





# Having the Snooze Blues?

State of the Science on Sleep in Depressive Disorder



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### Our Featured Speakers



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## Objectives

Provide a brief overview of sleep statistics and clinical assessment

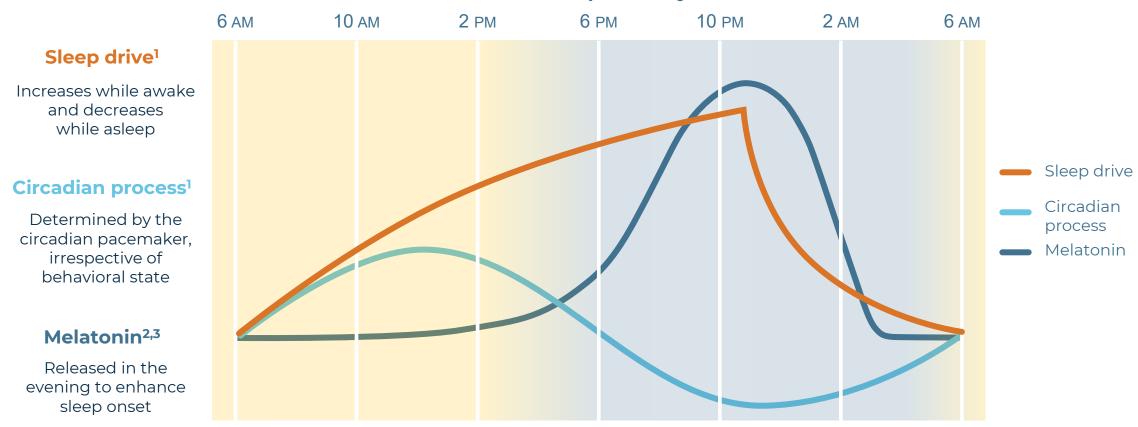
Discuss the relationship between sleep and depressive disorders

Highlight strategies to manage insomnia, improve sleep quality, and digitally monitor sleep patterns



# Sleep Is a Vital, Complex, and Organized Physiological State Involving Multiple Regulatory Processes

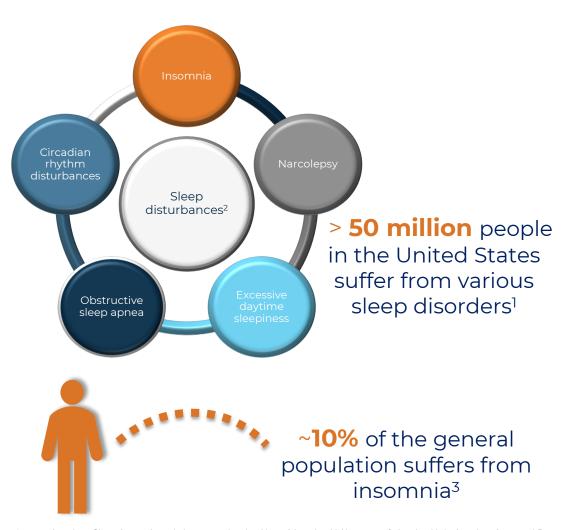
#### 24-Hour sleep-wake cycle<sup>1,3</sup>



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#### Insomnia is Common



Insomnia is characterized by chronic difficulties falling asleep, staying asleep, or waking up too early<sup>4</sup>

#### Clinical features

- Causes clinically significant distress or impairment in important areas of functioning
- Occurs:
  - at least 3 nights per week
  - for at least 3 months
  - despite adequate opportunity for sleep
- Cannot be explained by and does not occur exclusively during another sleep-wake disorder
- Not attributable to the physiological effects of a drug of abuse or medication
- Coexisting mental disorders and medical conditions do not adequately explain the predominant complaint of insomnia

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (5th ed.).



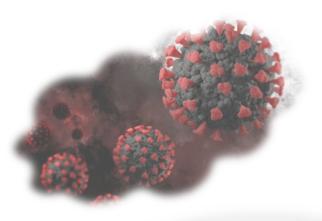
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## Sleep Disturbances Have Escalated During the Pandemic



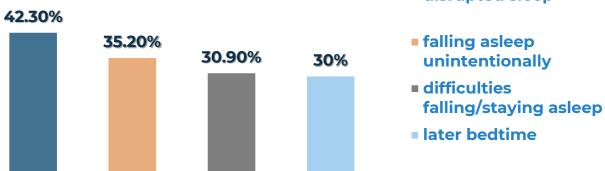




- 2020 survey found:
  - ~70% of respondents reported a change in their sleep pattern (44.7% reported less refreshing sleep)
  - ~65% reported an impact on their mental health\*
  - ~26% reported drinking more alcohol during lockdown
  - Respondents with COVID had more nightmares & abnormal sleep rhythms

## Most frequently reported sleep-related observations





\*Impact on mental health was strongly correlated with sleep-related alterations



<sup>1.</sup> Pérez-Carbonell J Thorac Dis 2020;12(Suppl 2):S163-S175.

# Sleep Disturbances Have Escalated During the Pandemic, (continued)

- 2021 publication (N=3,533 from 50 countries surveyed) found:
  - 58% of respondents were unsatisfied with their sleep
  - 40% reported reduced sleep quality vs prior to pandemic
  - 20% increased consumption of sleeping pills
  - Variables associated with greater impact on sleep quality:
    - Female Sex
    - Quarantine status
    - Livelihood being adversely affected by crisis
    - Reduction in physical activity
    - Age, with those 31-45 years of age range most impacted







# Insomnia and Specific Sleep Disturbances Can be Assessed in Clinical Interviews

# Insomnia is primarily diagnosed by clinical evaluation through sleep, medical, substance use, and psychiatric history<sup>1</sup>

- Self-administered questionnaires, at-home sleep logs, symptom checklists, psychological screening tests, and bed partner interviews are used for evaluation<sup>1</sup>
- Interviews can help explain the nature, history, and severity of sleep difficulties<sup>2</sup>

#### Self-report instruments<sup>3</sup>

- Insomnia Severity Index (ISI)
- · Athens Insomnia Scale (AIS)
- · Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI)

#### Objective measures<sup>4,5</sup>

- Polysomnography laboratory study used to diagnose sleep disorders usually occurring overnight
- Actigraphy device that monitors rest and/or activity cycles usually worn for several days

- Schutte-Rodin et al. J Clin Sleep Med. 2008;4:487-504.
- Bastien et al. Sleep Med. 2001;2:297-307.
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McCall C., McCall W. Comparison of actigraphy with polysomnography and sleep logs in depressed insomniacs. J Sleep Res. 2012 (DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2869.2011.00917.x



Armon PSG Medscape 2020. https://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1188764 Accessed February 13, 2021.

There Is a Bidirectional Relationship Between Sleep

Disturbances and Depression

Patients with depression often experience shortened REM latency and diminished slow-wave sleep<sup>1</sup>

Patients with depression have reported significantly poorer perceived sleep quality<sup>2</sup>

Some medications commonly used to treat depression can worsen sleep disturbances<sup>3</sup>

Depression

Up to 90% of patients with MDD may experience insomnia at some point during their illness<sup>4</sup>

Residual insomnia may relate to depression relapse<sup>3</sup>

Sleep disturbances

Insomnia can be a risk factor for or a prodromal symptom of subsequent depression development<sup>3</sup>

MDD, major depressive disorder; REM, rapid eye movement.

- Krystal. Neurol Clin. 2012;30:1389-1413.
- 2. Nutt et al. Dialogues Clin Neurosci. 2008;10:329-336

- Fang et al. *J Cell Mol Med*. 2019;23:2324-2332
- 4. Brietzke et al. Expert Opin Pharmacother. 2019;20:1341-1349



# There Are Several Proposed Mechanistic Pathways Linking Depression and Sleep Disturbances<sup>1</sup>



- Sleep loss may cause an elevation in cellular inflammation
- Markers of inflammation have been shown to be higher in depressed patients than in individuals without depression

# Genetic correlation

- Heritable
- Additional genetic influences on insomnia overlap significantly with MDD
- Insomnia polygenic risk scores derived from population-based studies predicted insomnia in depressed cases<sup>2</sup>

# Biochemical pathway

- Simultaneous effects of cholinergic and monoaminergic neurons regulate the onset of REM sleep
- The monoamine hypothesis assumes that changes in monoamine levels are the cause of depression

# Circadian rhythm

- Genes that are integral to the regulation of circadian rhythm were found to be involved in depression
- The circadian rhythm plays an important role in sleep-wake cycle regulation

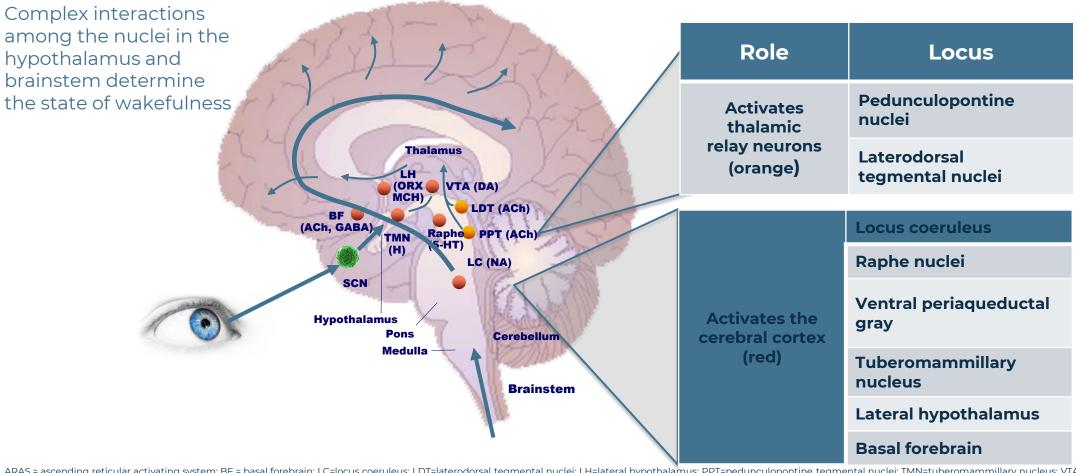
A better understanding of the molecular, neural, and behavioral mechanisms between sleep disturbances and depression may help improve the management of coincident depression and sleep disturbances

MDD, major depressive disorder; REM, rapid eye movement.

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### Neural Wake-Promoting Pathways



ARAS = ascending reticular activating system; BF = basal forebrain; LC=locus coeruleus; LDT=laterodorsal tegmental nuclei; LH=lateral hypothalamus; PPT=pedunculopontine tegmental nuclei; TMN=tuberomammillary nucleus; VTA=ventral tegmental area.



Saper CB, et al. Nature. 2005;437(7063):1257-1263.

## Neural Sleep-Promoting Pathways

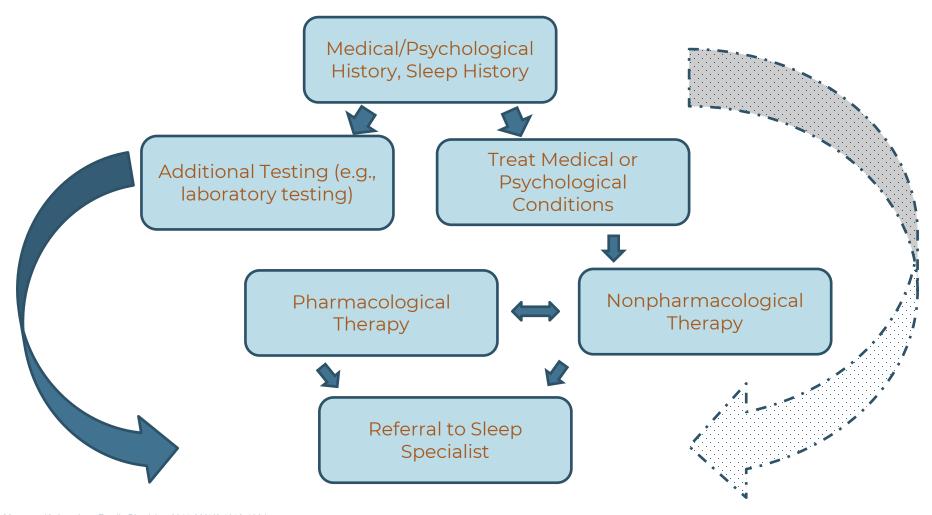
Complex interactions among the nuclei in the hypothalamus and brainstem determine the onset of sleep Role Locus **Thalamus** vPAG (DA) **Inhibits** Ventrolateral (GABA, Ga) wake-promoting **Preoptic Nucleus** TMN (H) LDT (ACh) (VLPO) neurons PPT (ACh) SCN LC(NA) **Hypothalamus Pons** Cerebellum Medulla **Brainstem** 

BF=basal forebrain; LC=locus coeruleus; LDT=laterodorsal tegmental nuclei; PeF=perifomical region; PPT=pedunculopontine tegmental nuclei; TMN=tuberomammillary nucleus; SCN=suprachiasmatic nucleus; VLPO=ventrolateral preoptic nucleus; vPAG=ventral periaqueductal gray matter.



Saper CB, et al. *Nature*. 2005;437(7063):1257-1263.

### Management of Insomnia



1. Maness DL and Muneeza K. American Family Physician 2015;92(12):1058-1064



# Behavioral Interventions for Insomnia Involve Multiple Active Treatment Components

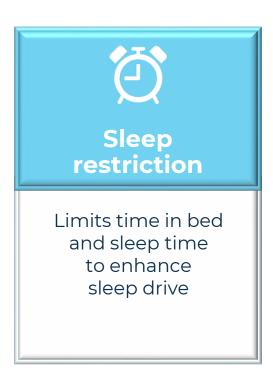
#### **Behavioral treatment components**



practices that promote

good sleep quality and

daytime alertness







1. Schutte-Rodin et al. *J Clin Sleep Med.* 2008;4:487-504.



### Sleep Hygiene



Caffeine, Nicotine, & Alcohol – Avoid close to bedtime

Manage Stress

Exercise – vigorous physical activity, regularly

Reduce bedroom noise

Avoid naps during the day

Regular sleep schedule, even on weekends

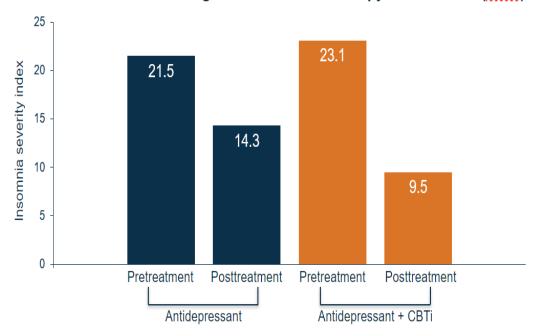
Practice relaxing bedtime rituals

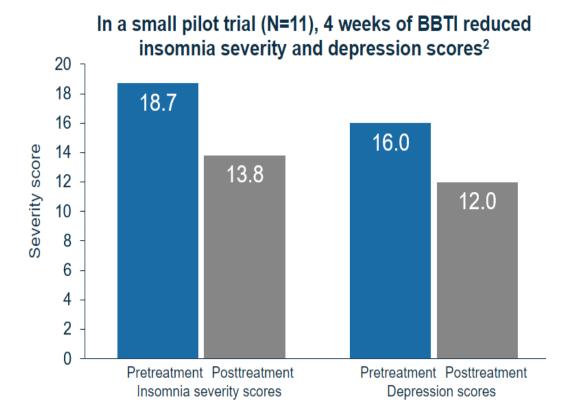




# Behavioral Therapies Can Be Efficacious for Patients With Insomnia and Depression

Insomnia severity index pre- and posttreatment with antidepressant alone or in combination with cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia (CBTi)<sup>1</sup>





Improvements in sleep may be longer lasting with behavioral therapies than with pharmacological treatments<sup>3</sup>

CBTi, cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia – effect size (Cohen's d = 1.03); BBTI, brief behavioral treatment for insomnia – effect size for insomnia scores (d = 1.06) and effect size for depression scores (d = 0.54)

Manber et al. *Sleep*. 2008;31:489-495. 2. Gebara and Karp, et al. *Sleep Biol Rhythms*. 2019;17:287-295. 3. Morin et al. *JAMA*. 1999;281:991-999.



### Classes of Sleep Medicines

- Benzodiazepine Site GABA<sub>A</sub> Receptor Agonists (BzRAs)<sup>1,2</sup>
  - All bind to GABAA receptor
    - Benzodiazepines are full and non-selective GABA receptor alpha subunit agonists
    - Non-benzodiazepines ('Z drugs') are selective alpha-1 subunit agonists
  - All products in this class are Schedule IV controlled substances
- Histamine H1 receptor antagonists ('Antihistamines')<sup>3</sup>
  - Strong and consistent evidence exist to suggest that histamine, acting via H1 and/or H3 receptor has a pivotal role in the regulation of sleep-wakefulness
  - Administration of histamine or H1 receptor agonists induced wakefulness, whereas administration of H1 receptor antagonists promoted sleep
- Sedating antidepressants
- Melatonin Receptor Agonists
- Dual Orexin Receptor Antagonists (DORA)

Data from systematic reviews and randomized studies reviewed in the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) 2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines <sup>4</sup>



Mendelson WB. Sleep Med Reviews 2004;8:7-17.

Lie E et al. Pharmacological Treatment of Insomnia. P&T. 2015;40(11):759-765.

Thakkar, M. Sleep Med Rev. 2011; 15(1): 65–74.

Sateia, M. J. et al. J Clin Sleep Med, 2017; 13(2): 307-349.

### Therapies for Sleep Disturbances May Affect Depression

Therapy	Effect on depression
Sedating antidepressants	Positive <sup>1</sup>
Antipsychotics	Positive <sup>2</sup>
Behavioral therapy	Positive <sup>1</sup>
Melatonin	No effect <sup>3,4</sup>
Sedative hypnotics	Potentially negative <sup>1</sup>





Fang et al. J Cell Mol Med. 2019;23:2324-2332.

<sup>2.</sup> Wang and Si. Shanghai Arch Psychiatry. 2013;25:134-140.

<sup>3.</sup> Gebara et al. Depress Anxiety. 2018;35:717-731.

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### Consumer Sleep Technologies



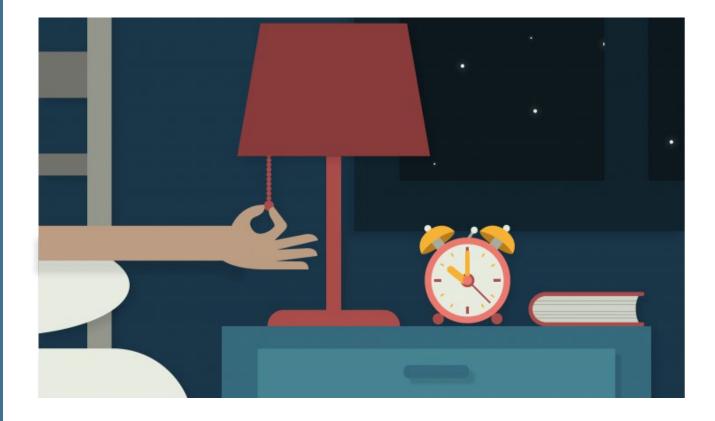
- A non-prescription device directly marketed to consumers that may perform sleep monitoring, tracking or sleep-related interventions<sup>1</sup>
- Include:<sup>2</sup>
  - Mobile device apps: May facilitate sleeping via use of the device capabilities
    - Meditation Apps and Sleep Trackers
  - Wearable devices: An attachment or sensor placed directly on the body, attached to clothing, or embedded in clothing
  - Embedded devices: A non-wearable that is embedded into the user's native sleep environment (e.g., sensor embedded into a sleep mattress or camera embedded into a bedroom wall)
  - Desktop/website resources: Computer programs or websites that are designed to run on a full desktop operating system
  - Accessory appliances (e.g., Smart speakers, Smart bulbs, white noise machines)



<sup>1.</sup> Khosla, S. et al. Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, 2018; 14. 2. Ping-Ru, T. Ko. et al. J Clin Sleep Med., 2015; 11(12): 1455-1461.

# Summary

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