# Sleep and Diabetes: What is All the Fuss About?

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#### Sleep and Diabetes Relationship

Diabetes impacts sleep.

Peripheral neuropathy Low blood sugar High blood sugar

#### Sleep Impacts Diabetes

- During the past decade increasing research on the sleep and diabetes connection.
- Sleep as essential for people with diabetes as exercise and appropriate eating behaviors.

#### Sleep and Diabetes Relationship

Sleep Duration

Sleep Quality

#### Decrease in sleep duration.

▶ 29% of US adults report sleeping less than 7 hours.

Sleep and aging

# Sleep Duration

Recommended:

Seven hours of uninterrupted sleep.

#### Sleep Deprivation

Psychological impact

Physiological impact

# Psychological Impact

Performance

Memory Car accidents Falls

Decision making skills

Depression

#### Sleep Deprivation

Risk factor for developing type 2 diabetes.

Related to poor metabolic control

### Glucose Tolerance Circadian Rhythm

Ability to maintain euglycemia.

Normal glucose tolerance depends on beta cells to produce insulin.

As insulin sensitivity decreases, insulin secretion increases.

Diabetes develops when beta cells can no longer compensate.

# Circadian Rythm

Hormones

Coritisol

**Growth Hormone** 

Insulin

# Physiological Relationship

Insulin resistance.

Impact on appetite.

Impact on physical activity,

#### Sleep Quality

Relationship to type 2 diabetes metabolic control.

### Sleep Quality

Shift workers

disrupted circadian rhythm

# Sleep Disorders

- ▶ 300 of sleep diagnoses
- Approximately 88 sleep disorders

# Sleep Apnea

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Prevalence

Severity

### Complications of Sleep Apnea

- Increased Blood sugars for people with diabetes. (Increased insulin resistance)
- Independent risk for cardiovascular disease.

Relationship to neuropathy.

#### **OSA**

- Treatment:
- Oral devices
- Positional aides
- Surgery
- CPAP

#### Central Sleep Apnea

5% of sleep apnea persons.

Brain doesn't send proper signals to muscles that control breathing.

#### International Diabetes Federation

- Recommends:
- All persons with type 2 diabetes be screened for OSA
- All persons with OSA be screened for diabetes

# Restless Legs Syndrome

- Symptoms
- Related to histamine use
- Treatment

#### Insomnia

#### Symptoms:

Difficulty getting to sleep.

Difficulty staying asleep.

Waking up too early and not able to get back to sleep.

#### Insomnia

Treatment:

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia

**Hypnotics** 

Melatonin

#### Clinical Recommendations

Sleep assessment recommended as part of routine medical care.

Recommendations provided for those who are sleep deprived or report sleep disorder (s).

Referral to a sleep doctor as appropriate.

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Thanks and

•Sleep Well !!!!