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Protocol

Sleep is an essential biological process, a periodical state of quiescence in which there is minimal processing of sensory information and no interaction with the environment. However, sleep is more than the absence of being awake; it is a homeostatically regulated process (*Kotronoulas et al.*, 2009).

Sleep plays an important role in workers lives, allowing them to relax, restore, and revitalize their bodies, minds, and emotions every 24 hours. Sleep repairs the physical body to improve and maintain general health, consolidate learning and memory, and recharge the psychological batteries to maintain emotional balance and well-being (*Ohlaman et al.*, 2009).

The average sleep duration of adults is approximately 7 hours. National Sleep Foundation found the average sleep duration on work days in 44% of people to be shorter than this. Different studies indicate that too short a sleep duration is associated with a number of negative health outcomes, including higher risk for hypertension and cardiovascular disease (*Portaluppi et al.*, 2009).

Patients with common medical disorders often complain to their physician about sleep problems, and these patients are often referred to sleep specialists for evaluation and diagnosis. Poor quality sleep or insufficient sleep are associated with fatigue, malaise, and sleepiness. Quality of life is impaired, and subjective symptoms due to the underlying disease seem worse to the patient. If the quality of sleep is improved, subjective symptoms related to the disease may improve (*Parish*, 2009).

The International Classification of sleep disorders, second edition (ICSD-2) subdivides sleep disorders into eight major criteria: insomnia, sleep-related breathing disorders, hypersomnias of central origin, circadian rhythm disorders, parasomnias, sleep-related movement disorders, isolated symptoms and other sleep disorders (*Panossian et al.*, 2009).

Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), is the most common form of sleep-disordered breathing (*Hoffmann et al.*, 2004).

High blood pressure and Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) are closely related, and the latter is considered to induce hypertension, the primary underlying mechanism is sympathetic activation triggered by apneic episodes, this type of hypertension is difficult to treat (*Sharabi et al.*, 2004).

Resistant hypertension is blood pressure above goal despite adherence to combination of at least three antihypertensive medications of different classes, optimally dosed and including usually a diurite (*Viera et al., 2009*).

The recent National Kidney Foundation guidelines suggest that Predialysis and Postdialysis BP should be <140/90 and <130/90 mmHg Respectively (*Agarwal*, 2006).

In hemodialysis patients uncontrolled hypertention average predialysis BP \geq 160/90 mmHg (*Rahman et al.*, 1999).

Resistant hypertension is a common medical problem. It carries a significantly increased risk of endorgan damage and cardiovascular events compared with more easily controlled hypertension, the etiology of resistant hypertension is almost always multifactorial. Secondary causes of hypertension, such as obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) require investigations and effective treatment if present (*Pisoni et al.*, 2009).

Treatment of Obstructive sleep apnea with continous positive airway pressure has an effect on hypertension control and risk reduction of cardiovascular diseases (*Das et al.*, 2009).

Hypertension is a well-known cause of renal impairment and, impaired renal function is a well-known cause of hypertension; therefore the two conditions constitute a vicious circle resulting in the progressive worsening of each. This relationship is very prominent in end-stage renal disease (*Portaluppi et al.*, 2009).

Patients with end stage renal diseases (ESRD) have a considerable symptom burden, among which sleep-related

symptoms are highly prevalent. Sleep disorders, such as restless legs, periodic limb movements and sleep apnea, and sleep complaints such as insomnia and daytime sleepiness are very common in ESRD patients despite treatment with 3-times-a-week conventional hemodialysis. If untreated, they are likely to impair quality of life and may alter cardiovascular outcomes in this patient population (*Hanly*, 2009).

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List of Abbreviations

Abb.	Meaning	
ABPM	Ambulatory BP monitoring	
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme	
AHI	Apnea-hypopnea index	
BMI	Body Mass Index	
BP	Blood pressure	
CBT	Cognitive behavioral therapy	
CKD	Chronic kidney disease	
CNS	Central nervous system	
CPAP	Cotinous positive airway pressure	
CRF	Chronic renal failure	
CRSD	CIRCADIAN RHYTHM SLEEP	
CRSD	DISORDERS	
CVD	Cardiovascular disease	
DSM-IV-TR	Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental	
DSM-IV-IK	Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision	
EDS	Excessive day time sleepness	
EEG	Electroencephalogram	
EMG	Electromyogram	
EOG	Electrooculogram	
ESKD	End stage kidney disease	
ESRD	End stage renal diseases	
ESS	The Epworth Sleepiness Scale	
FDA	The Food and Drug Administration	

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Abb.	Meaning	
fMRI	Functional magnetic resonance imaging	
HD	Hemodialysis	
HTN	Hypertension	
ICSD-2	The International Classification of sleep	
	disorders, second edition	
IL-1	Interleukin 1	
KLS	Kleine–Levin syndrome	
MSLT	The Multiple Sleep Latency Test	
NAT	N-Acetyltransferases	
NHD	Nocturnal hemodialysis	
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical	
NICE	Excellence	
NREM	Non-rapid eye movement	
NSAIDs	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnea	
OSAS	Obstructive sleep apnea syndrome	
PLMS	Periodic limb movement syndrome	
PSG	Polysomnogram	
PSQI	Pittsuburg sleep quality index	
PTH	Parathyroid hormone	
QoL	Quality of life	
RAAS	Rennin-angiotensin-aldosterone system	
RDI	Respiratory desaturation index	
REM	Rapid eye movement	
RERAS	Respiratory Effort-Related Arousals	

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Abb.	Meaning
RH	Resistant hypertension
RLS	Restless leg Syndrome
SA	Sleep apnoea
SaO2	Normal oxygen saturation
SAS	Sleep apnea syndrome
SDB	Sleep disordered breathing
SOREMP	Sleep-onset REM period
STN	Subthalamic nucleus
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor