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Full Title: Sleep and Reported Daytime Sleepiness in Normal Subjects: The Sleep Heart Health Study

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Abstract

<u>Study Objectives</u>: To describe nocturnal sleep and reports of daytime sleepiness in a large, well defined group of healthy adults.

<u>Design</u>: The Sleep Heart Health Study is a multi-center study which examines sleep and cardiopulmonary parameters through nocturnal polysomnography in adults over 40 years of age who are enrolled in geographically distinct cardiovascular cohorts.

Setting: Subject's homes.

<u>Participants</u>: 476 subjects of the total 6440 subjects enrolled in the Sleep Heart Heath Study were selected to form a 'normative' group based on screening of health conditions and daily habits which could interfere with sleep.

<u>Measurements and Results</u>: Home based nocturnal polysomnography was obtained on all participants and centrally scored for sleep and respiratory parameters. Demographic and health related data was obtained and updated at the time of the visit. Mean REM latency was 10.9 minutes longer in women than men. Sleep efficiency decreased by 1.2% for each 10 year age increase. Sleep time decreased by 0.08 hours (5.0 minutes) for each 10 year age increase and was longer in women. The arousal index increased by 0.6 for each 10 year increase in age and was lower by 2.1 in women. Women had lower mean percentage of stage 1 and stage 2. Mean percentage of SWS was higher in women (by 6.2%). Percent SWS decreased by 2.4% for each 10 year age increase for men while slightly increasing for women (0.6% /10 year change).

<u>Conclusions</u>: Data demonstrated a clear decrease in the quantity and quality of sleep over time which appears to be more rapid in males.

Key Words: Sleep Heart Health Study, home based polysomnography, normal subjects, gender, sleep

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