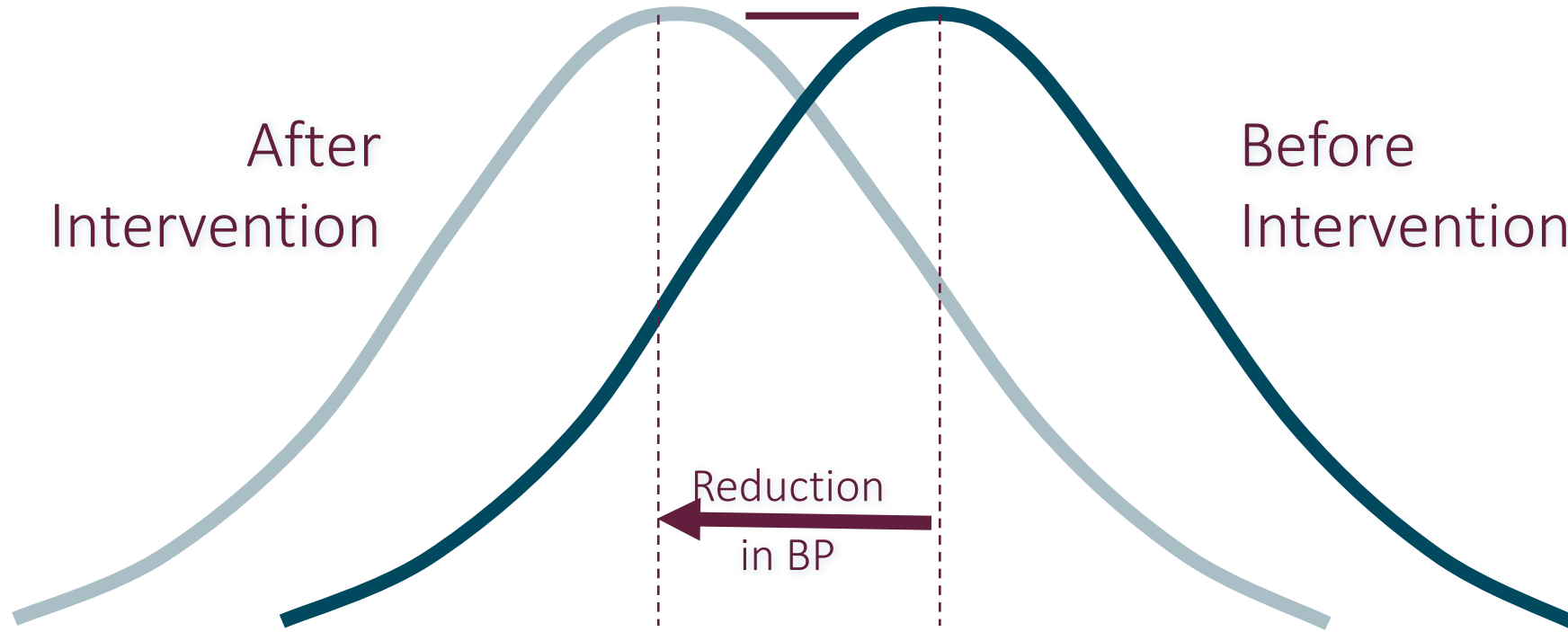
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# Stroke Mortality by Level of Usual Systolic BP\*



\*Source: Prospective Studies Collaboration, Lancet, 2002: Meta-analysis of 61 prospective studies with 2.7m person-yrs, 11.9k deaths

Effects of Population-Based BP Reduction (Favorably Shifting SBP Distribution)



Reduction in SBP mmHg	% Reduction in Mortality		
	Stroke	CHD	Total
2	-6	-4	-3
3	-8	-5	-4
5	-14	-9	-7

# Adverse Effects of Excess Sodium Intake

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Established  
Relationship

-Increased blood pressure



CVD and Stroke



Probable  
Relationship

-Gastric cancer  
-Increased protein  
excretion, CKD progression  
-Headaches



Suggestive  
Relationship

-Increased risk of  
osteoporosis  
-Increased left ventricular  
mass



Hypothesized  
Relationship

-Overweight/obesity

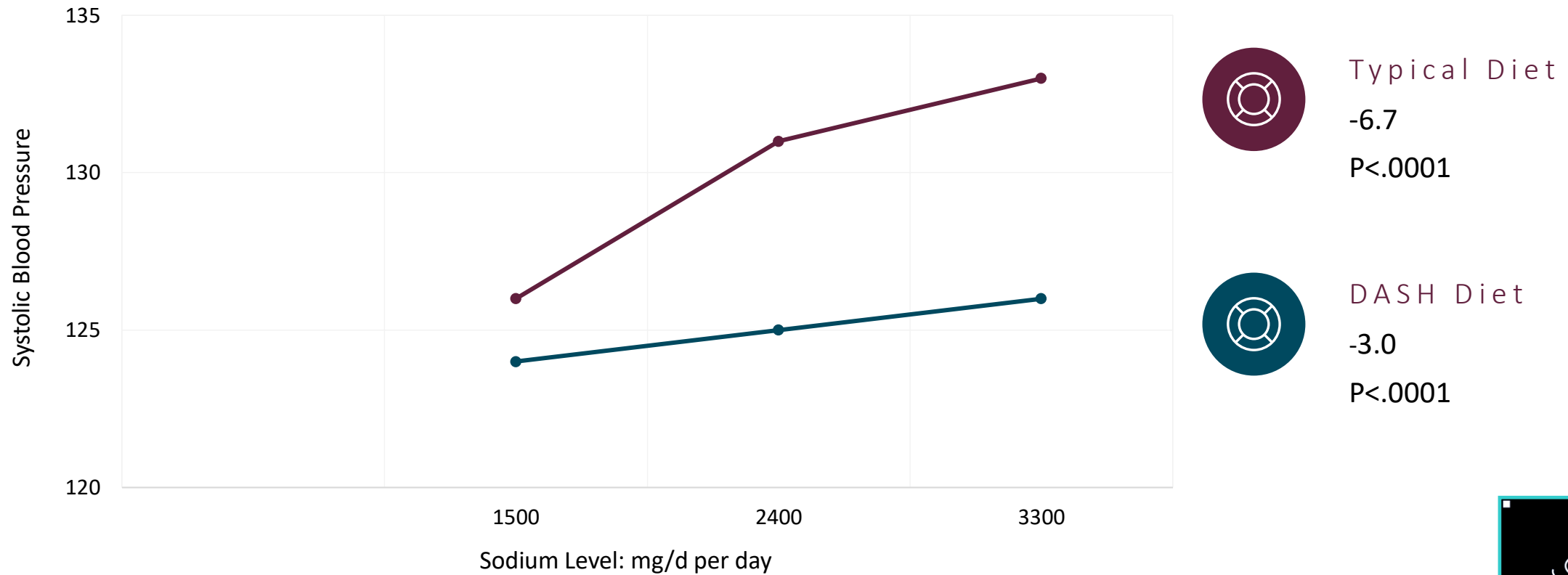
## Types of Evidence Linking Sodium Intake to Blood Pressure

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Epidemiology	Over 50 population studies
Migration	Several, e.g. Kenya
Genetic	All defects identified so far impair the ability of the kidney to excrete salt.
Animal	All forms of hypertension are caused or aggravated by salt [rats, chimpanzees]
Trials	Children: ~10 trials, one trial in infants Adults: > 100 trials
Population	Northern Japan
Interventions	Portuguese villages

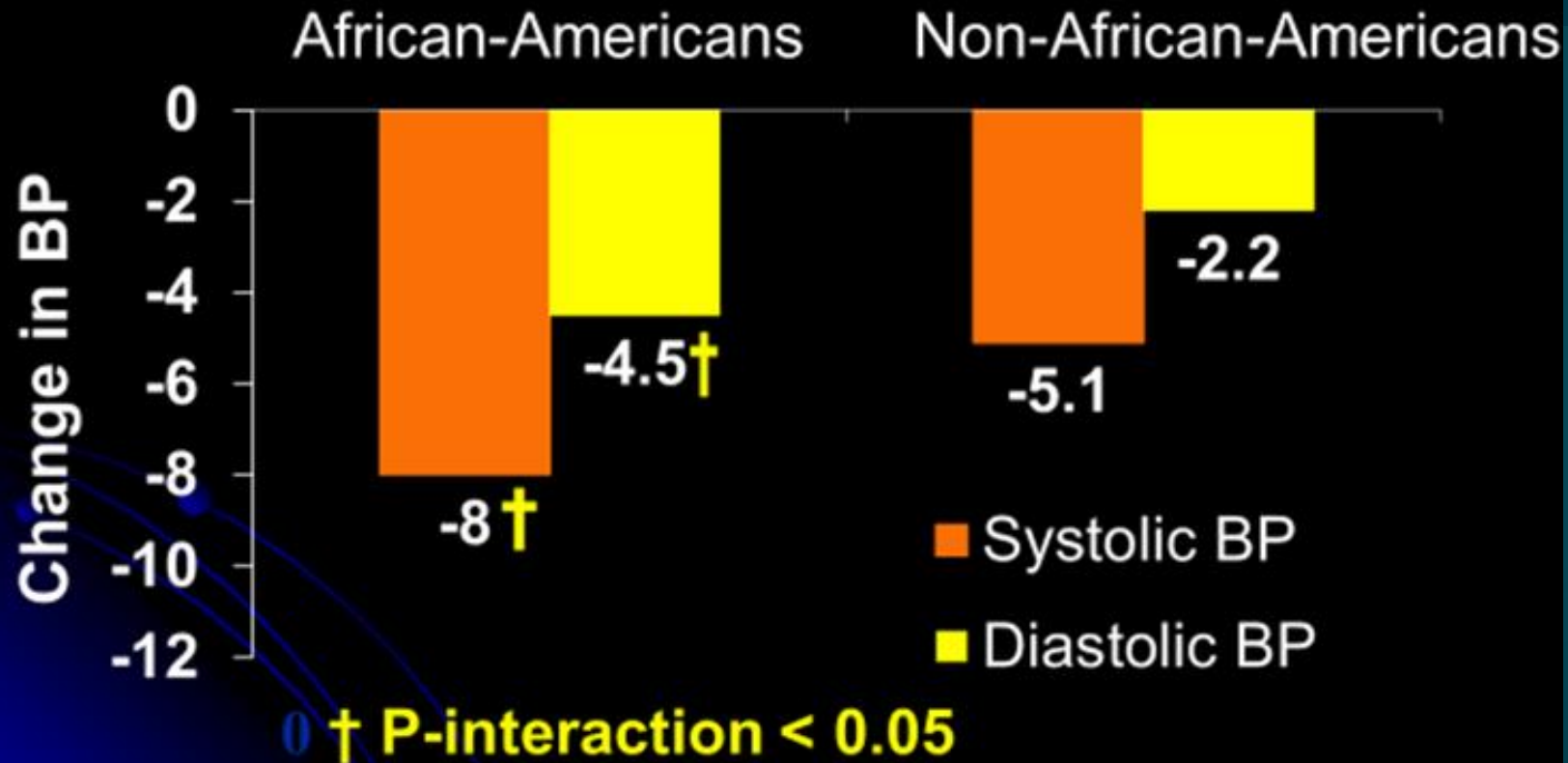


# As Sodium Intake Is Reduced, So is Blood Pressure





# Reduced Sodium Intake Has Greater BP Effects in African-Americans



# Why the fuss about sodium?



Methodologic 'landmines'



Challenges of measuring sodium



Interpretation of low diet and low  
urinary sodium excretion



High cost of high-quality sodium  
research in humans

# Options to Estimate Usual Sodium Intake of Individuals

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## Optimal

- Multiple, high-quality 24-hour urine collections



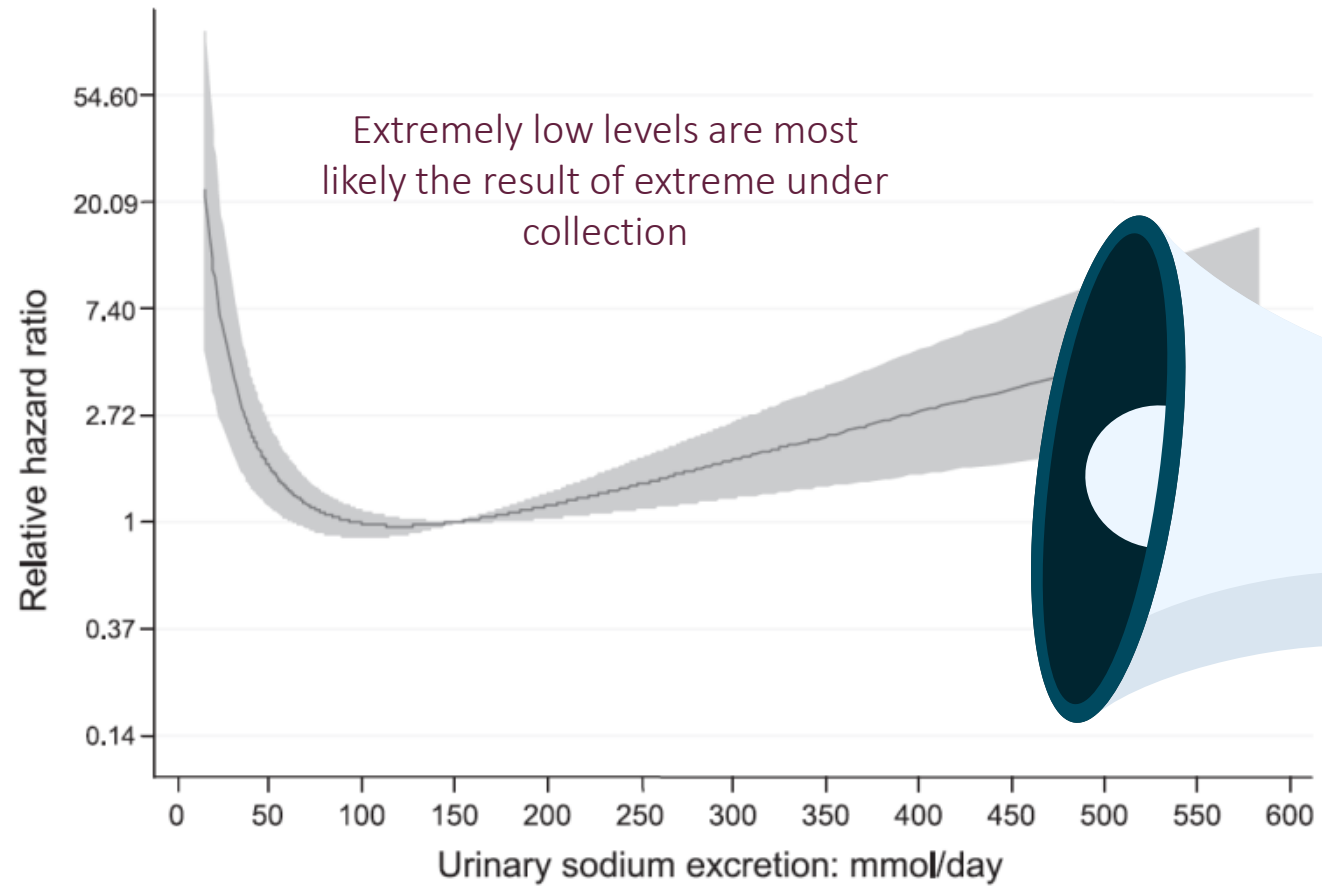
## Suboptimal

- Single\* or poor-quality 24-hour urine collection
- Spot, overnight or timed urine
- 24-hour dietary recall
- Food frequency questionnaire

\*Single 24-hour urine is fine for estimating group average

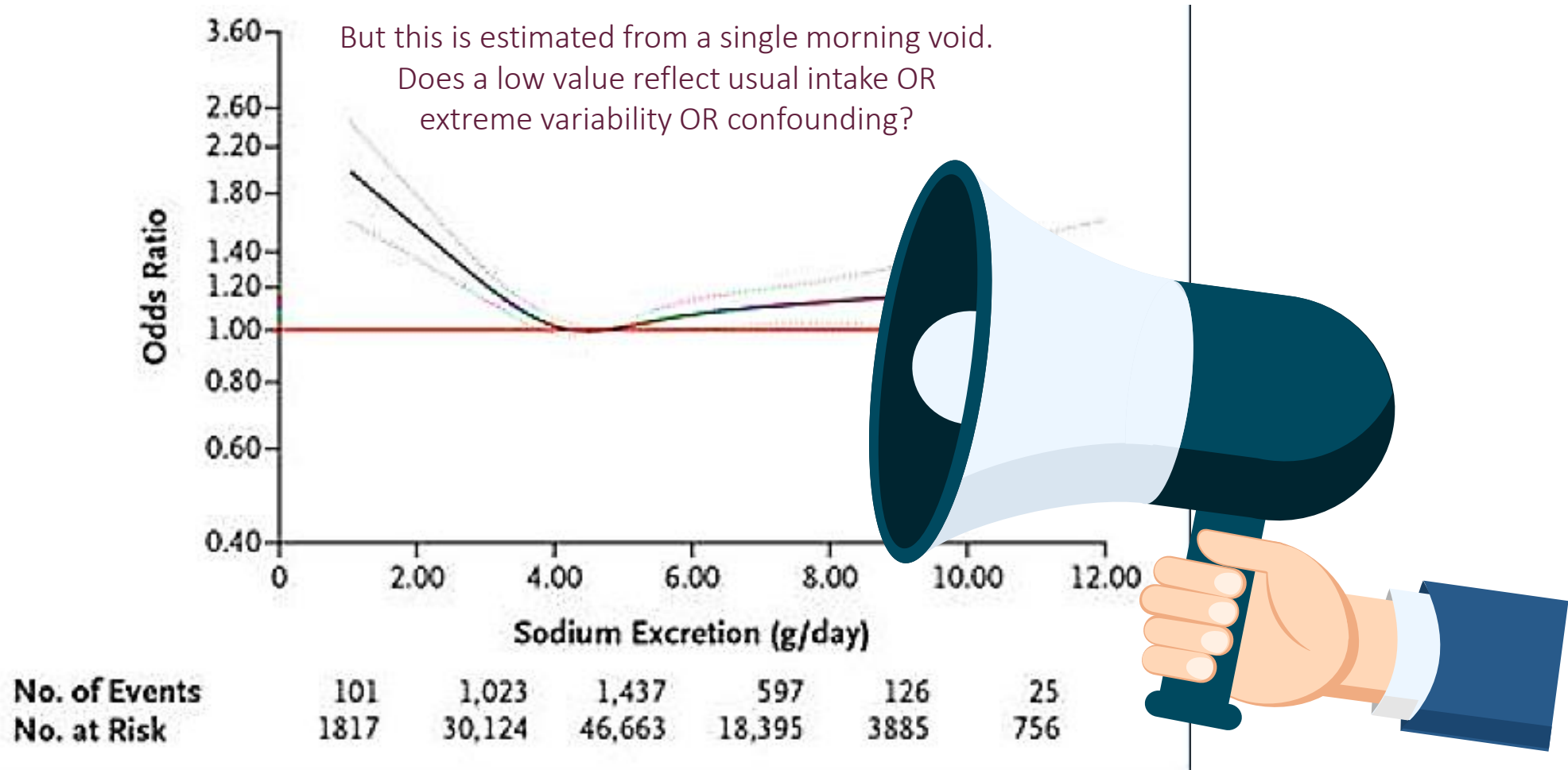
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# J-Shaped Relationship of Total Mortality with Urine Sodium Excretion in Patients with Type 1 Diabetes



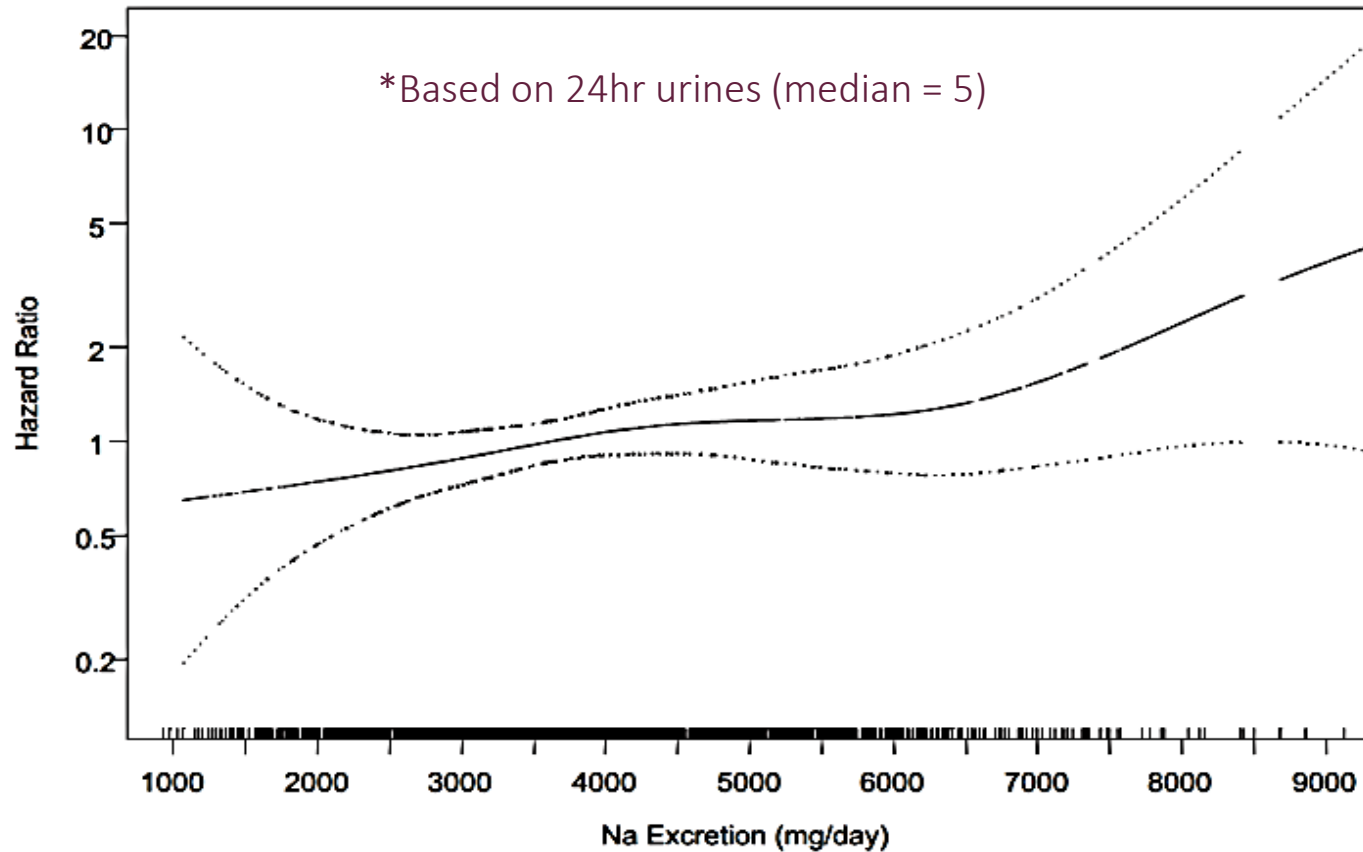
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## Estimated Sodium Excretion (from early morning void) and Risk of Death or CVD Events in PURE Study (n=101,945)



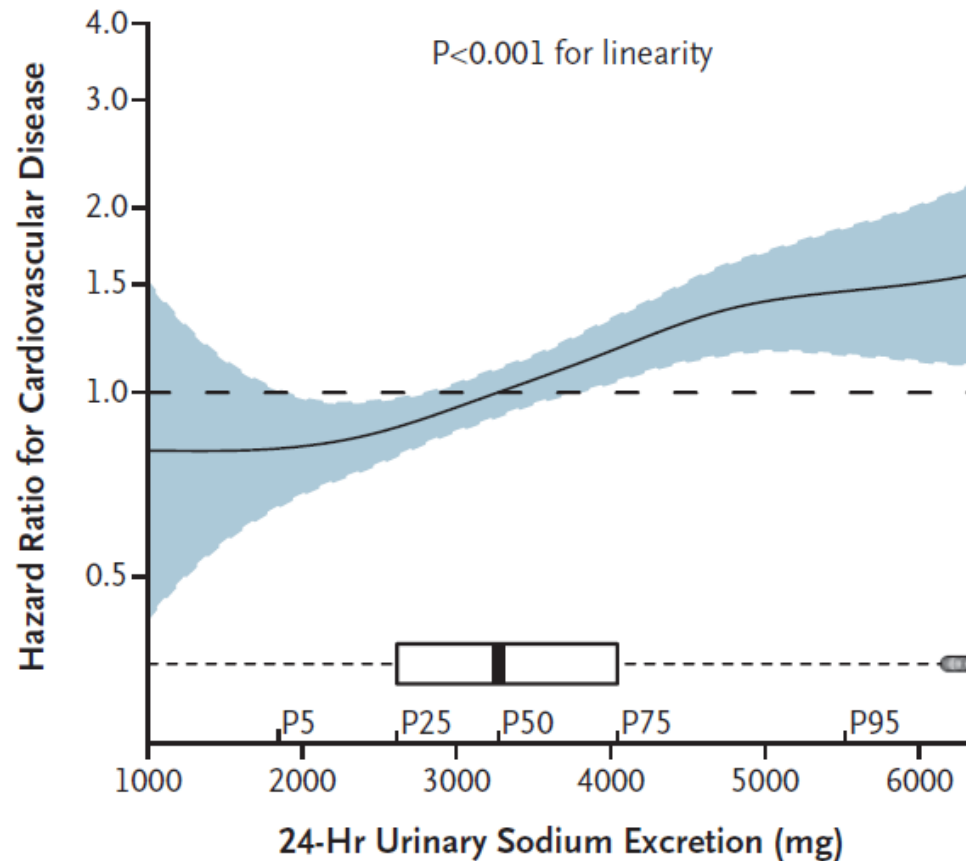
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Direct Relationship of CVD with Urinary Sodium Excretion\* in 2,275 Individuals with Prehypertension



# Direct Association of CVD with Urinary Sodium Excretion: Meta-Analysis of Cohort Studies with > two 24 Hr Urine Collections

## A 24-Hr Urinary Sodium Excretion





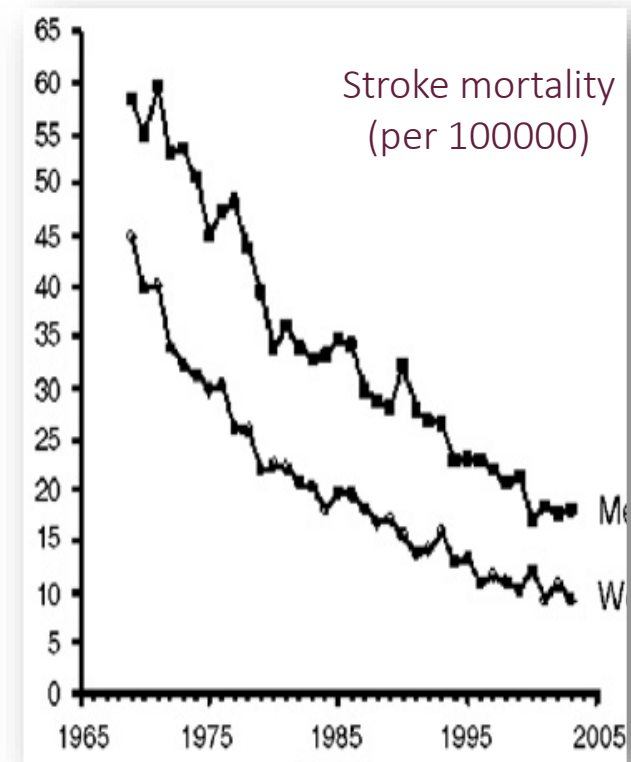
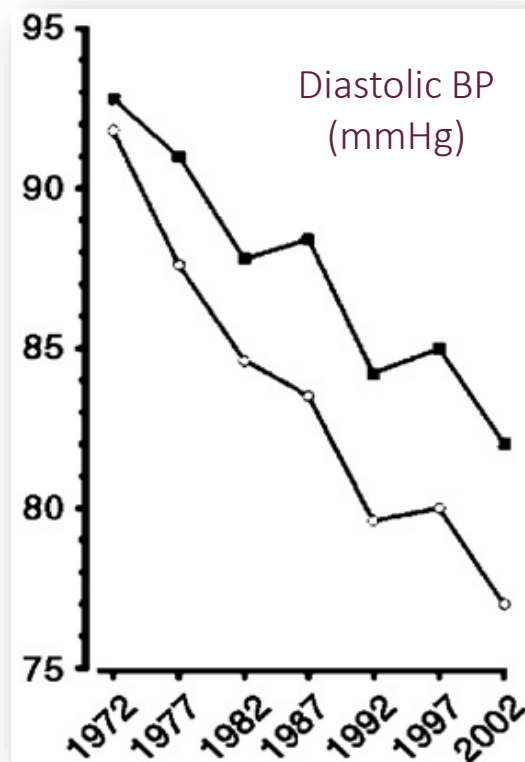
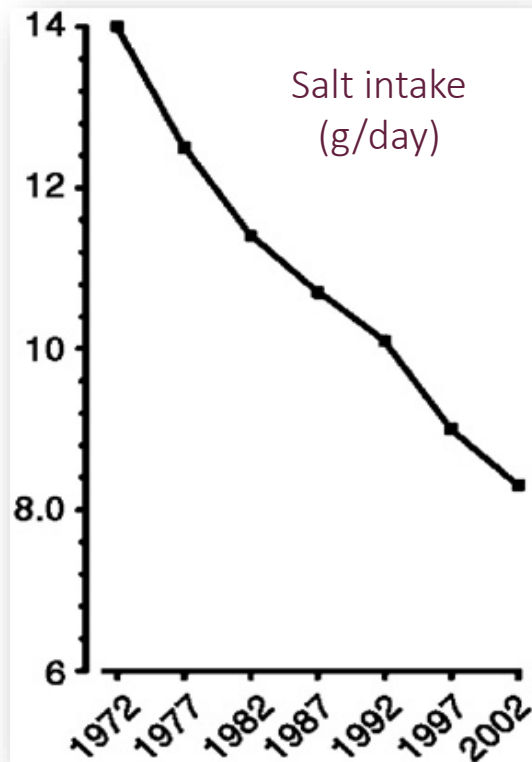


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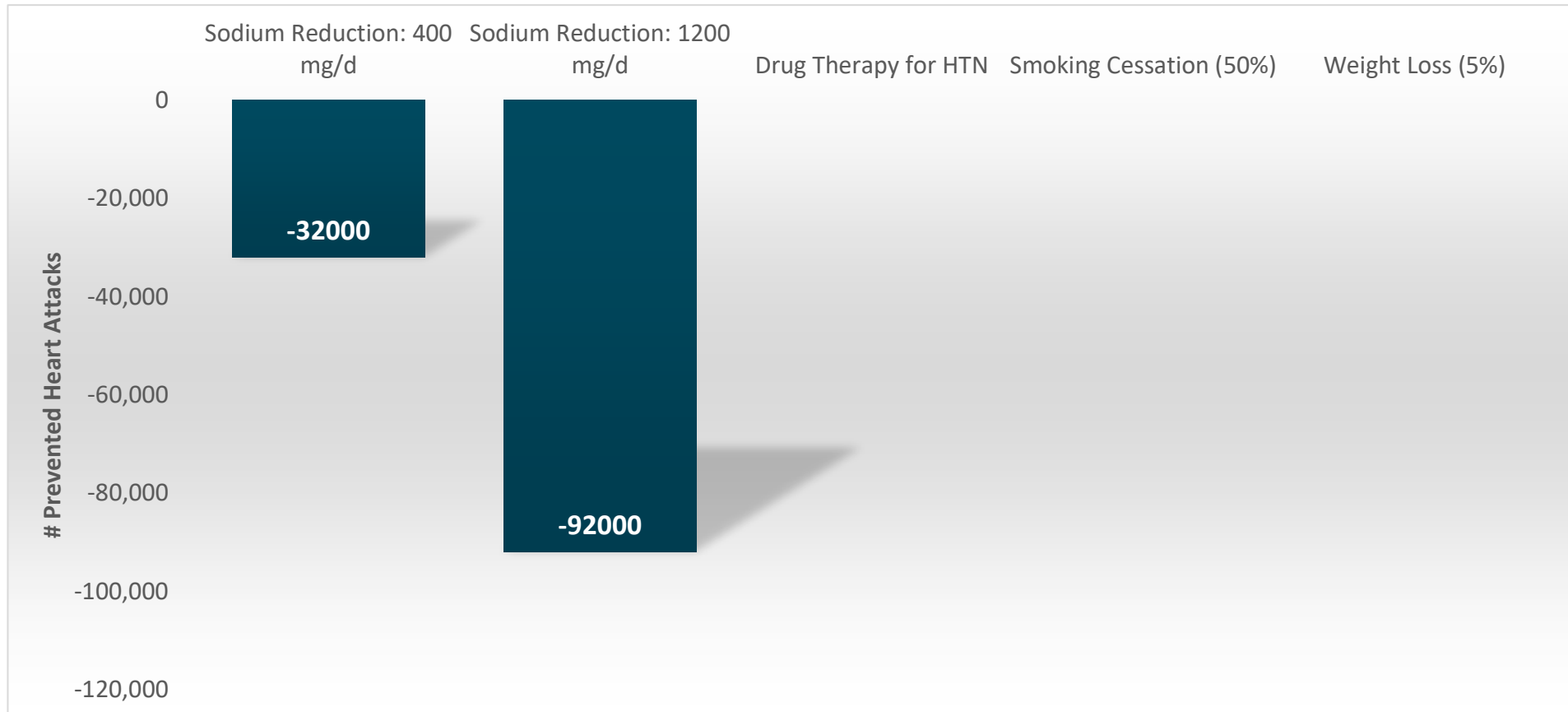
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# Finland: Salt Intake, BP and Stroke Mortality Over Three Decades



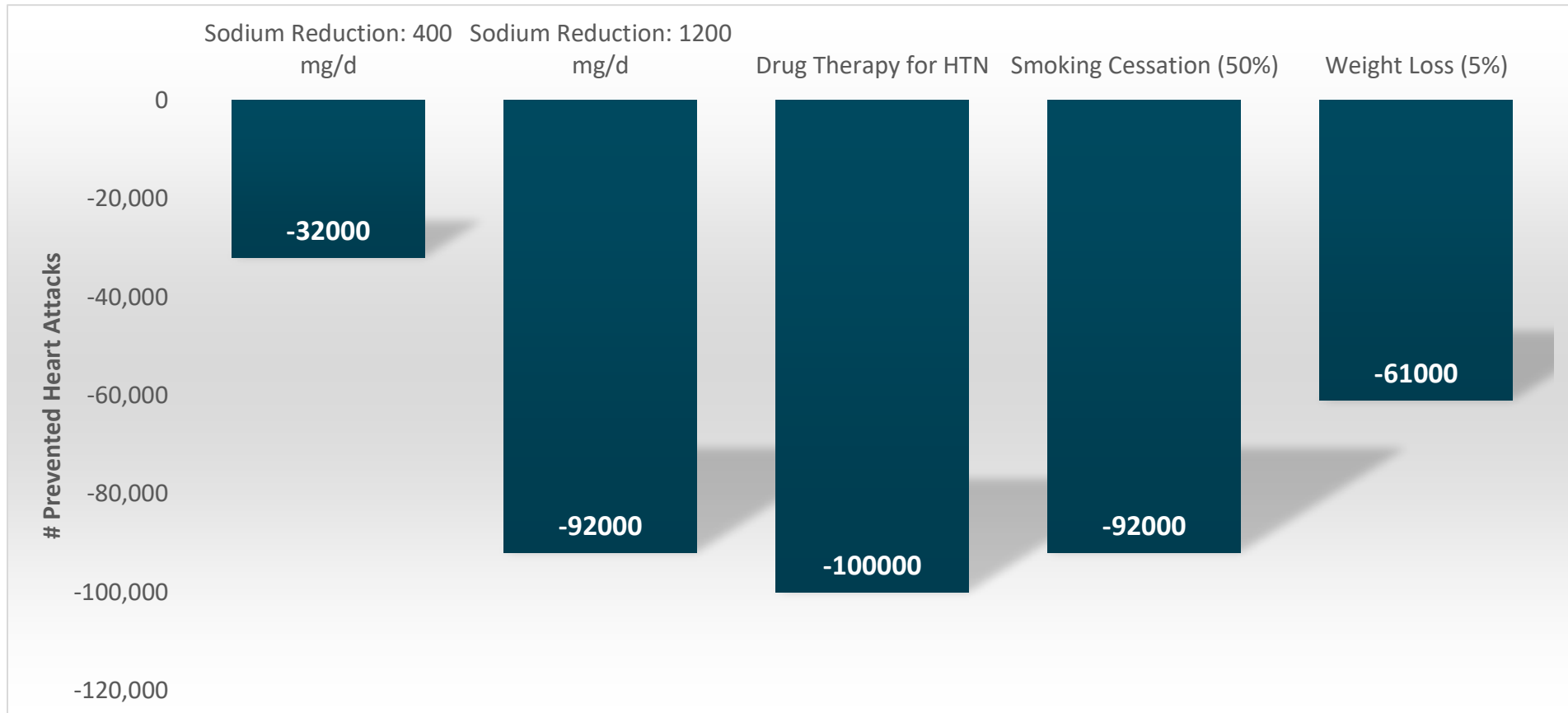
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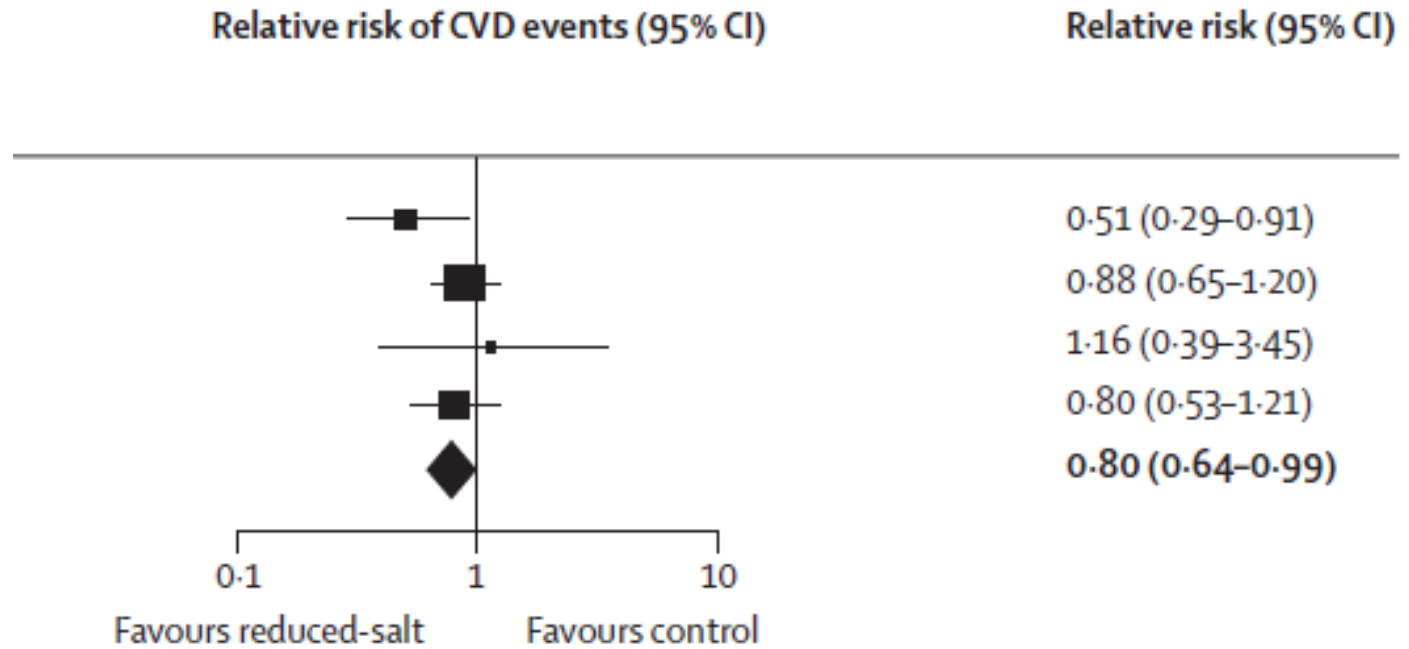
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# Effects of Population-Based BP Reduction (Favorably Shifting SBP Distribution)

Events	
Trial	Na/Cntl
TOHP I	17 / 32
TOHP II	71 / 80
Morgan	6 / 5
TONE	36 / 46
Total	130 / 163





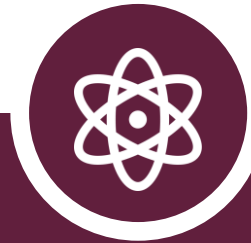
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## Salt substitution: Replacement of regular salt with potassium-enriched low-sodium salt substitutes (LSSS)



**Most common to partially replace sodium chloride (NaCl) with potassium chloride (KCl)**

- Regular salt: 100% NaCl
- LSSS: 75% NaCl + 25% KCl

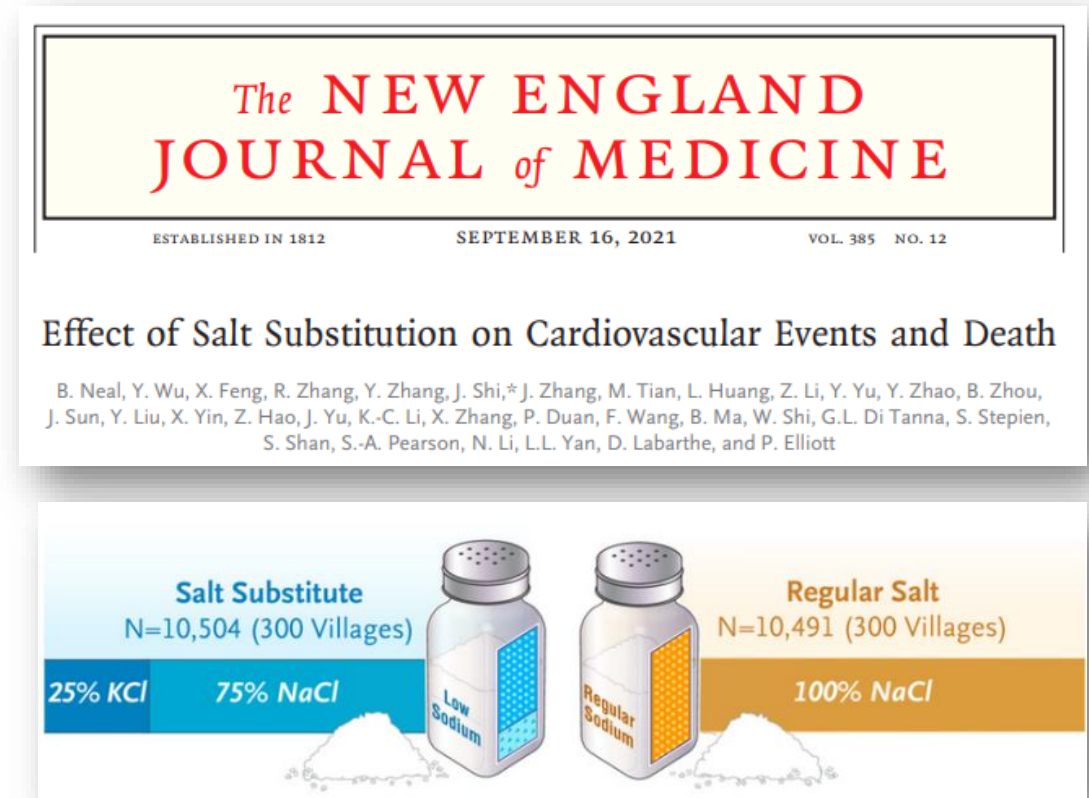


**Known under many names**

- Low-or reduced-sodium salts
- Potassium salts

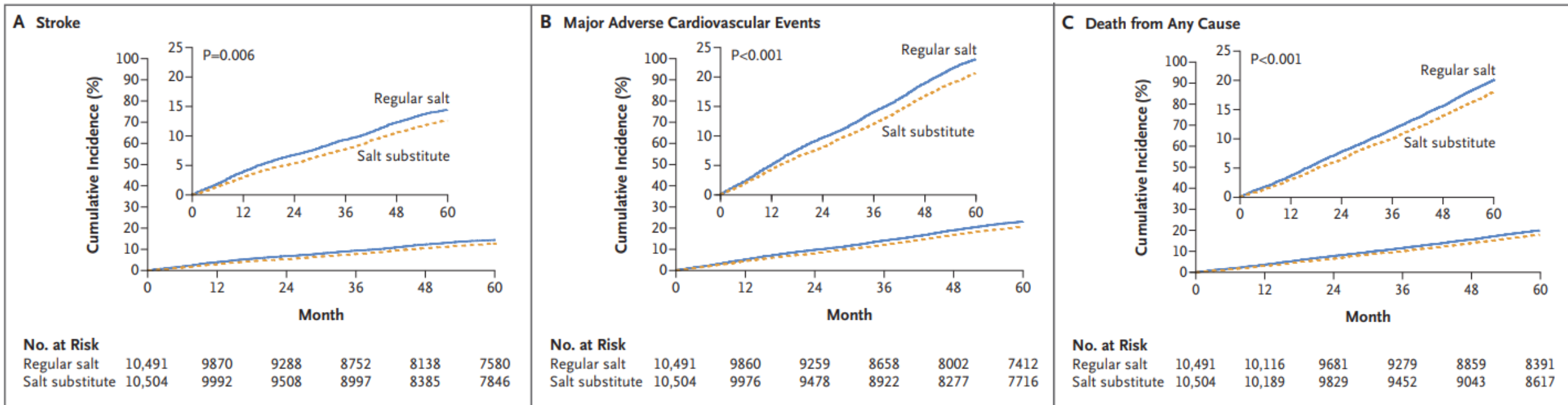
# The Salt Substitute and Stroke Study (SSaSS)

Design	Cluster-randomized trial involving 20,995 persons from 600 villages in rural China
Participants	A) had a history of stroke or B) were $\geq 60$ y and had high blood pressure.
Intervention	Villages randomized to intervention group received LSSS free-of-charge to cover household use.
Outcomes	Primary: Stroke Secondary: Major adverse CVD events and death from any cause Safety: Clinical hyperkalemia
Mean Follow-Up	4.7 y





# 12-14% reduction of stroke, CVD, and all-cause mortality



Outcomes	Salt Substitute	Regular Salt	Rate Ratio	P Value
	No. of events per 1000 person-yr		(95% CI)	
Stroke	29.14	33.65	0.86 (0.77-0.96)	P=0.006
Major Adverse CV Events	49.09	56.29	0.87 (0.80-0.94)	P<0.001
Death from Any Cause	39.28	44.61	0.88 (0.82-0.95)	P<0.001

# Summary

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01



Current dietary intakes of sodium greatly exceed dietary recommendations

02



As sodium intake rises, so does blood pressure and the risk of cardiovascular disease

03



Best available evidence indicates that reducing sodium intake will have major beneficial effects on blood pressure and cardiovascular disease

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# The Sleep Specialist's Perspective: Sleep and Cardiovascular Risk



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# Sleep Homeostasis: Survival

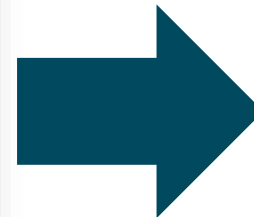
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Decreased Alertness  
Microsleeps  
Automatic Activity  
Apathy  
Fatigue  
Memory Loss



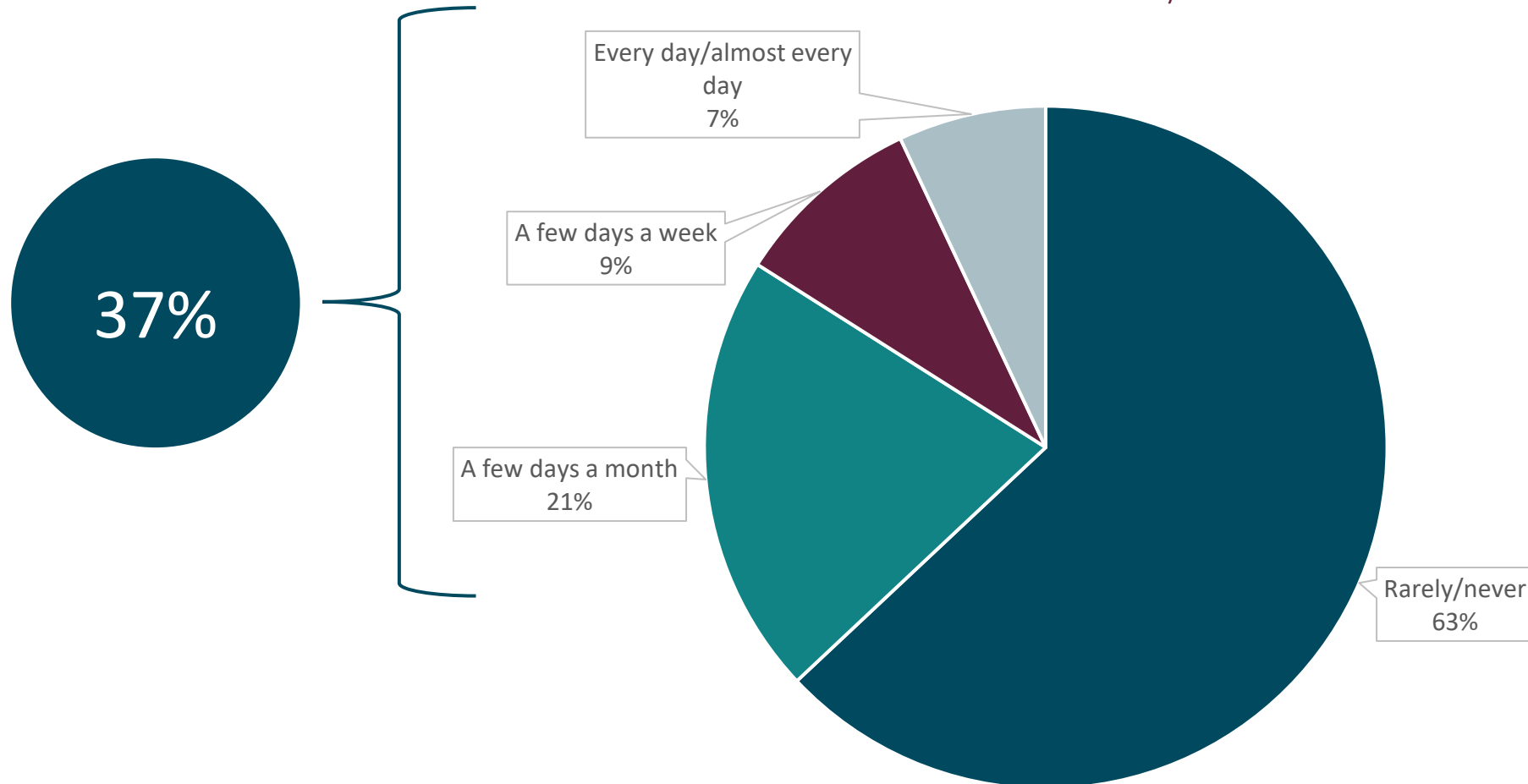
Mood Changes  
Accidents  
Productivity Impairment  
Metabolic Changes  
Autonomic Tone Changes  
Immune Response

# Sleep: AHA's Essential 8 Factors Affecting CV Health

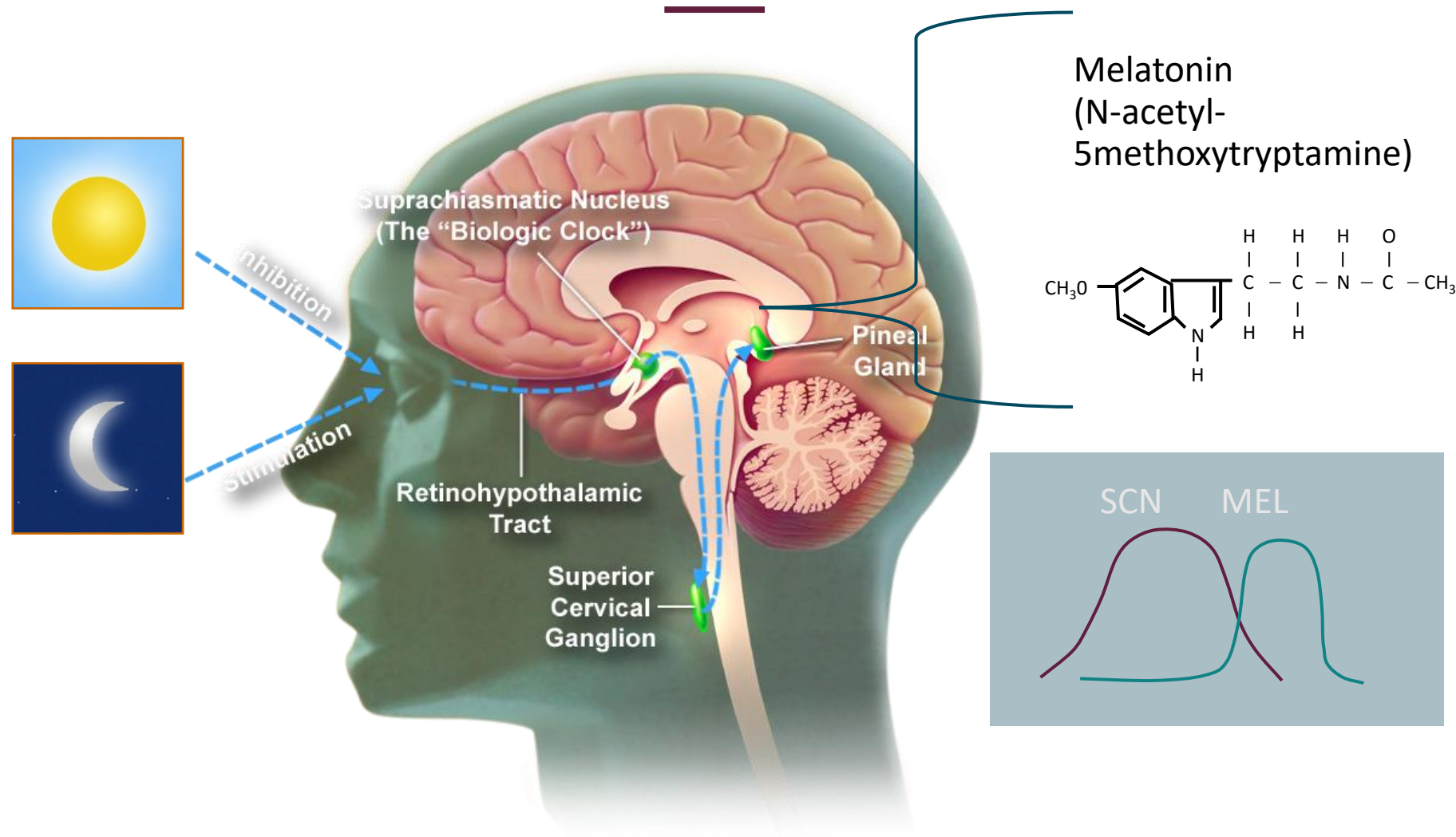


# Sleepiness: Impact on Daily Activities

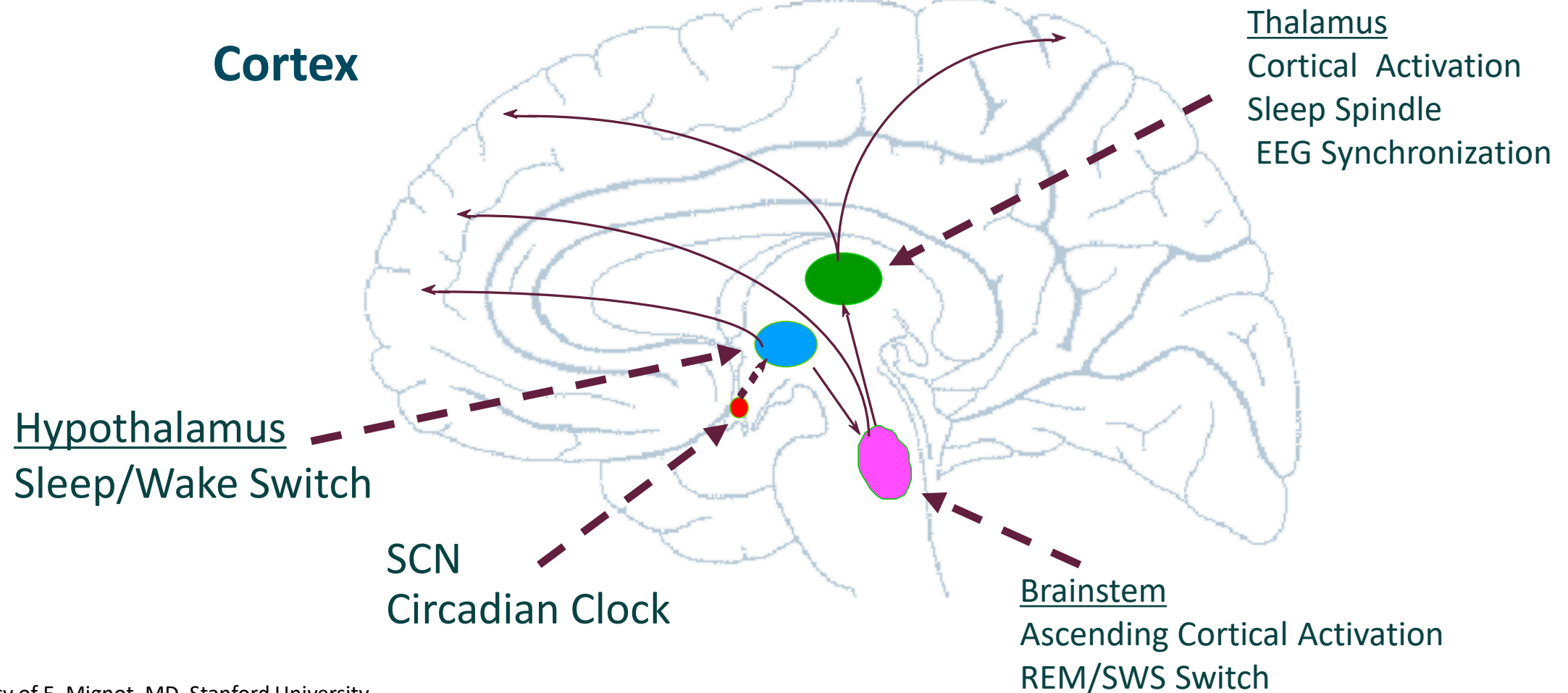
US Adults Reporting That Sleepiness Interferes With Daily Activities



# Circadian Rhythms and the Suprachiasmatic Nucleus (SCN)

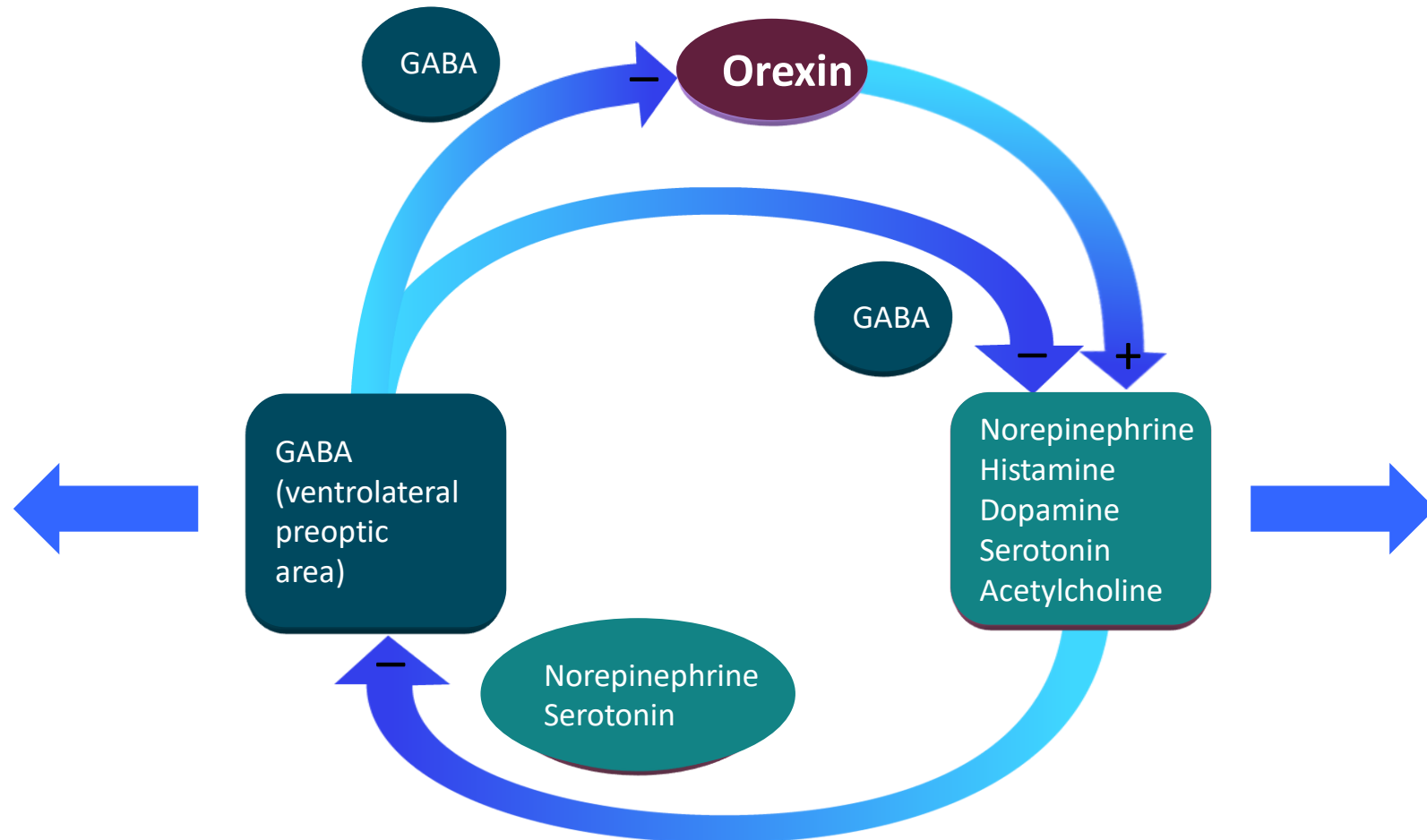


# Sleep: Neurophysiology

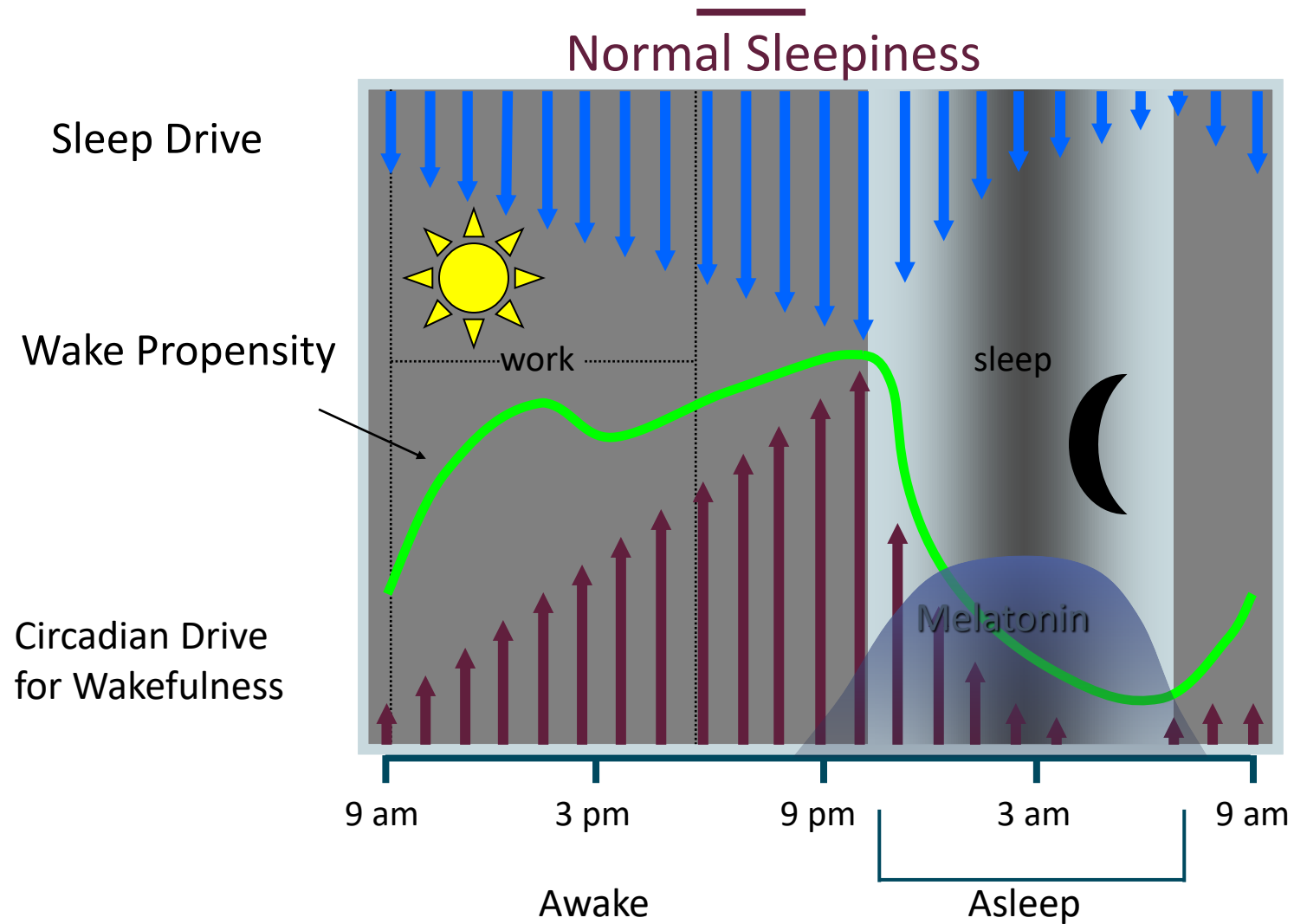




# Hypocretin Stabilizes The Sleep/Wake Switch



# Physiologic Determinants of Sleepiness



# Common Causes of Sleepiness

Sleep-wake disorders

## Disorders of sleep-wake regulation

- Idiopathic hypersomnia
  - Insomnia
- Kleine-Levin syndrome
- Narcolepsy

## Disorders of sleep disruption

- OSA
- Periodic limb movement disorder
- Restless legs syndrome

## Disorders of circadian rhythm

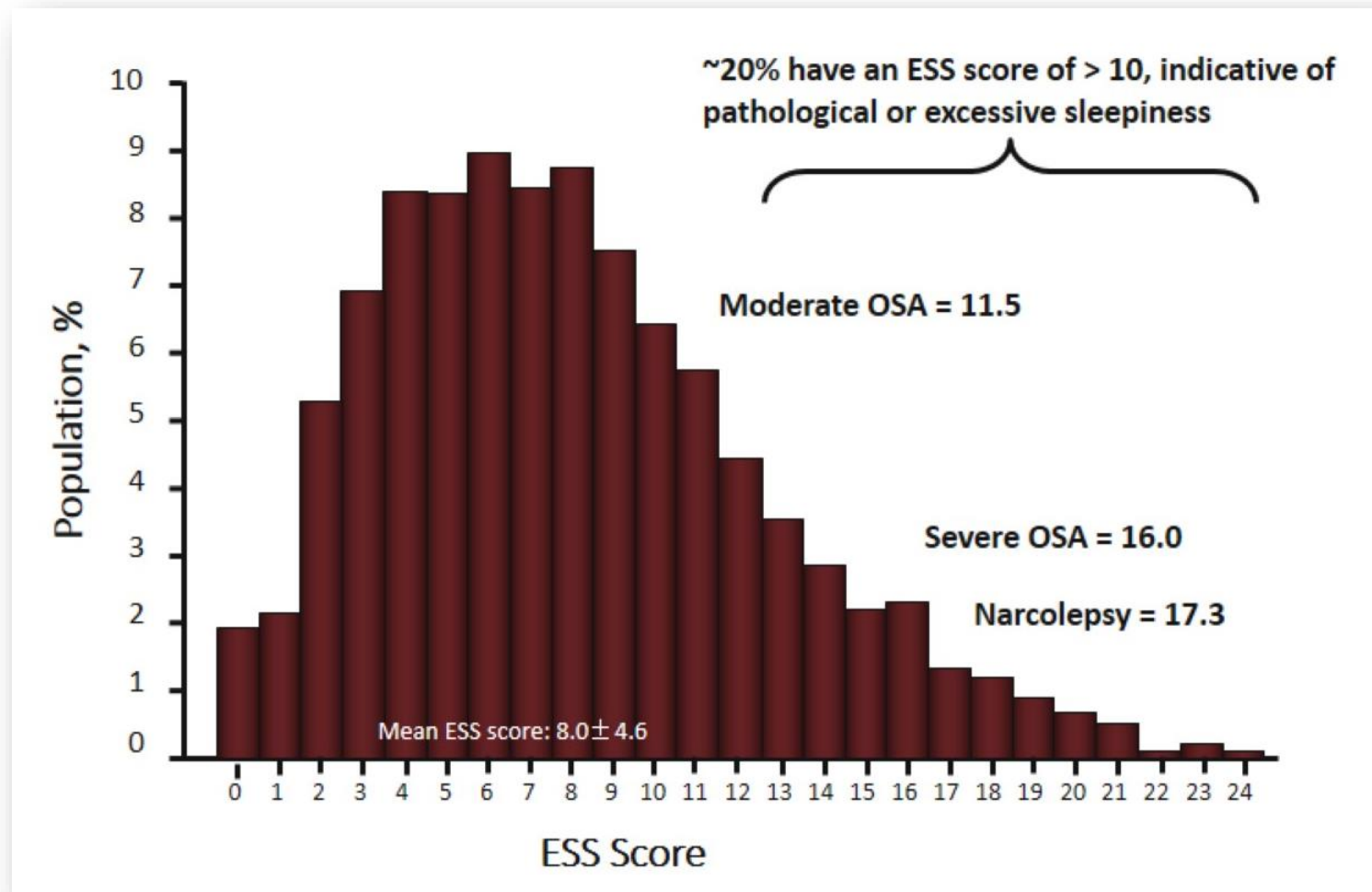
- Shift-work sleep disorder
- Delayed or advanced sleep phase syndrome
- Non-24-hour sleep-wake rhythm disorder



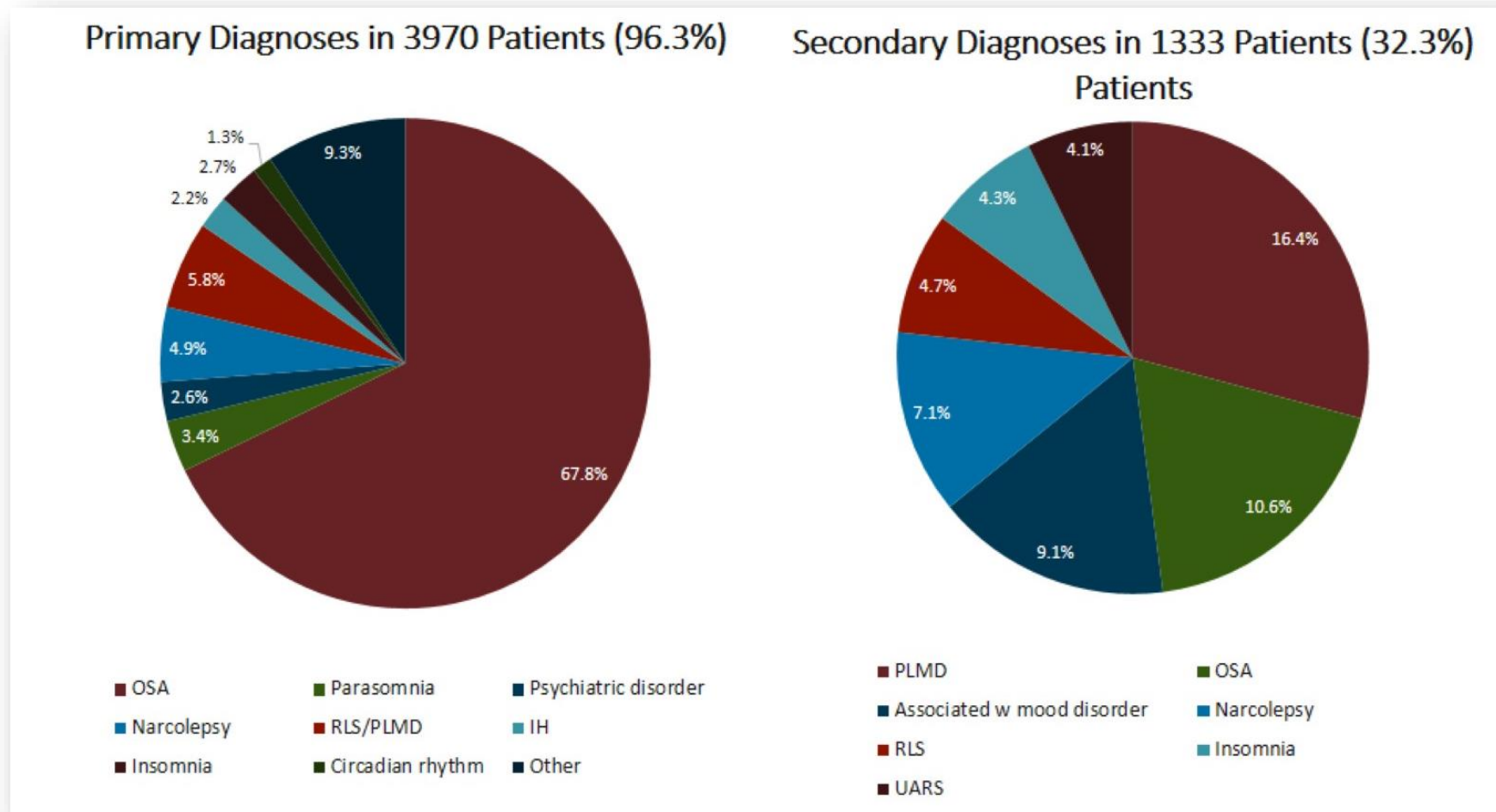
Insufficient Sleep

Medication Effects

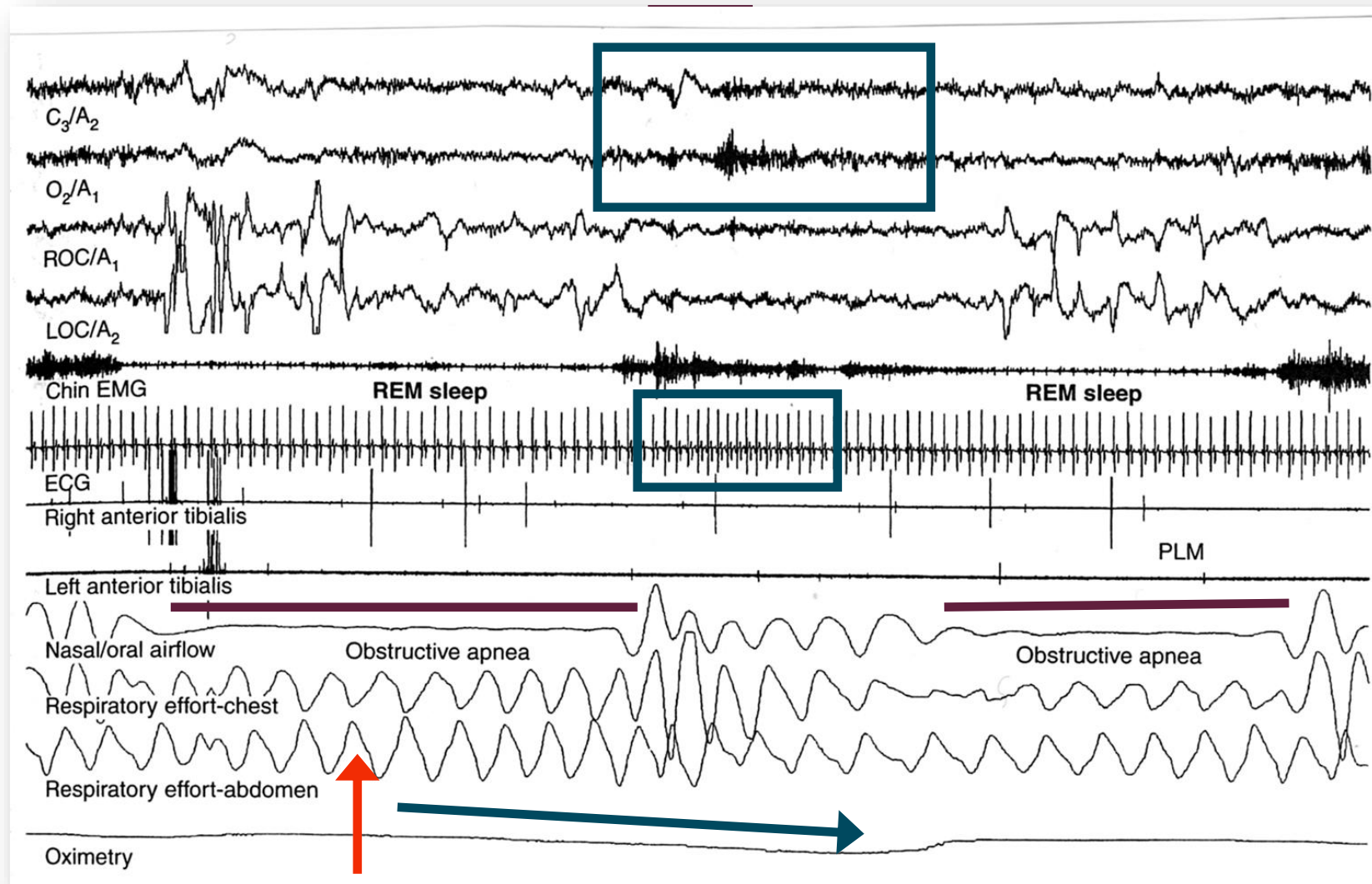
# ESS Scores Among a Population-Based Sample of 3283 Adults



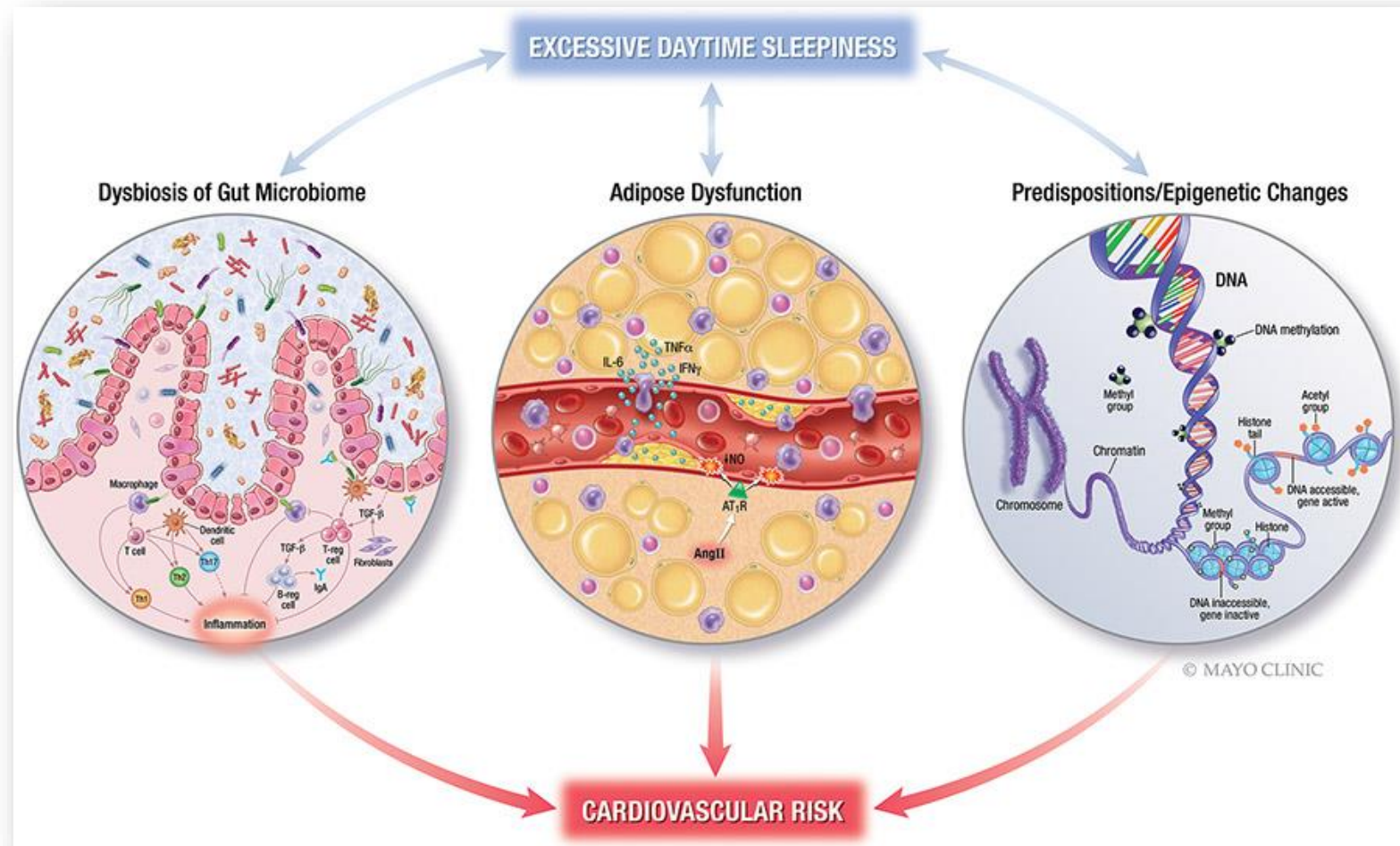
# Point Prevalence of Sleep Disorders Among 4122 Patients in 19 Regional Sleep Centers



# EEG Arousals and Desaturations on Polysomnogram

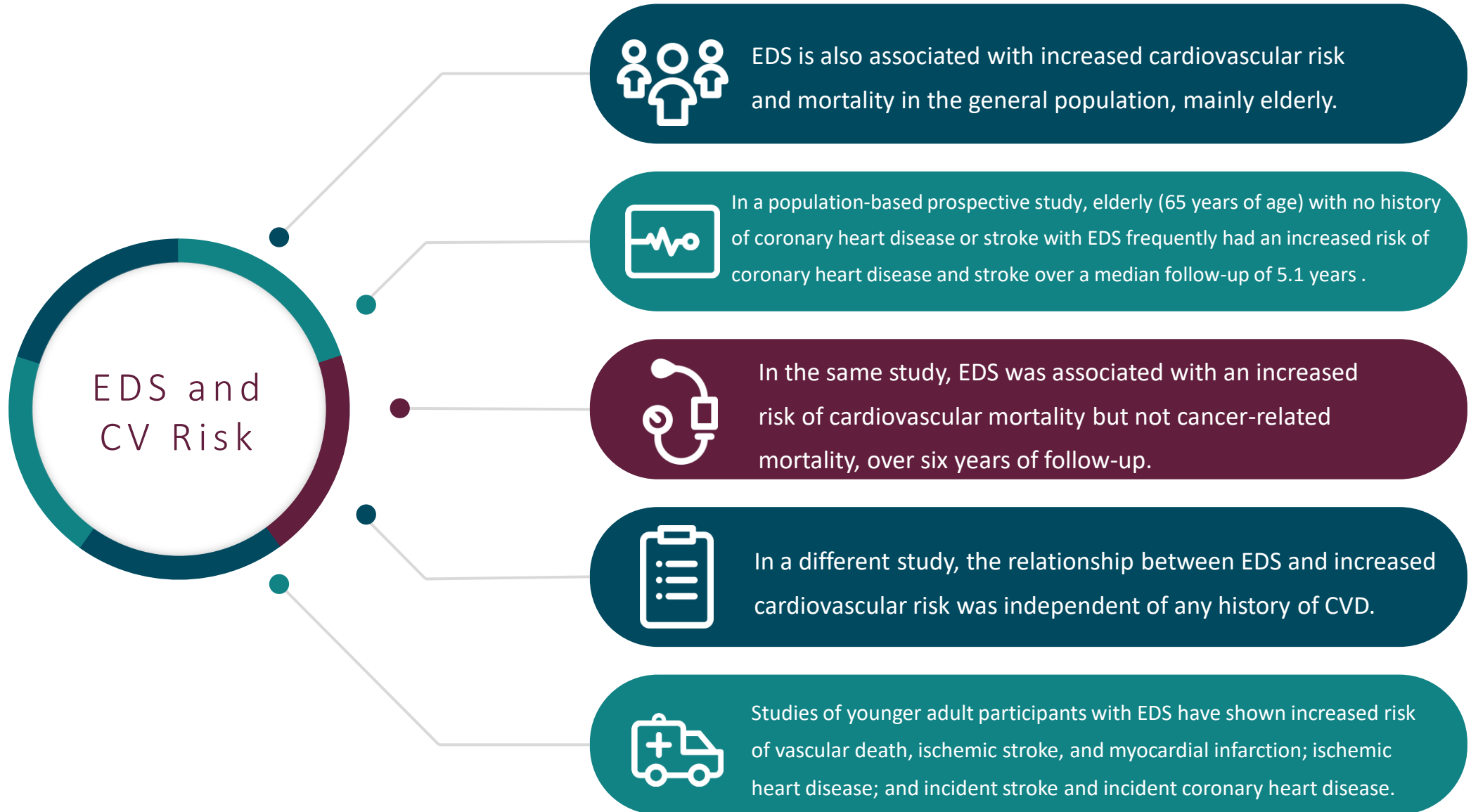


# How EDS may contribute to increased CV risk



Bock J, Covassin N, Somers V. Excessive daytime sleepiness: an emerging marker of cardiovascular risk. *Heart*.

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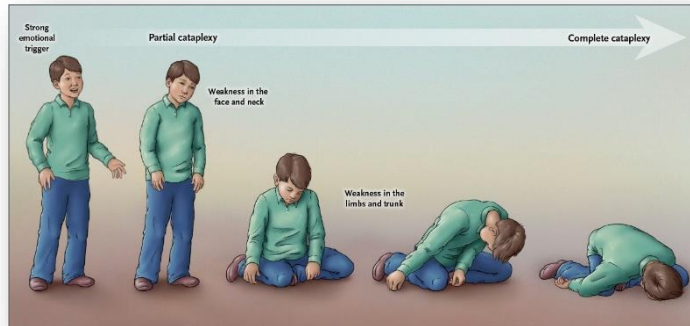




# Characteristics of Narcolepsy

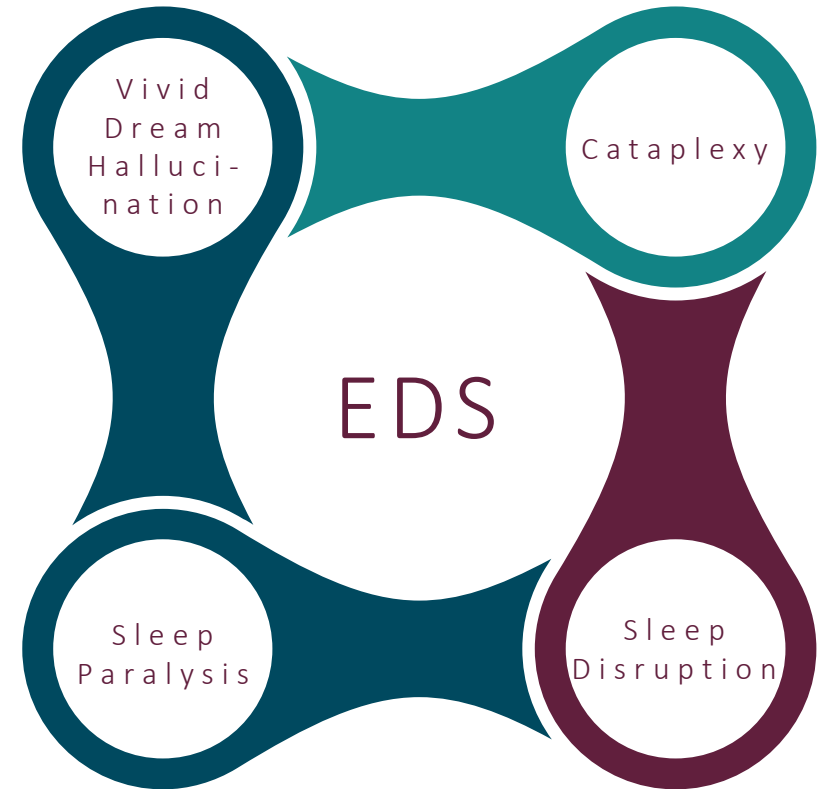
**Excessive daytime sleepiness**

**Cataplexy: - Brief, emotionally-triggered episodes of muscle weakness in ~50%**



**Other REM sleep-like phenomena**

- Sleep paralysis: inability to move when dozing off or upon awakening
  - Occurs in 40-80% of patients
- Hypnagogic and hypnopompic hallucinations: vivid dream-like hallucinations at beginning or end of sleep
  - Can be visual, auditory or tactile
  - Occurs in in 40-80% of patients



# Two Types of Narcolepsy

## Narcolepsy Type 1 (NT1; Narcolepsy with Cataplexy)



Sleepiness

At least one of the following:



- Cataplexy and a positive Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT)\*
- Low CSF orexin-A concentrations



Hypnagogic hallucinations, sleep paralysis, and fragmented sleep are more common in Type 1 narcolepsy.

## Narcolepsy Type 2 (NT2; Narcolepsy without Cataplexy)



Sleepiness

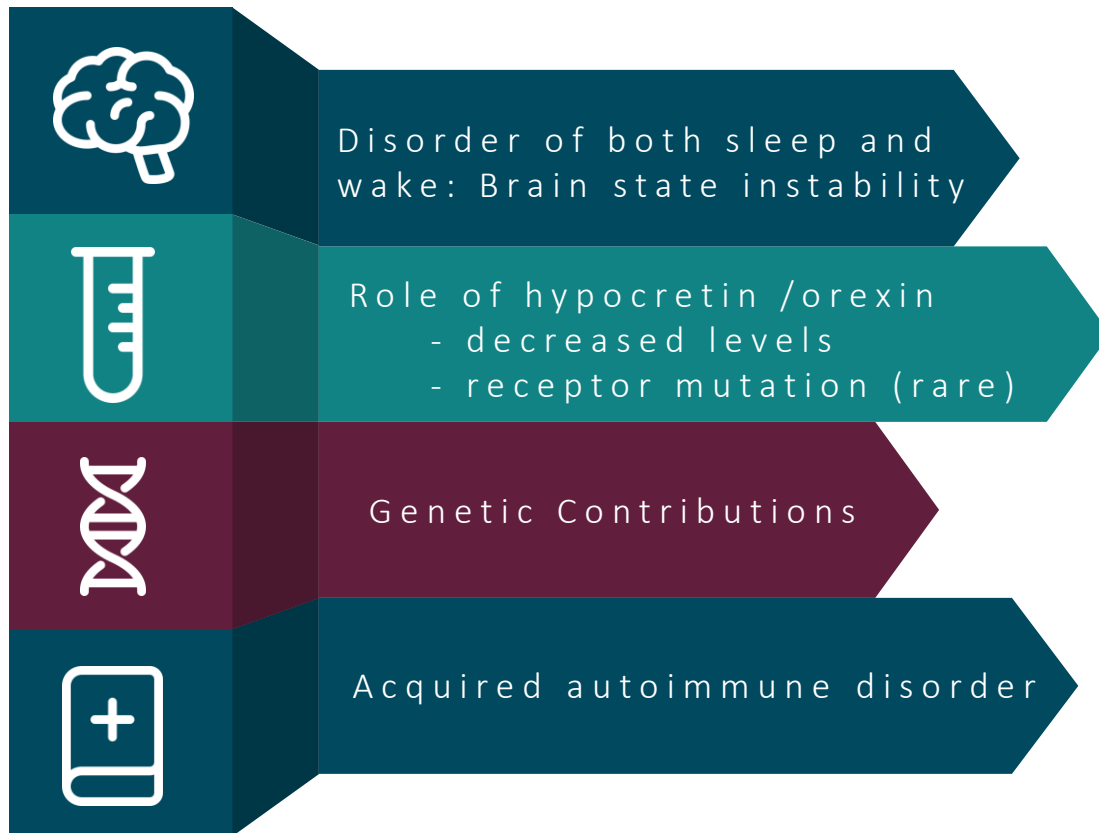


Positive MSLT

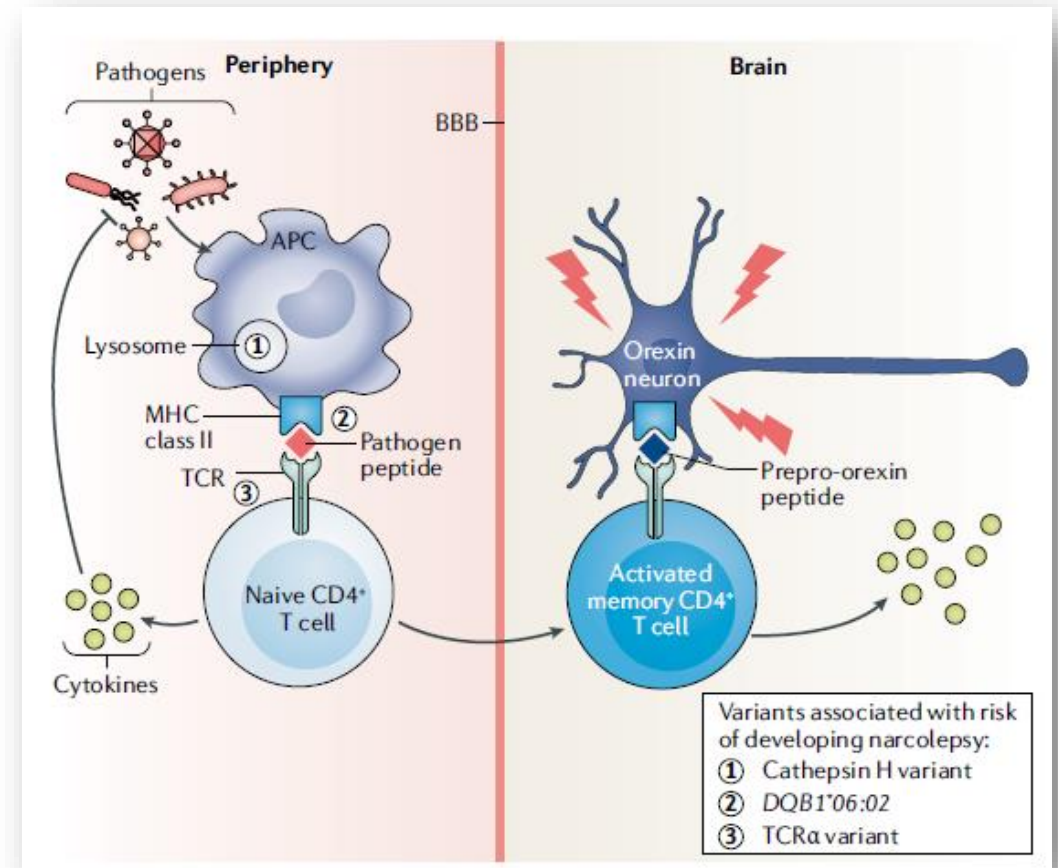


Positive MSLT : mean sleep latency of  $\leq 8$  minutes and  $\geq 2$  sleep-onset REM periods. REM sleep latency  $< 15$ min on the preceding nocturnal polysomnogram may replace one of the SOREMPs on the MSLT.

# Pathophysiology and Mechanisms of Narcolepsy



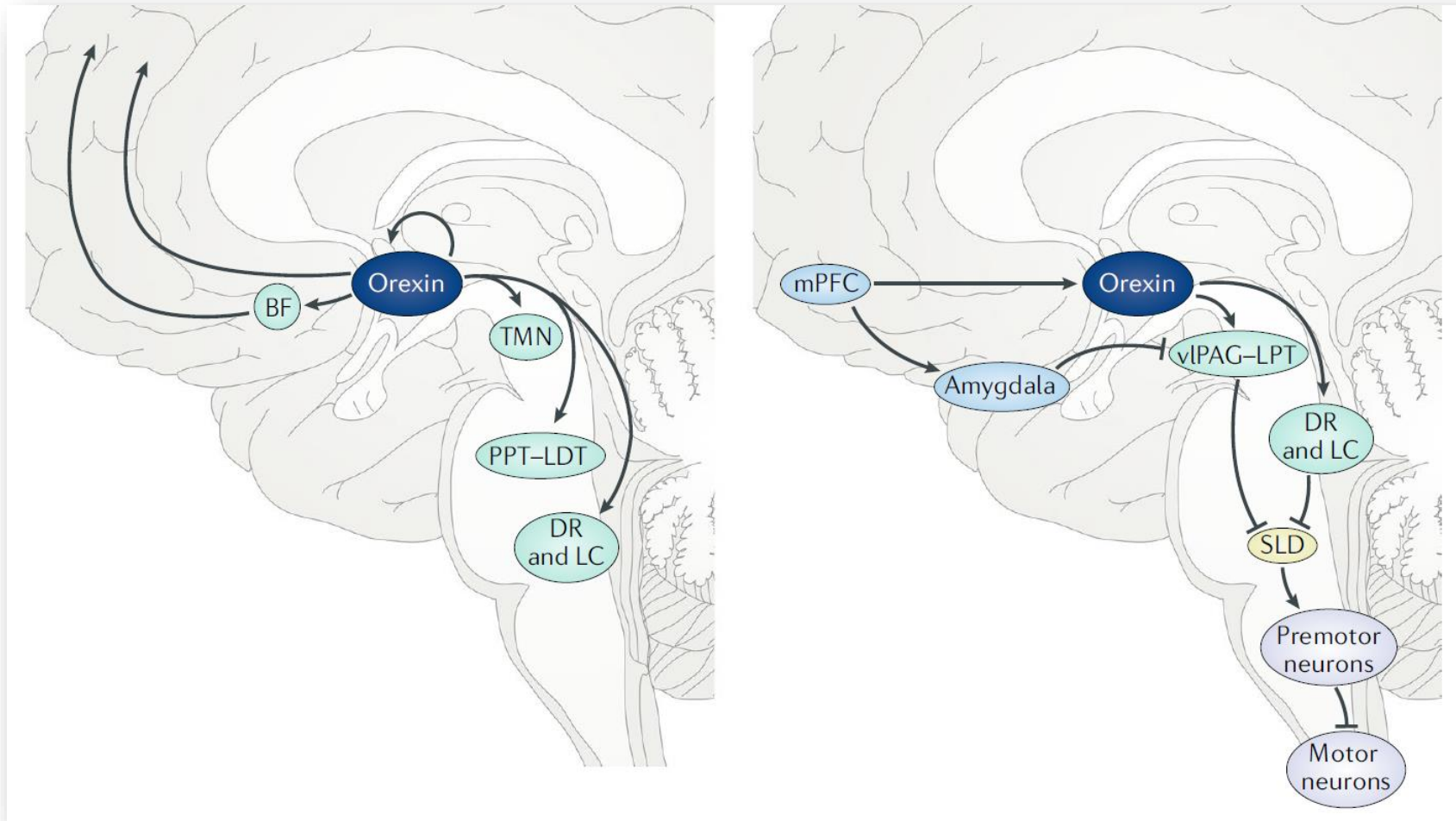
T-Cell Mediated Model



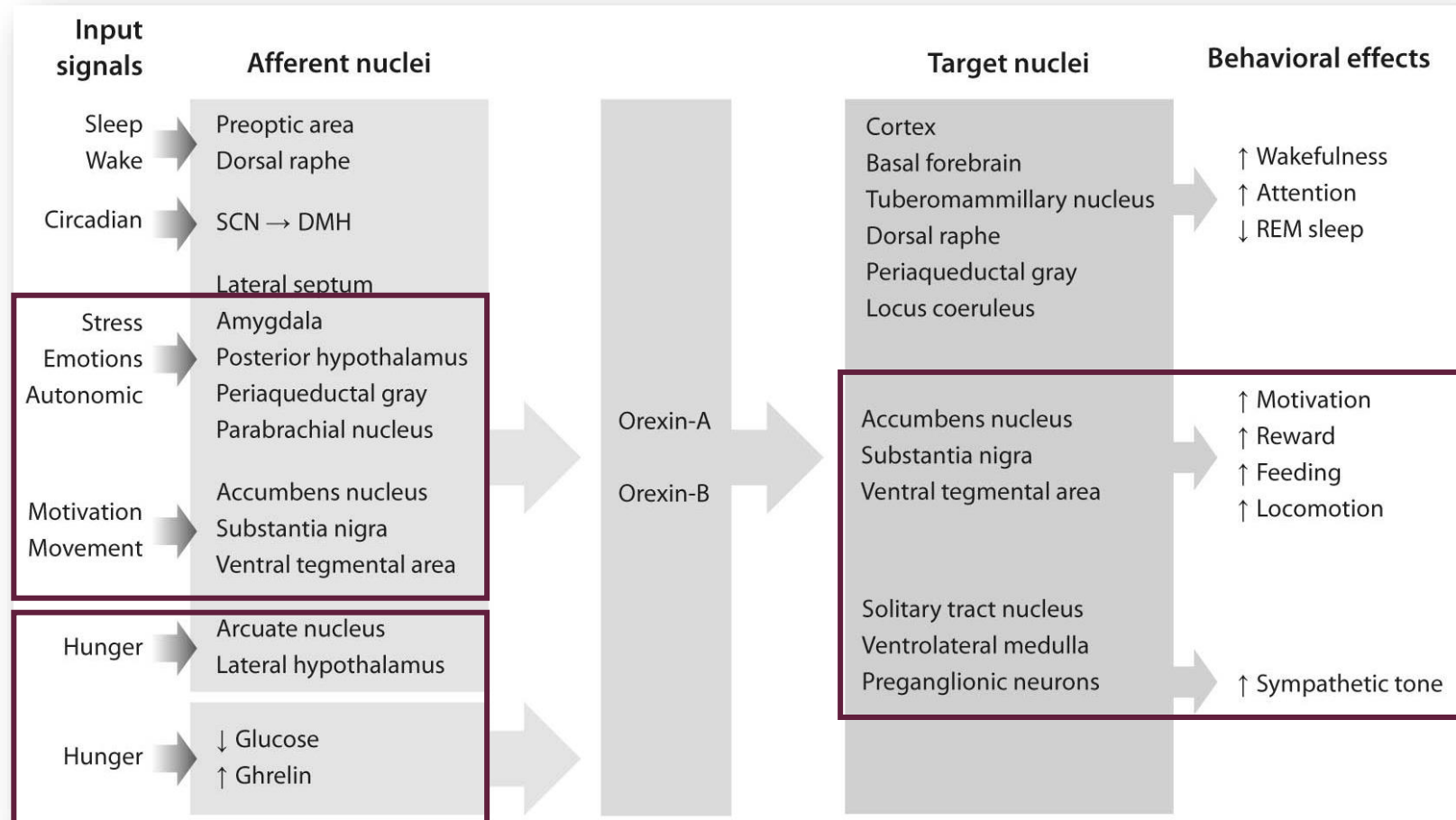
# Projections of Hypocretin/Orexin Neurons

Maintain wake/alertness

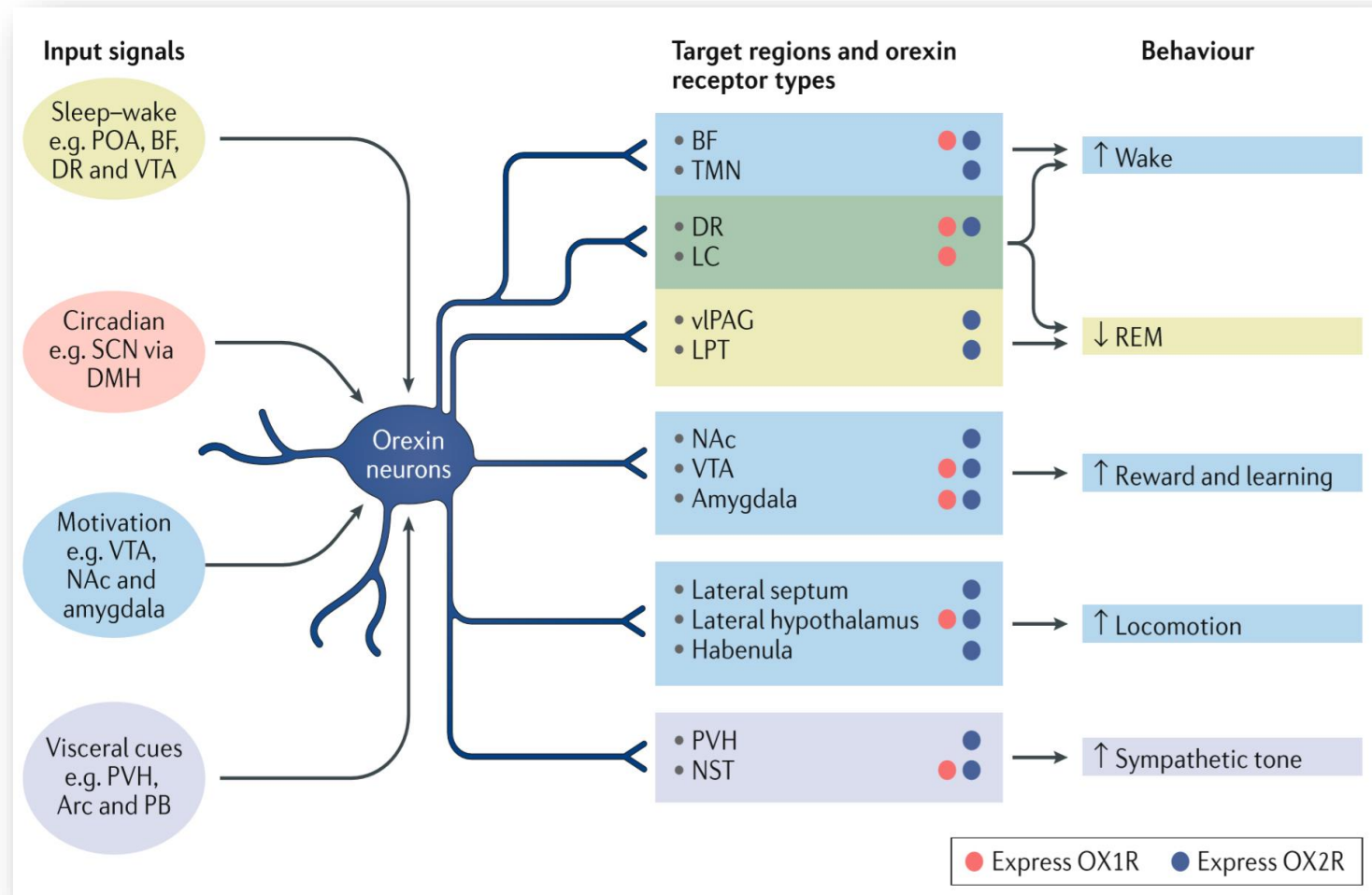
Maintain muscle activity during wake



# Orexin System: Beyond Sleep and Wake Regulation

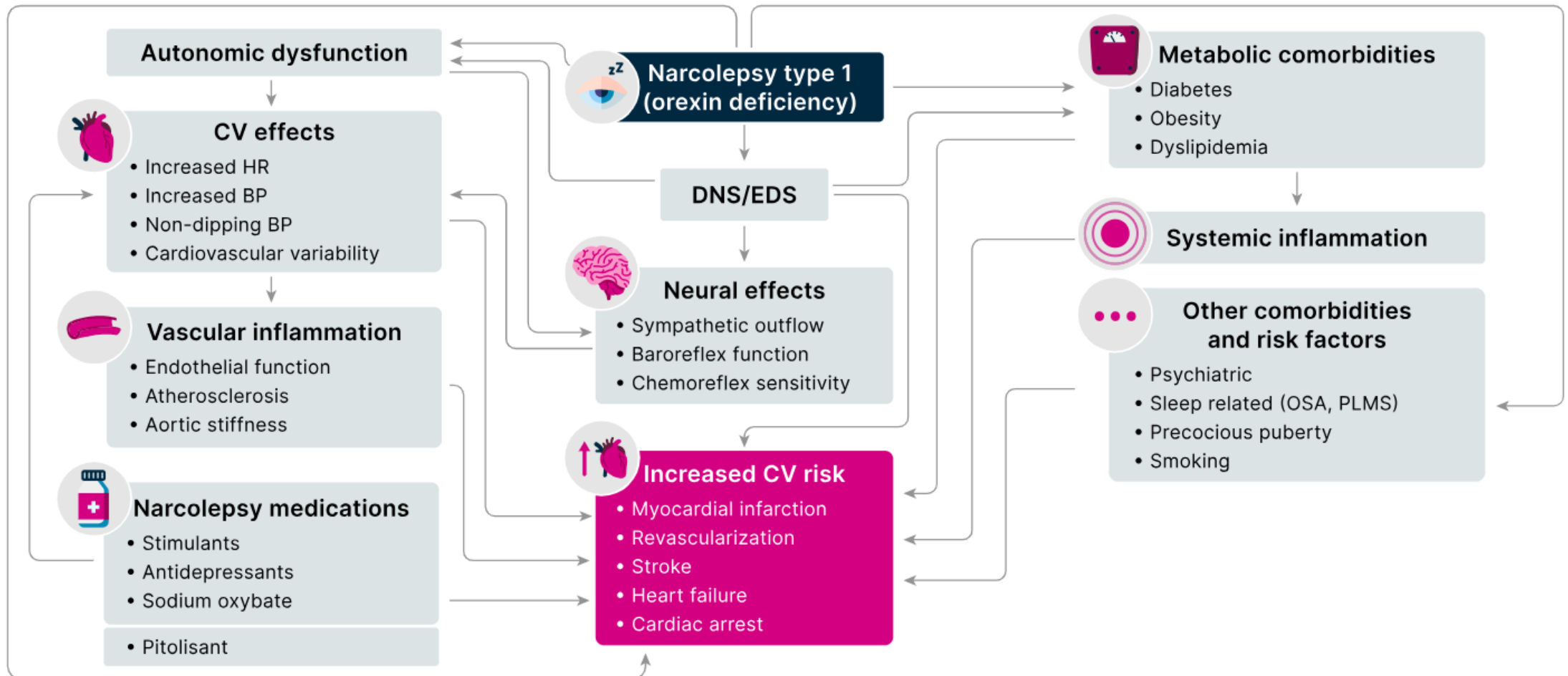


# Orexin Neuron Connections



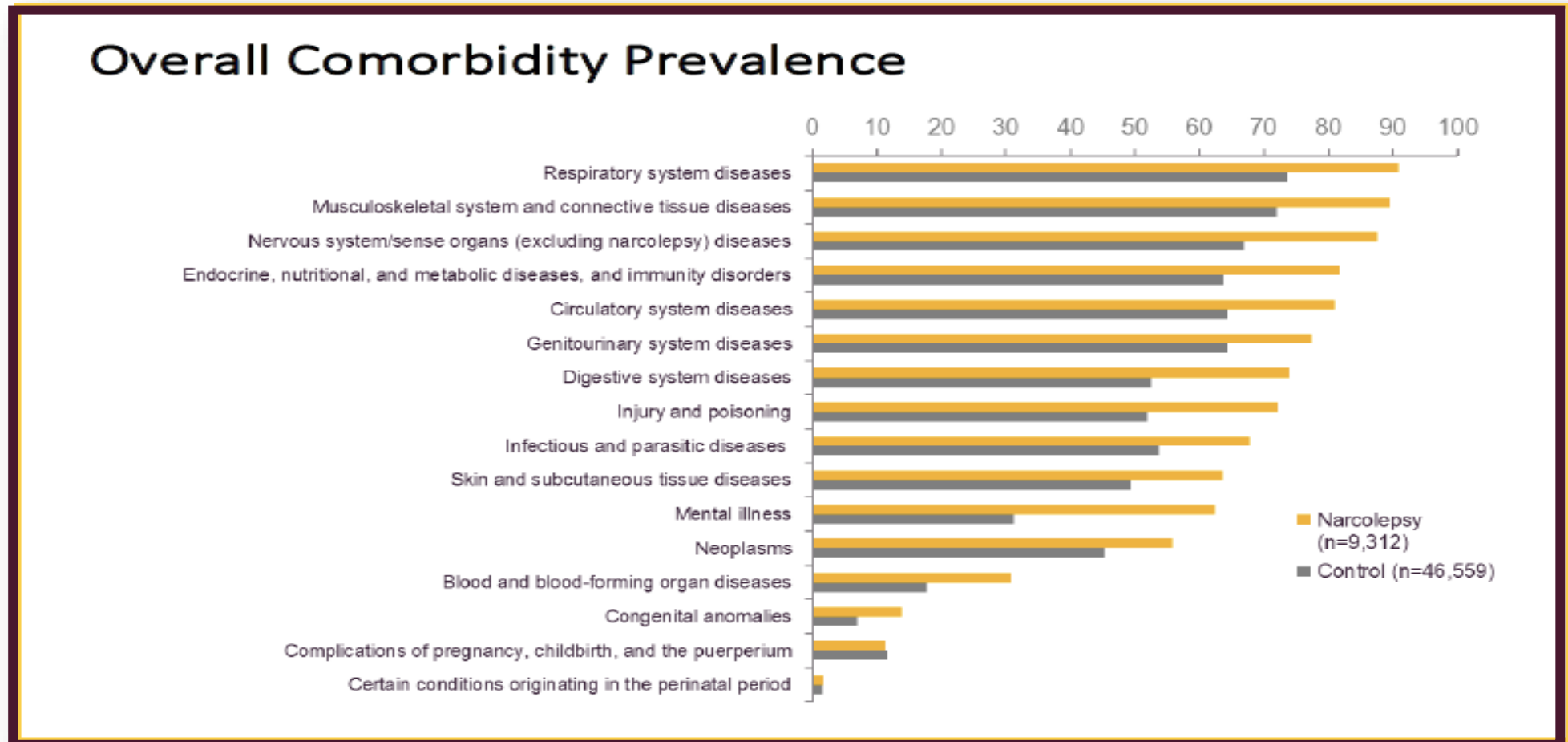
PVH = Paraventricular nucleus    NST = Nucleus tractus solitarius

# Risk of Cardiovascular Disease and Narcolepsy



# Narcolepsy and Comorbidity: Bond Study

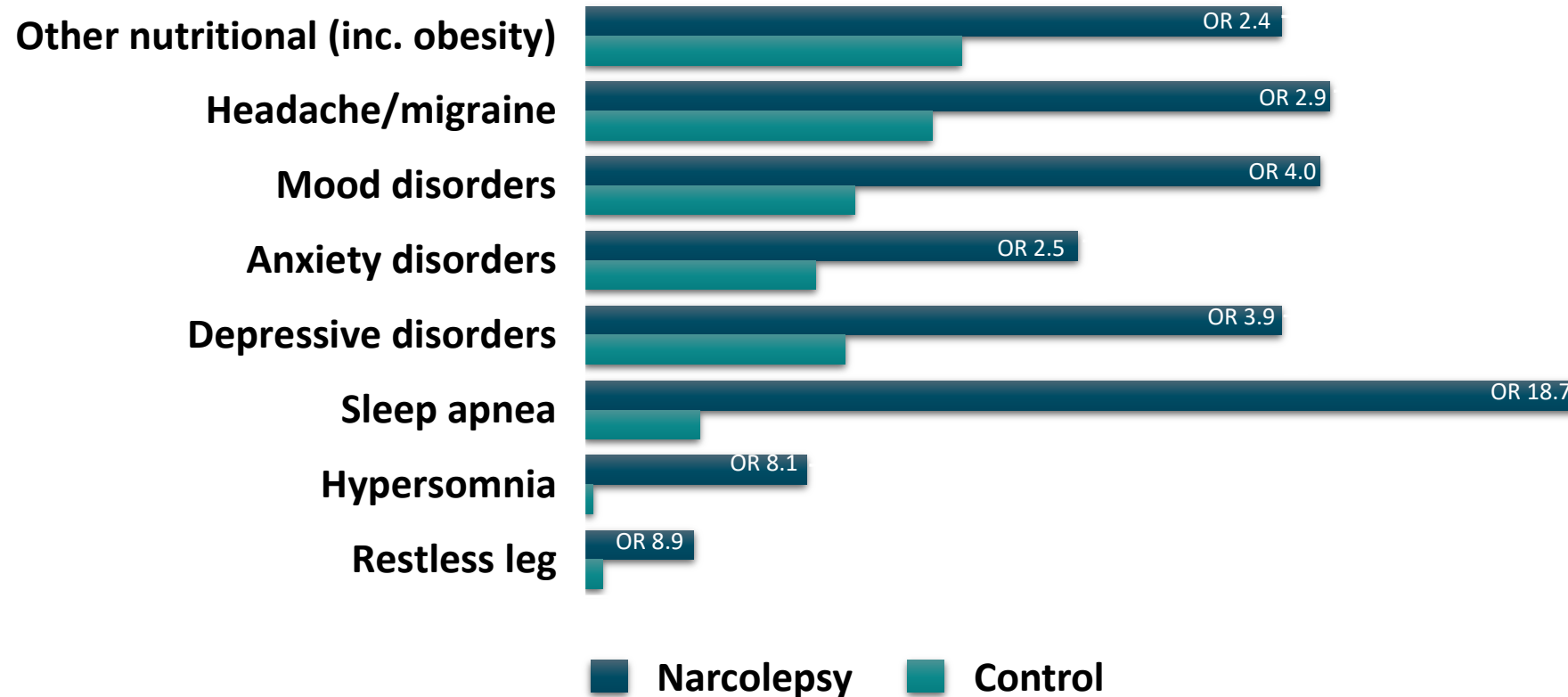
- Retrospective study: 5-year US claims data 2006-2010
- 55,871 adults >18yo, 9,312 with NT1 or NT2 and matched controls







# Prevalence of Comorbidity of Narcolepsy (BOND)


Targeted Diagnoses




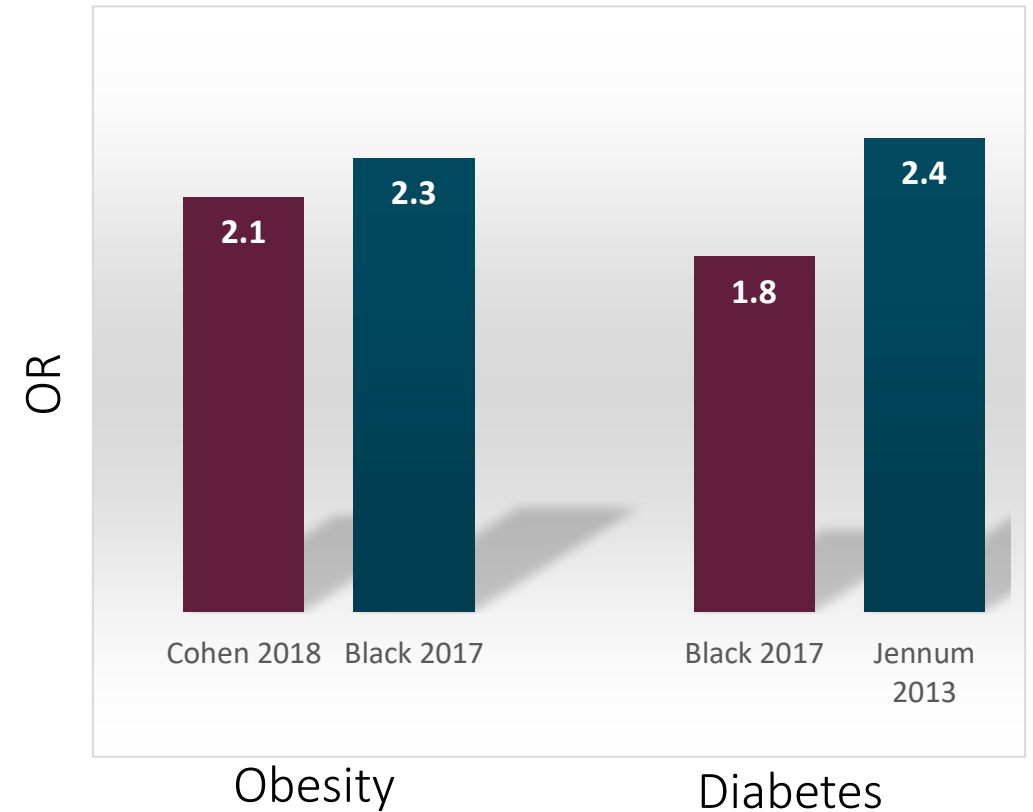
# Cardiovascular and Cardiometabolic Comorbidities Associated With Narcolepsy

Obesity is common in adults and children with narcolepsy 

Obesity can predispose to cardiometabolic abnormalities and OSA 

Obesity is most obvious in children and weight increase may occur at time of onset of narcolepsy  
Precocious puberty occurs more commonly 

Narcolepsy patients are at increased risk for insulin resistance and diabetes 



Nordstrand SEH et al. Sleep. 2020;43(5):zsz277. Cohen A et al. Sleep Med 2018;43: 14–18. Poli F et al. Sleep. 2013;36:175-81. Jehan S et al. Sleep Med Disord. 2018;2:52-58. Jehan S et al. Sleep Med Disord. 2017;1:00019; Tsuneki H et al, Diabetologia 2008; 51:657-67. Tsuneki H et al, Diabetes 2015;64:459-70. Cohen A et al. Sleep Med. 2018;43:14-18. Jennum P et al. Sleep. 2013;36:835-40. Black J, Reaven NH, Funk SE et al. Sleep Medicine 2017;33:15.

# Therapeutic Interventions for Narcolepsy: Alerting Medications

Medication	Mechanism of Action
Caffeine <sup>1</sup>	Adenosine receptor antagonist
Methylphenidate <sup>2*</sup> , amphetamines <sup>3*</sup>	Sympathomimetic; enhance neurotransmission of dopamine, norepinephrine, serotonin
Modafinil <sup>4*</sup> , armodafinil <sup>5*</sup>	Dopamine reuptake inhibitor
Sodium oxybate <sup>6*</sup> Lower-Sodium oxybate <sup>7*</sup>	GABA <sub>B</sub> agonist
Solriamfetol <sup>8*</sup>	Dopamine-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
Pitolisant <sup>9*</sup>	Histamine H <sub>3</sub> antagonist/inverse agonist
TAK-925/TAK-994 <sup>10†</sup>	Hypocretin receptor agonist

1. Aldosari MS et al. Clin Nutr. 2018;37:S208; 2. Ritalin® (methylphenidate) PI 2019; 3. Adderall® (amphetamine and dextroamphetamine) PI 2007; 4. Provigil® (modafinil) PI 2015; 5. Nuvigil® (armodafinil) PI 2018; 6. Xyrem® (sodium oxybate) PI 2018; 7. Xywav™ (calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium oxybates) PI 2020; 8. Sunosi™ (solriamfetol) PI 2019; 9. Wakix® (pitolisant) PI 2019; 10. Kimura H et al. Sleep. 2019;42(suppl 1):A23.

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 †Investigational; not FDA-approved for any indication.

# Therapeutic Interventions for Narcolepsy: Cataplexy Medications

Medication	Mechanism of Action
Sodium oxybate <sup>1*</sup> Lower-Sodium oxybate <sup>2*</sup>	GABA <sub>B</sub> agonist
Pitolisant <sup>3*</sup>	Histamine H <sub>3</sub> antagonist/inverse agonist
Antidepressants	Monoamine reuptake inhibitors
TAK-925/TAK-994 <sup>4†</sup>	Hypocretin receptor agonist

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# Traditional Stimulants

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## Methylphenidate



Methylphenidate hydrochloride—Concerta<sup>®</sup>, Ritalin<sup>\*</sup>, Daytrana<sup>®</sup>, Metadate CD<sup>®\*</sup>, Methylin<sup>®\*</sup>; IR and ER: 5–60 mg/day



Dexmethylphenidate—Focalin<sup>®</sup>: IR and XR: 5–20 mg/day

## Amphetamines



Dextroamphetamine—Dexedrine<sup>®\*</sup>, Dextrostat<sup>®\*</sup>: 5–60 mg



Methamphetamine—Desoxyn<sup>®</sup>; 10–60 mg/day



Lisdexamfetamine—Vyvanse<sup>®</sup>



Mixed amphetamine salts—Adderall<sup>®</sup>; IR<sup>\*</sup> and XR; 5–40 mg

\*FDA Indicated for narcolepsy

IR = immediate release; ER and XR = extended release.



Modafinil/  
Armodafinil



Predominantly dopaminergic



Retrospective analysis (n=1,529) of the use of antihypertensive medications  
Patients taking modafinil required new or increased use of antihypertensive medications (2.4%) vs patients taking placebo (0.7%)




Increased monitoring of BP may be appropriate



Decreases ethinylestradiol therefore an alternative non-hormonal contraceptive method advised




Potential for serious allergic reactions



Improves nocturnal sleep  
Increases slow-wave sleep  
Reduces arousals and  
awakenings



Can eliminate cataplexy



Reduces vivid dreams,  
nightmares, and  
hallucinations


Sodium Oxybate  
(SXB)



Reduces sleep paralysis



Only medication that can  
treat all symptoms of  
narcolepsy



Improves overall cognitive  
functioning

# Sodium Oxybate (SXB)

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First-line drug for  
treatment of  
narcolepsy



Split dosing  
according to  
clinical situation

- 2 doses per night
- Varying initial and subsequent dose amounts depending on clinical situation



At 6–9 g/night,  
sodium oxybate  
contributes 1100–  
1640 mg to daily  
sodium intake





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# Sodium Oxybate Impact on Cardiometabolic Risk

## Consequences of excessive sodium intake

- ✓ Fluid retention
- ✓ Heart failure
- ✓ Hypertension
- ✓ Stroke
- ✓ Cardiomyopathy
- ✓ Renal disease



AASM practice parameters: sodium oxybate is a standard of care for the treatment of cataplexy, EDS, and disrupted nighttime sleep in patients with narcolepsy<sup>1</sup>

FDA approved for the treatment of cataplexy and EDS in patients  $\geq 7$  years with narcolepsy<sup>2</sup>



**At 6–9 g/night, sodium oxybate treatment contributes 1,100–1,640 mg to daily sodium intake<sup>2</sup>**



The American Heart Association recommends total daily sodium intake of  $<1,500$  mg/day as ideal and 2,300 mg/day as the upper limit<sup>3</sup>



The National Academy of Sciences established a threshold of 2,300 mg/day above which reductions in sodium intake are expected to reduce chronic disease risk<sup>4</sup>

# Low Sodium Oxybate [LXB]



Calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium oxybates



Previously known as JZP-258



A novel oxybate formulation with the same active moiety as SXB but a unique composition of cations, resulting in 92% less sodium  
- **a reduction of 1013–1509 mg at a dose range of 6–9 g/night**



Lower-sodium oxybate (LXB) approved 7/21/20; available Q4 2020.  
Approved for same indication as SXB with additional approval for Idiopathic Hypersomnia 8/2021

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# Solriamfetol – FDA Approved 3/21/2019

Dopamine norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor  
(DNRI)—Schedule IV



Half-life 7 hours, Tmax 2 hours

Contraindicated with MAOIs (monoamine  
oxidase inhibitors)



Renal excretion (95%): reduced dose in renal disease

Can cause increased BP and HR, no effect on QTc



Avoid use in unstable cardiovascular disease

No effect on cataplexy



No effect on oral contraceptives

Solriamfetol (Sunosi™) PI 2019 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/sunosi.en.USPI.pdf>). Accessed 5/29/2020.

Thorpy MJ et al. Ann Neurol. 2019;85:359-370.

# Pitolisant - FDA-Approved 8/14/19, Became Available 11/4/19

## Dosing

Recommended dosage range:  
17.8–35.6 mg once daily

Adjustments in patients with  
hepatic or renal impairment or  
poor metabolizers of CYP2D6



## Contraindications

Patients with severe hepatic  
impairment



## Warnings & Precautions

Increases QTc interval; avoid use  
in patients who:

Are taking other drugs that  
prolong QTc interval

Have risk factors for prolonged  
QTc interval



## Pregnancy & Lactation

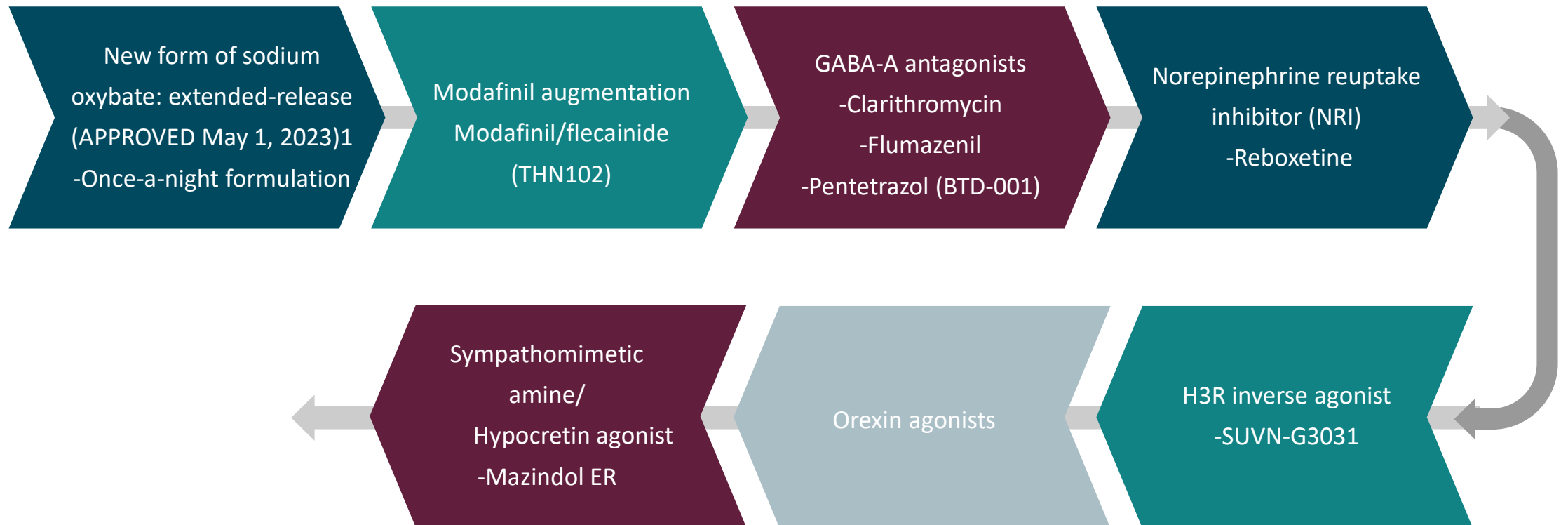
Unknown (present in rat milk)

Alternative non-hormonal  
contraceptive method during  
and for at least 21 days after  
discontinuation of treatment



- FDA approved for treatment of EDS in adults with narcolepsy
- Not controlled, not scheduled

# Agents Under Investigation



1. FDA Product label [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2023/214755Orig1s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2023/214755Orig1s000lbl.pdf)

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# Summary

Sleep homeostasis is fundamental for health and survival.



Sleep disturbance increases cardiovascular, CNS\* risk.

Excessive sleepiness increases cardiovascular risk.



Narcolepsy patients have co-morbidities including cardiovascular risks.

Orexin physiological effects have increasing importance in understanding state stability, autonomic regulation.



Medication alternatives allow consideration of patient targeted therapy.

Recognition and management of co-morbidities is part of care.



Future treatments will target hypocretin systems.

\*CNS Central Nervous System

# CASE Presentation: Narcolepsy Type 1

- 39-year-old female
- Onset of EDS age 15 years. Diagnosed age 24.
- History of excessive sleepiness ESS 19, frequent cataplexy, DNS, sleep paralysis, sleep/wake transition hallucinations, RBD.
- BMI 34
- BP 139/89
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ESS Epworth Sleepiness Score 0-24  
DNS disturbed nocturnal sleep  
RBD REM behavior disorder  
OSA obstructive sleep apnea

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# Narcolepsy Type 1 Current Medications



Sodium oxybate  
4.5grams hs and 3.75  
grams 4 hours later

Rescue IR  
amphetamine 10mg  
at noon prn

Solriamfetol 150mg q AM

Venlafaxine 75mg q AM

Oral steroidal  
contraceptive

Pitolisant 17.8mg q AM





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# Practical Strategies to Address the Impact of Increased Sodium Consumption on CVD Risk



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# CASE Continuation: Narcolepsy Type 1



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75mg q AM

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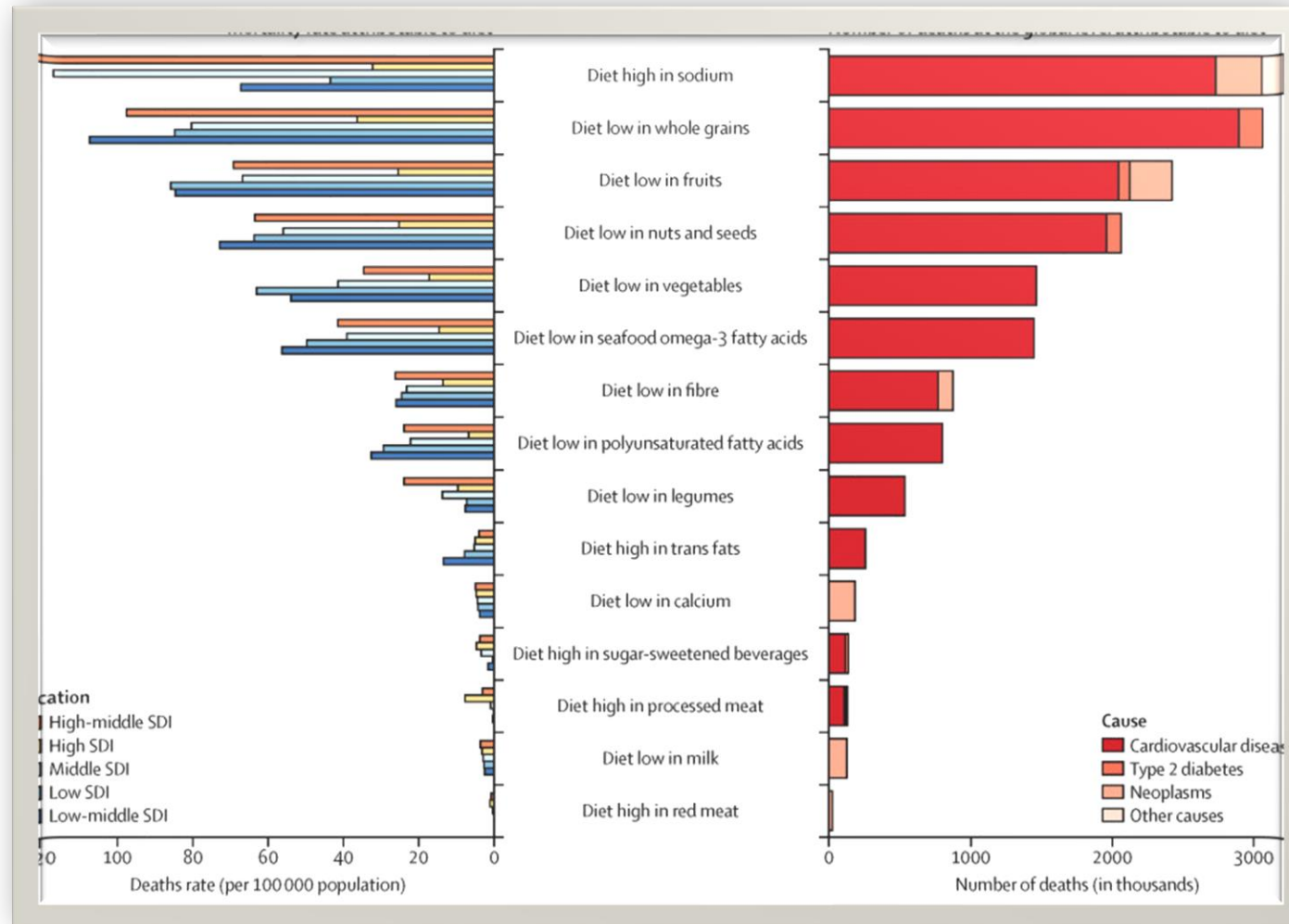
Her diet consists of processed foods for lunch and dinner due to time constraints

## Sleep, Sodium, and CVD



- 1 Challenge of addressing overall eating behaviors
- 2 Suggestions/advice as to how to reduce dietary intake of salt
- 3 Reducing the impact of commonly-used medications with high sodium content
- 4 Importance of considering total sodium intake when weighing treatment options
- 5 The impact of non-dietary sources of sodium: overview of medications used for narcolepsy and their sodium content

# Mortality Associated with High Salt Intake



# Sodium and Salt in the Diet



Sodium is a mineral our body needs to help control blood pressure and other functions in our body.



When we talk about salt, we are referring to the substance you add to dishes, which is a source of sodium.



By including salt in your diet, you are giving your body sodium to help it work properly.

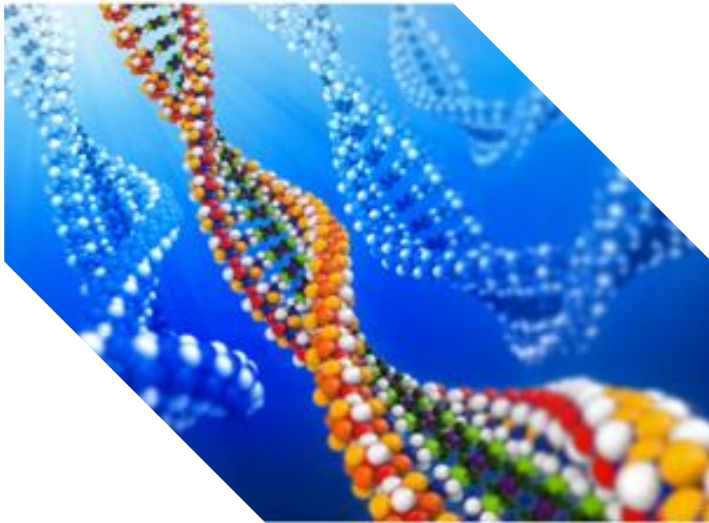


Our bodies need only very small amounts of sodium.



One teaspoon of salt is equal to about 2,300 milligrams of sodium.

# Current Dietary Intake of Sodium and K<sup>+</sup>



Mismatch between the modern diet introduced over the last 10,000 years, and the nutritional requirements encoded into the human genome, which developed over the several million years from the Stone age<sup>1</sup>



K<sup>+</sup> intake of prehistoric man was estimated to be 15,000 mg/day<sup>2</sup>

**Diet has shifted from:**

HIGH K<sup>+</sup> → LOW Na

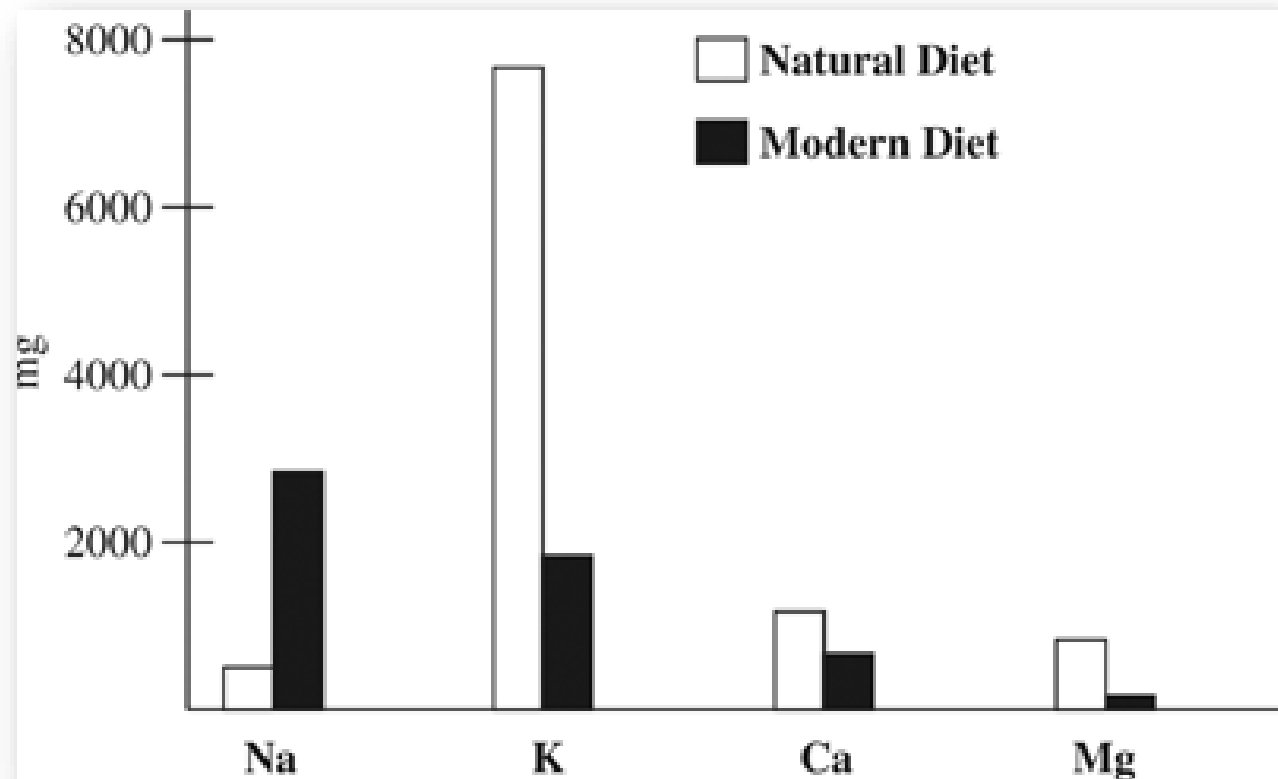
to

LOW K<sup>+</sup> → HIGH Na

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# Dietary 'Evolution'

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# Potassium and Sodium: Yin – Yang



Low K<sup>+</sup> intake  
reduces sodium  
excretion:

- K<sup>+</sup> deficiency effects WNK (With-No-Lysine) kinase pathway
- activates the thiazide-sensitive NaCl cotransporter



High K<sup>+</sup> intake  
increases  
sodium excretion

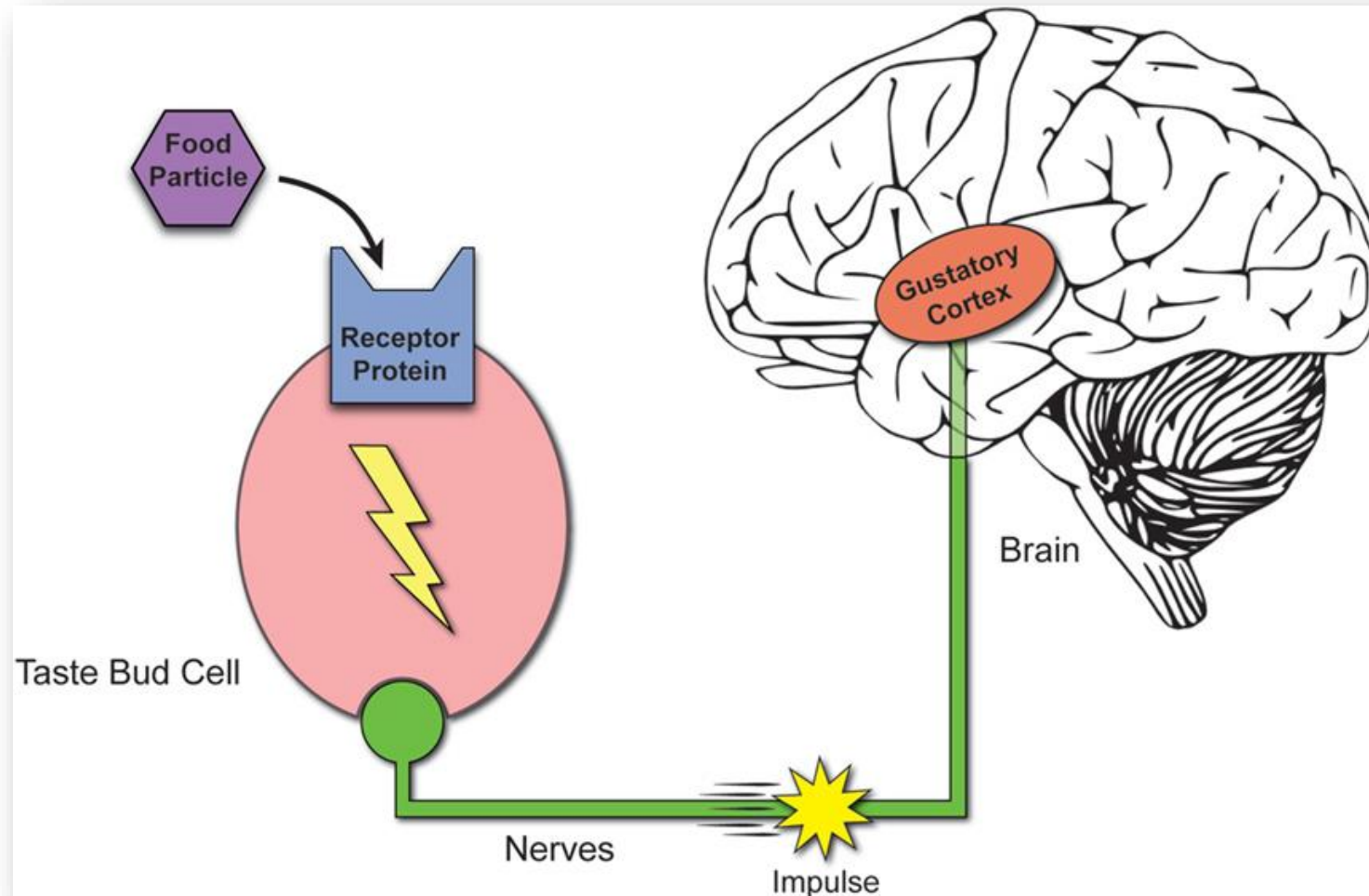


Potassium “sensing”  
via basolateral K<sup>+</sup>  
channels in the distal  
convoluted tubule  
plays a key role in  
these pathways

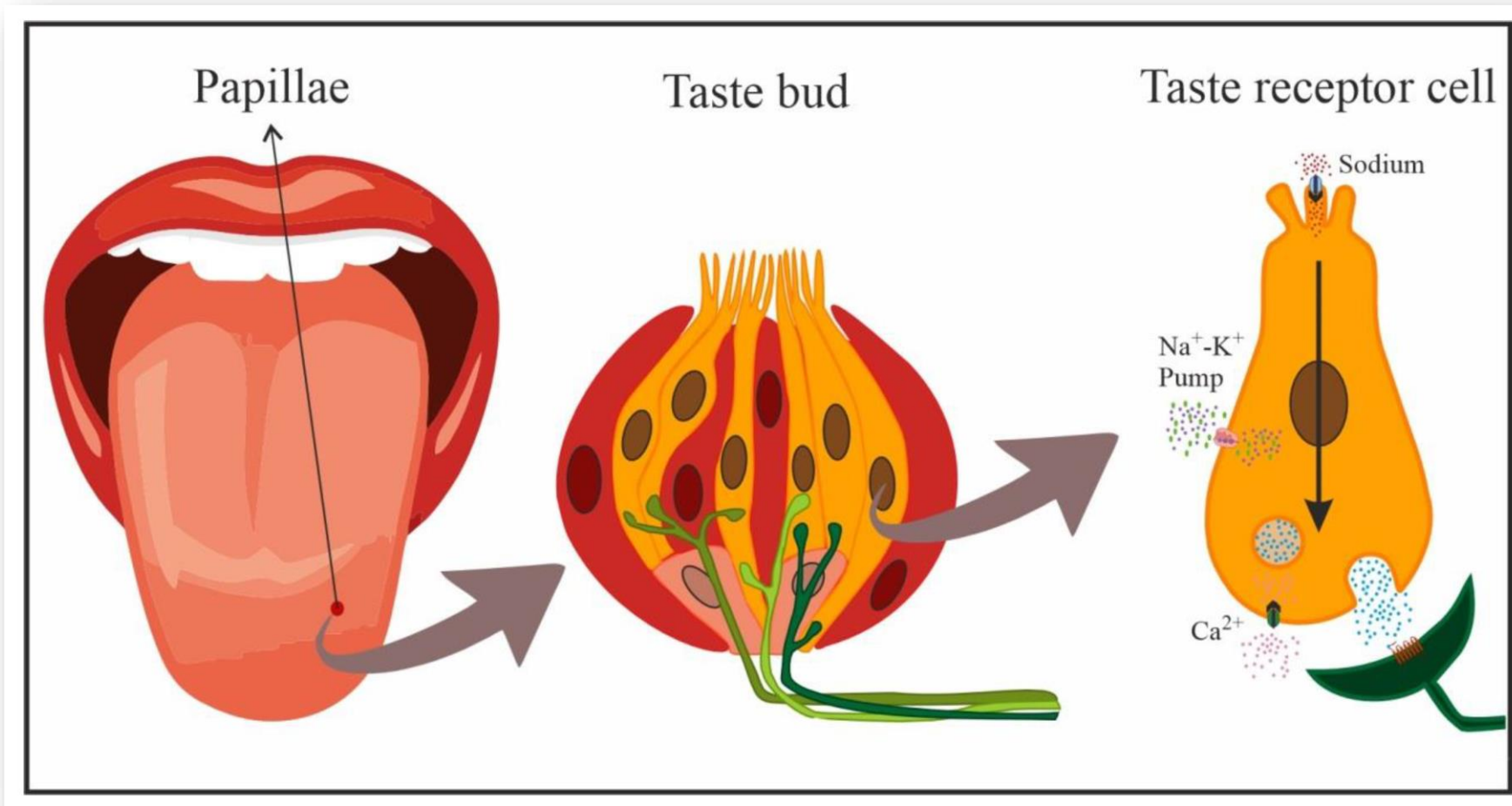


# Sodium 'Pleasure' is a 'Learned Response'

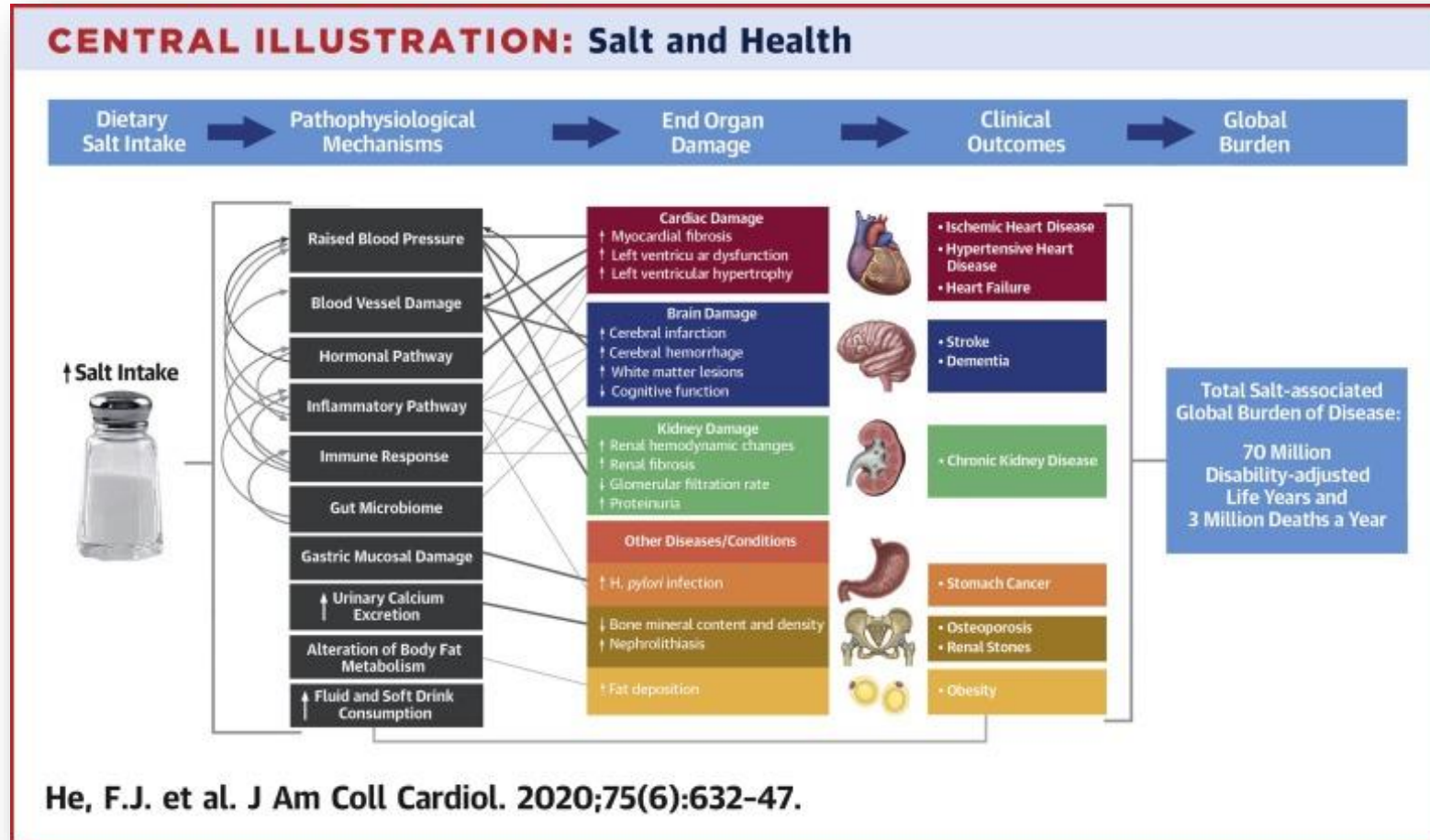
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# Sodium is 'Sensed' on the Tongue



# Sodium Intake Recommendations



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# Food Labels List Sodium Content

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# Critical to Know HOW to Read Food Labels

The serving size represents the typical amount eaten by an adult.

The sodium content is listed on the food label **per serving size**. Ignore the % daily value and focus on the amount of mg sodium per serving. Remember, if you eat more than one serving, you will get more sodium than the amount listed.

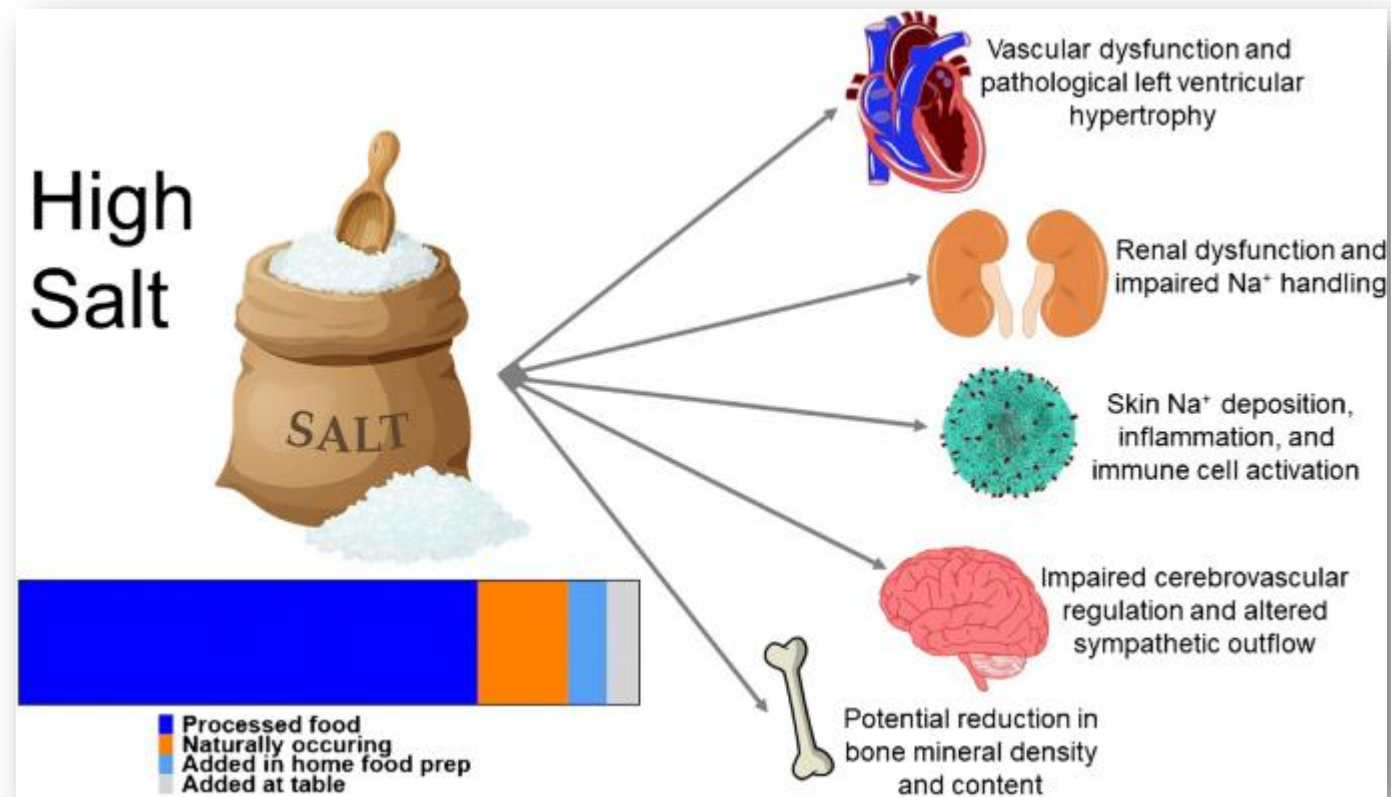
“Low sodium” = 140 mg or less per serving

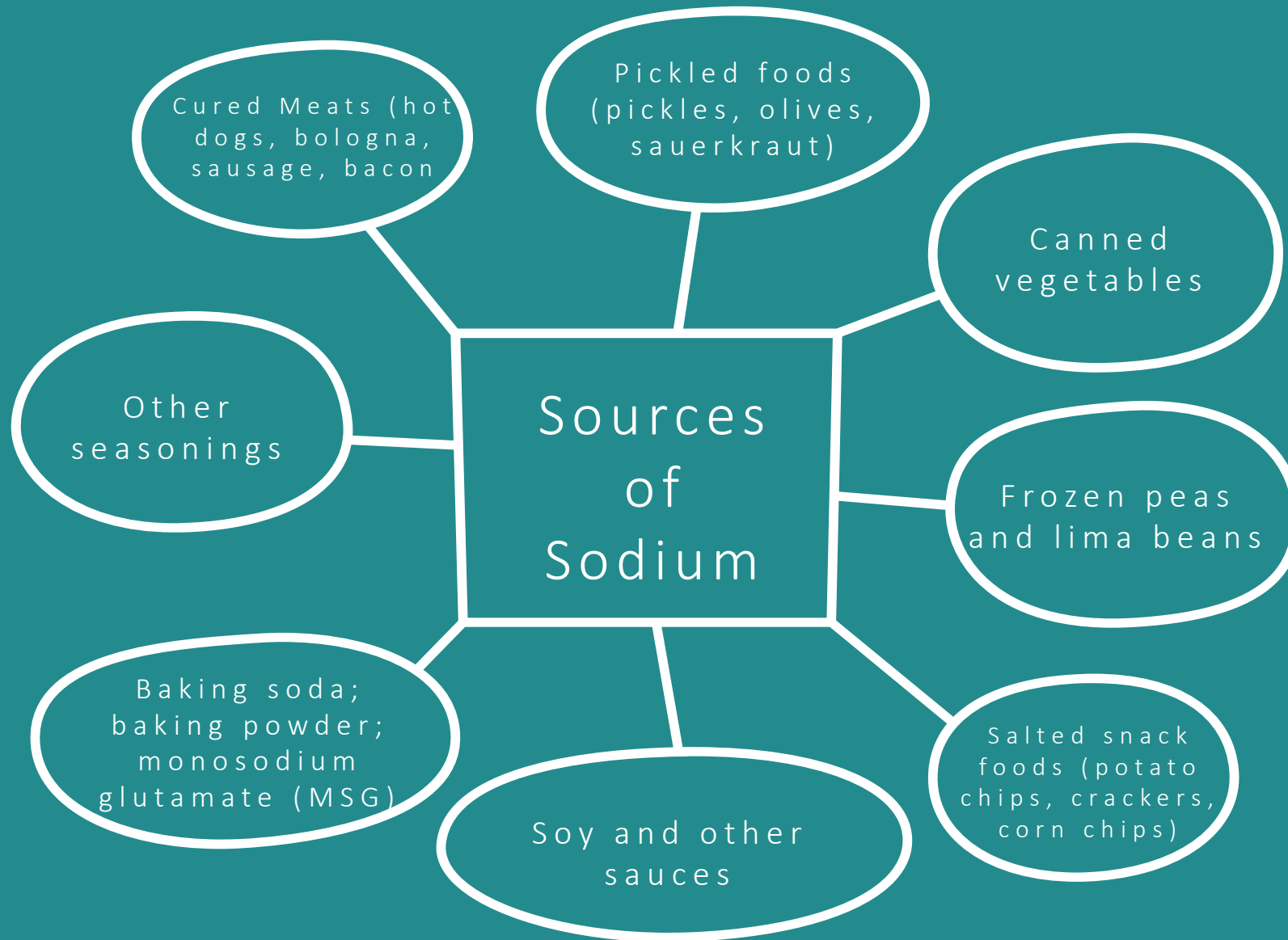
“No sodium” = less than 5 mg per serving

Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size	1 cup (228 g)		
Servings per container:	2		
Amount Per Serving			
Calories	90		
Fat Calories	30		
% Daily Value*			
Total Fat	3g		5%
Saturated Fat	0g		0%
Trans Fat	0g		
Cholesterol	0mg		0%
Sodium	300mg		13%
Total Carbohydrate	13g		4%
Dietary Fiber	3g		12%
Sugars	3g		
Protein	3g		
Vitamin A	80%	Vitamin C	60%
Calcium	4%	Iron	4%

\*Percent Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower, depending on your calorie needs.

# Sources of Sodium in Our Diets





# Processing of Foods Adds Sodium

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**1 oz. hard cheese**  
**176 mg sodium**



**1 oz. processed cheese**  
**407 mg sodium**





# Why is Sodium Added to Foods?

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## To Enhance Flavor

- Adds a salty taste
- Boosts flavor balance and can enhance the sweetness of sugary items
- Masks bitterness
- Makes some types of processed food more palatable

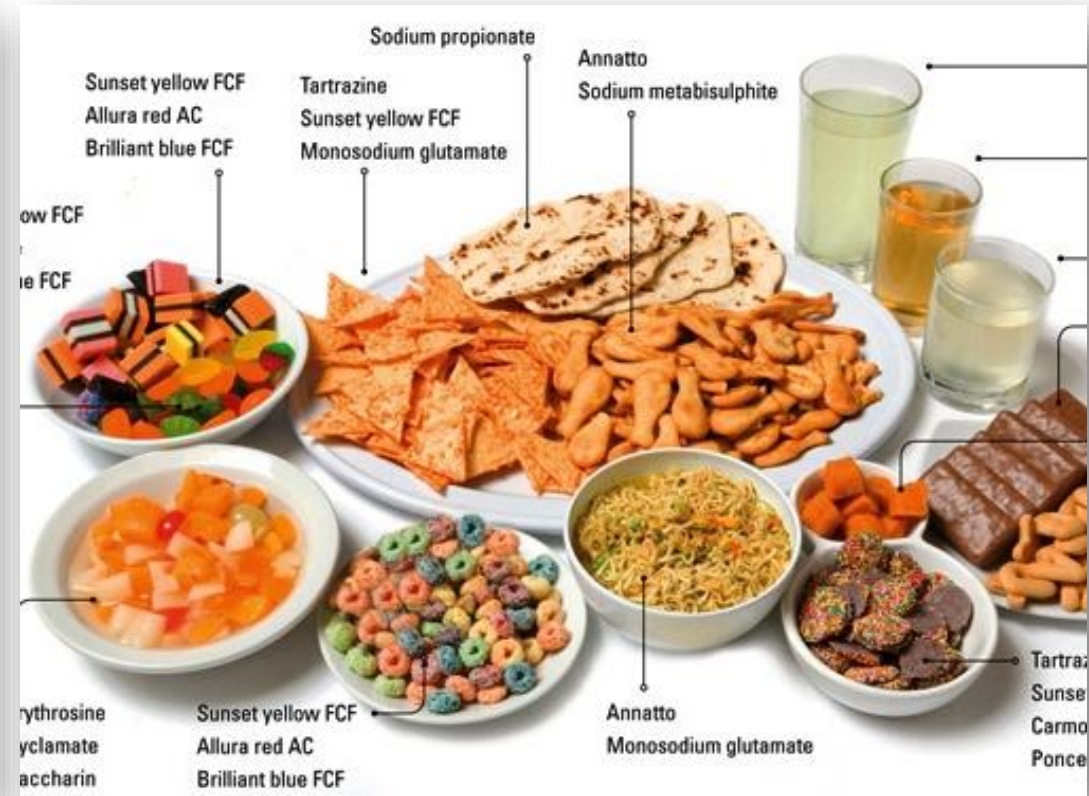
## To Preserve Freshness

- Increases shelf life
- Helps prevent growth of bacteria and other disease-causing agents

## To Improve Texture & Appearance

- Makes the product seem thicker or fuller
- Enhances color and hue
- Helps retain moisture in processed meat products
- Stabilizes texture, allowing bread to rise and cheese to stick together
- Prevents unwanted chemical changes to other ingredients in many baked items

# Sodium Additives in Processed Food



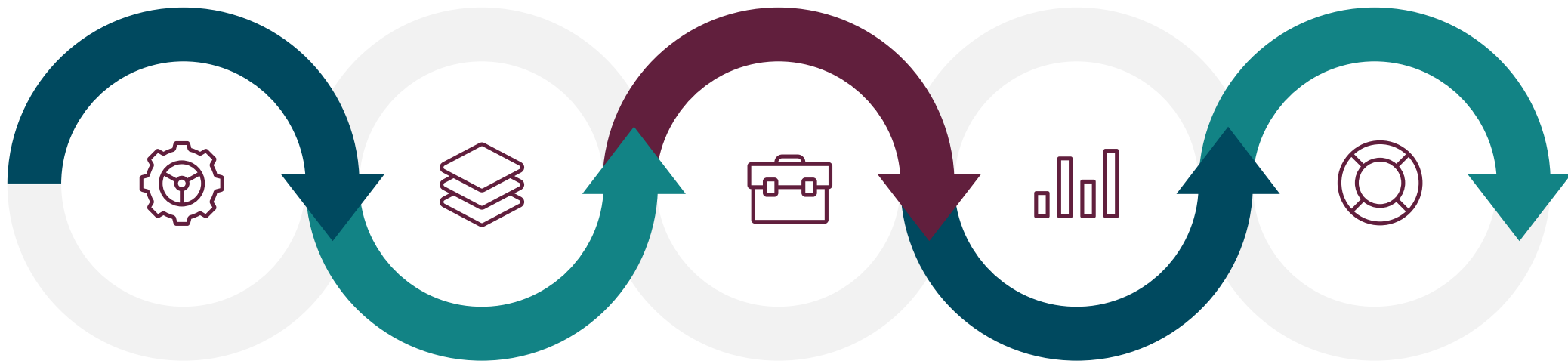
Bread, chips (snacks), processed meats, unprocessed meats, wine, processed juices.

Stabilizers, preservation, altering texture, improvement of flavor.

# Dietary Recommendations for a Low Sodium Diet

A sodium restricted diet should be treated as you would treat any prescription medication.

A low sodium diet is a 2000mg diet and is the most commonly ordered. This is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the recommended daily intake.

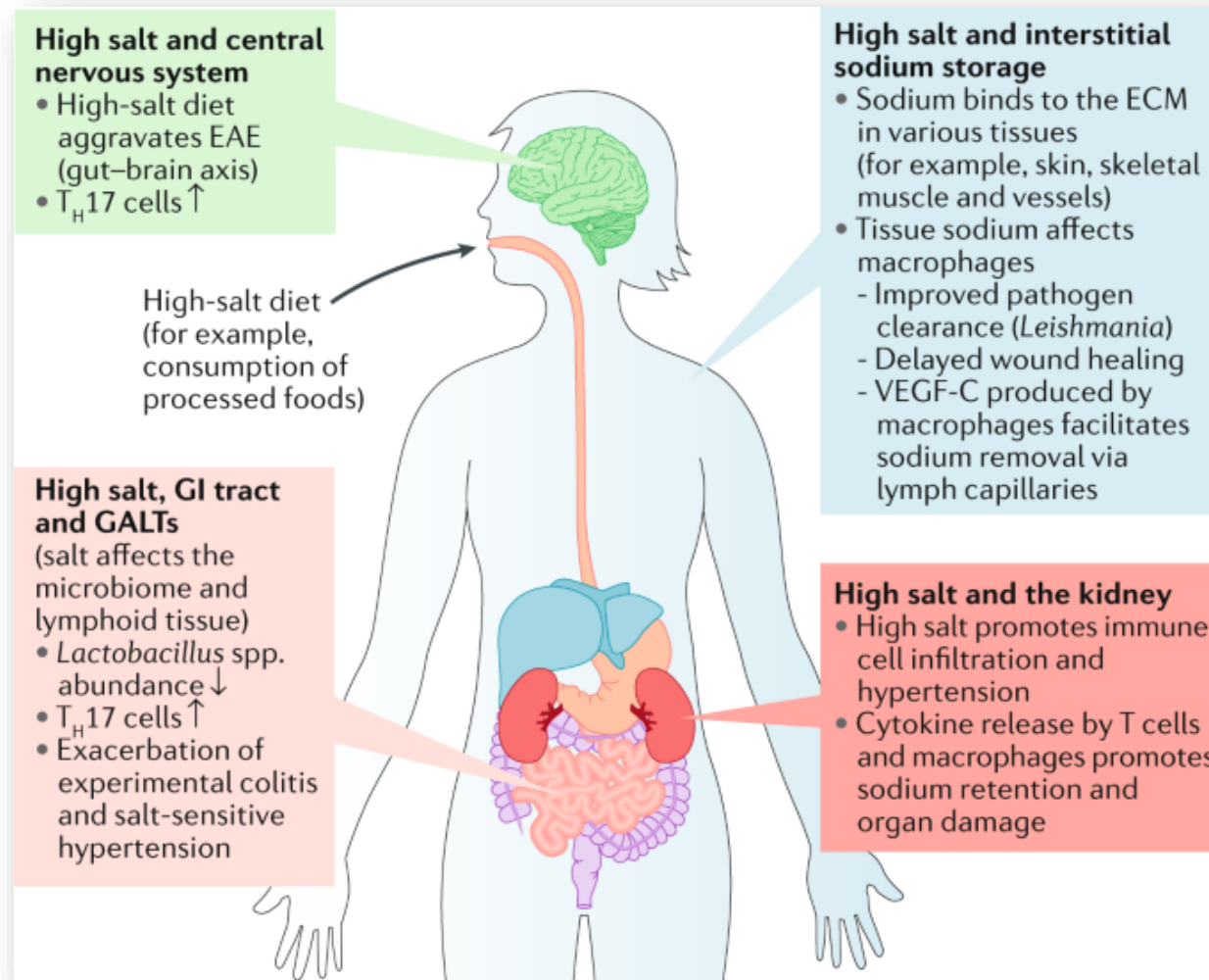


Maintaining a sodium restricted diet.

The amount of sodium will be prescribed in milligrams.

One teaspoon of salt contains approximately 2000mg of sodium.

# Health Benefits of a Low Sodium Diet





Acids can make dishes go from dull and boring to exciting and more flavorful.



Before you reach for the salt, try adding an acid.



Like salt, acid can increase flavor. It can also bring out more flavors than salt.

Suggestions/Advice for Reducing Dietary Sodium



Other acids include juice of citrus fruits like lemons, limes and oranges.



Different types of acids that can be used in cooking include vinegars, tomatoes and wine.



If using acid to increase flavor in a dish, add a splash of vinegar, wine or some tomatoes at the beginning of cooking, and add a splash of citrus juice at the end of cooking.

# Suggestions/Advice for Reducing Dietary Sodium

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## Skipping the breadbasket.

- Breads add a lot of sodium to our diet because we eat a lot of it.
- Breads don't taste salty, so we may not know how much sodium we are eating.



Avoiding menu items that have a lot of cheese or include processed meats, such as bacon, ham and salami.

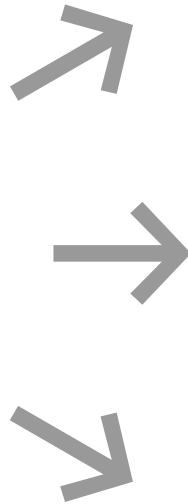


## Avoiding foods that are pickled or smoked.

- Smoked foods are often high in sodium because of the marinades (acidic sauce), rubs (blend of spices) and brines (water with salt) that are used before the meat or fish is smoked.

## What About 'Other' Forms of Sodium?

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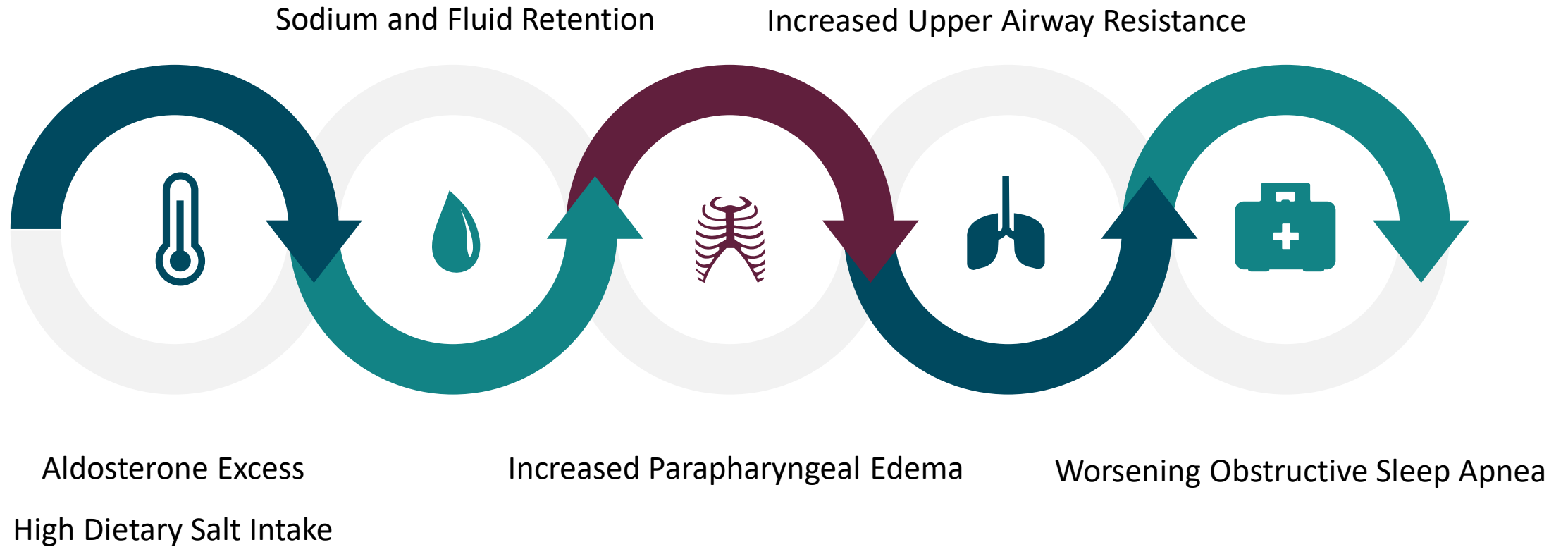


Does Himalayan salt raise sodium levels?

Some people believe that pink Himalayan salt is lower in sodium than regular table salt. However, both types consist of approximately 98 percent sodium chloride. As pink salt often has larger crystals than table salt, it technically contains less sodium per teaspoon.

Sleep, Sodium, and CVD


# Dietary Salt and Sleep






# Potential Barriers to Nutritional Therapy


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Patients and physicians often are not well-versed about food sources and content of sodium




Diverse cultural and ethnic diets and lifestyles



Low reimbursement rates and billing implementation may limit referral to nutritional therapy



Communication challenges



Patient time limitations and access to care



Patient compliance and adherence to dietary adjustments