

Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric Hypersomnia Disorders

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NARCOLEPSY

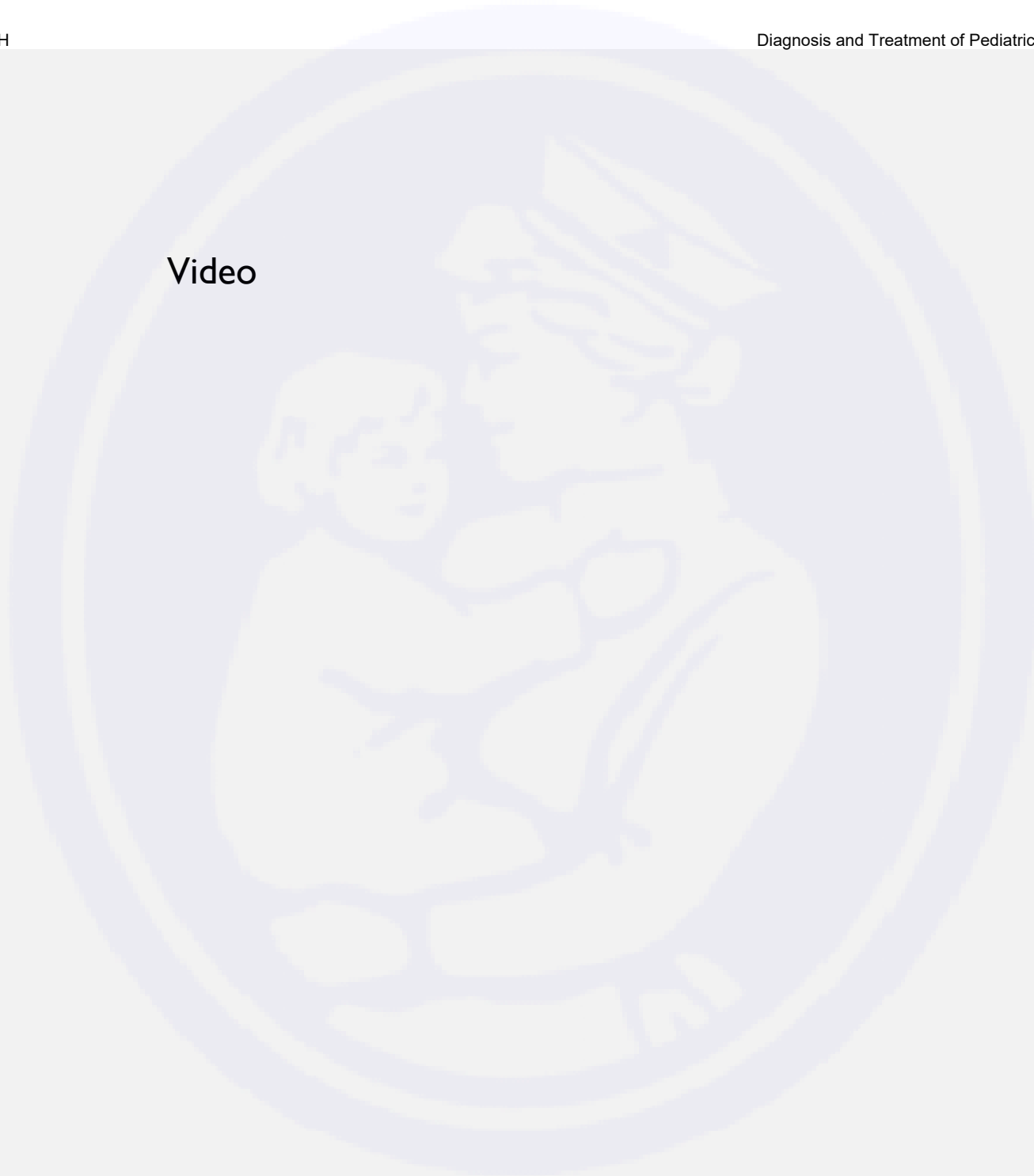
NARCOLEPSY OVERVIEW



- Narcolepsy Type 1 (NT1, narcolepsy with cataplexy)
- Narcolepsy Type 2 (NT2, narcolepsy without cataplexy)
- NT1 is caused by loss of hypocretin neurons in lateral hypothalamus
- Characterized by the following:
 - Sleep and wake state imbalance
 - Excessive daytime sleepiness (100%)
 - Disrupted nighttime sleep (30-90%)
 - Cataplexy (sudden episodes of loss of muscle tone typically with emotion, 50-70%)
 - Sleep paralysis (20-30%)
 - Hypnagogic and hypnopompic hallucinations (20-30%)

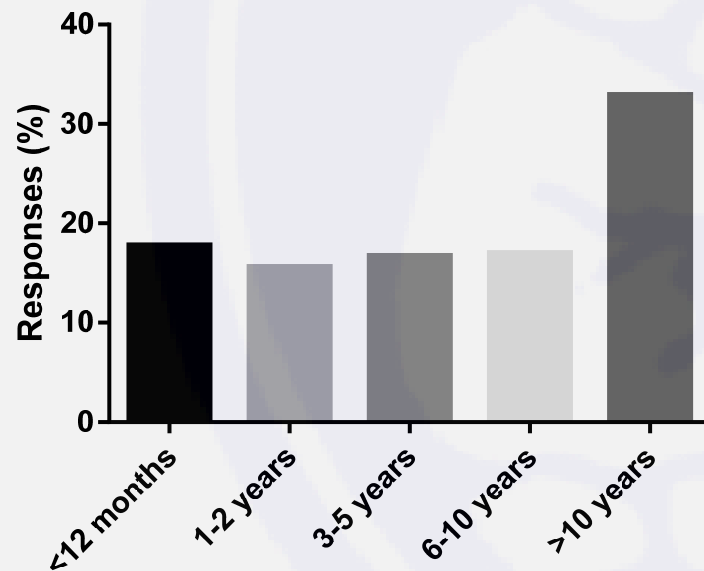
International Classification of Sleep Disorders, version 3; Mitler M et al. 1990; Silber M et al., 2002; Pizza F et al. 2013; Kim LJ et al. 2015; Ohayon M et al. 2013

Video



DIAGNOSTIC DELAY

**Time From Symptom Onset to Diagnosis of Narcolepsy
(N=1451)**



- In 2013 a survey of patients with narcolepsy:
- 50% of narcolepsy patients reported it took >5 year to reach diagnosis
- Factors that contribute to delay
 - Pediatric onset of symptoms (OR=2.4)
 - No cataplexy (OR=1.8)

Maski K et al. JCSM 2017

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF SLEEP DISORDERS (ICSD)

Narcolepsy Type 1 (Narcolepsy with Cataplexy). A and B must be met

A. EDS for at least 3 months.

*Validated questionnaires encouraged such as Epworth Sleepiness Scale-CHADD, Pediatric Daytime Sleepiness Scale

Wang YG. Nat Sci Review 2017, Yang CN Clin Psych Neurosci 2010

B. At least one of the following:

- Cataplexy and a positive Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT)*
- Low CSF hypocretin-I concentrations (≤ 110 pg/ml or $< 1/3$ of normal)
 - Mayo to offer clinical testing as of April 2019

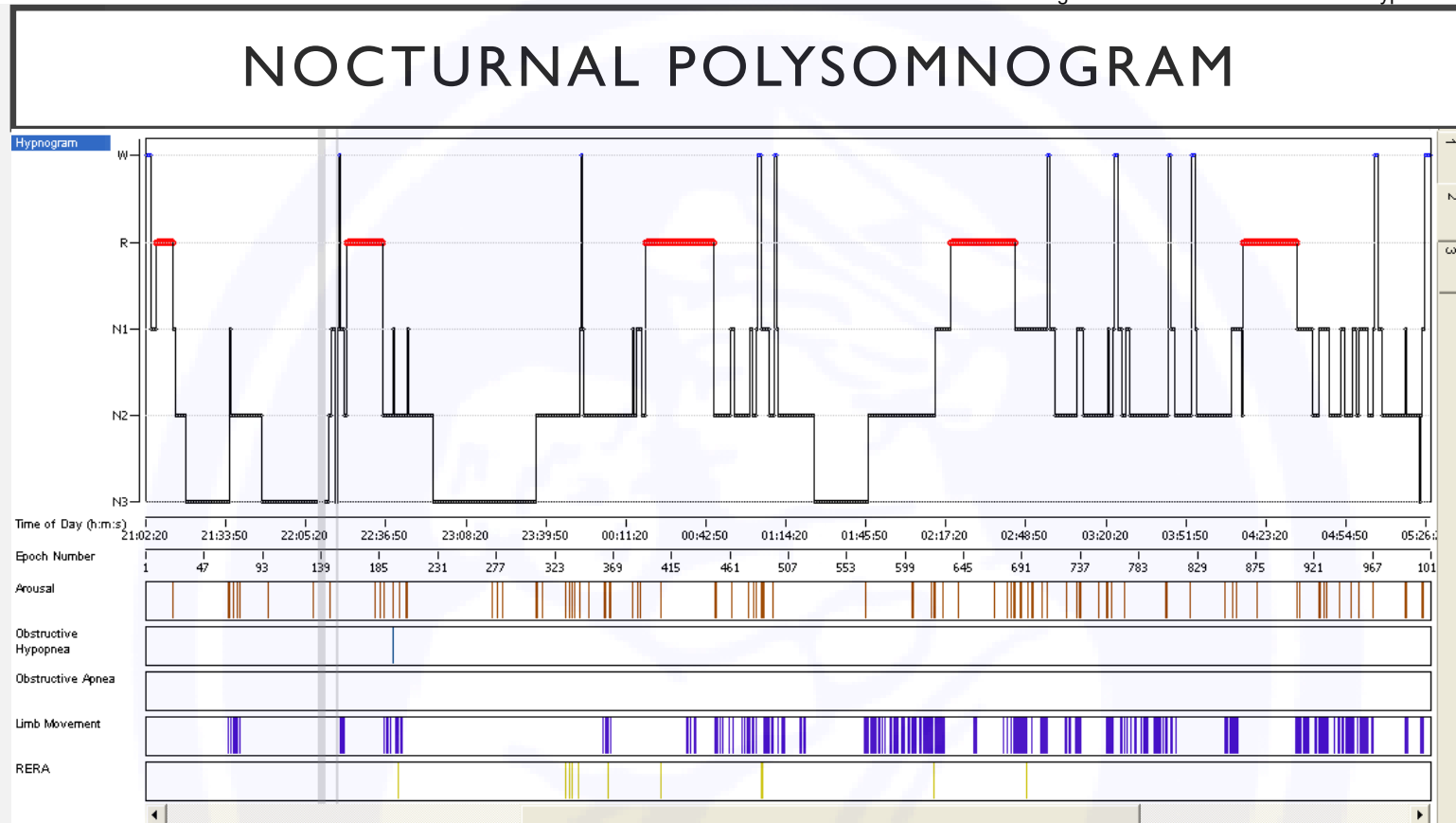
Narcolepsy Type 2 (Narcolepsy without Cataplexy). A and B must be met

A. EDS for at least 3 months*.

B. Positive MSLT**

**Positive MSLT : mean sleep latency of ≤ 8 minutes and ≥ 2 SOREMP's.

A SOREMP on the preceding nocturnal polysomnogram may replace one of the SOREMPs on the MSLT.

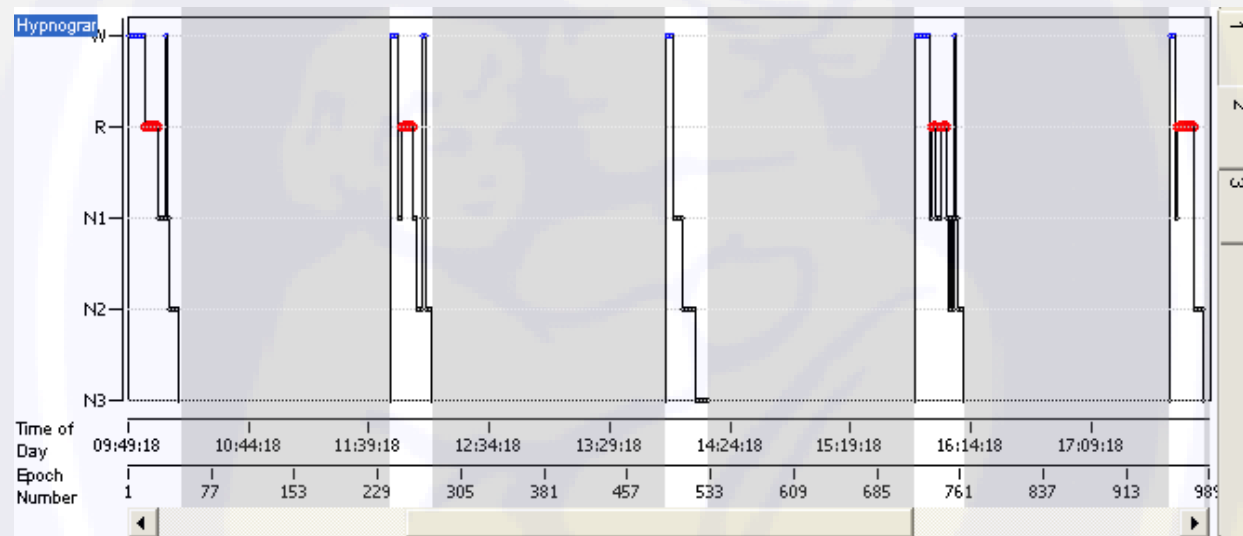


Nocturnal sleep onset REM period (REM \leq 15 minutes from sleep onset)

- Sensitivity 47% and specificity 97%

Andlauer O JAMA Neuro 2013, Reiter J SLEEP 2015, Christensen J Sleep Med 2015, Bin Hasan J Clin Sleep Medicine 2018

Multiple Sleep Latency Test



-MSLT includes a series of four to five “opportunities”. Each nap opportunity is 20 minutes long.

MEDICAL CO-MORBIDITIES

- Obesity (25-60%)
- Precocious puberty in children (16-40%)
- Obstructive sleep apnea (9-25%)
- ADHD symptoms (35%)
- Mood Disorders (depression, anxiety, OCD, social phobia; 25%)
- Hypertension in 58% of treated patients and 41% of untreated patients
 - Percentage of REM sleep associated with hypertension across both groups
- Other: peripheral neuropathy, headache, psychiatric disorders, endocrinopathies

Poli F SLEEP 2013; Sansa Sleep Med 2010, Cohen A Sleep Med 2018, Bosco A Neurology 2018

NON-PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENTS

- One or two 15-20 min naps are often helpful (sometimes during school or work)
- Avoid sleep deprivation, phase shifts, sedating medications, heavy meals
- Movement Breaks
- Support!
 - Wake Up Narcolepsy, Hypersomnia Foundation, Narcolepsy Link, Project Sleep, Narcolepsy Network
- Anticipatory guidance (accident risk/driving safety)
 - Great variability in practitioner assessments of driving safety

Ingram DG. Sleep Breath 2019

TREATMENT OF EXCESSIVE SLEEPINESS: TRADITIONAL STIMULANTS

	Dose	Side Effects
Methylphenidate (Ritalin, Concerta, Metadate)	-10-60 mg/day IR Divided dosing BID, TID -ER (18-54 mg) -Appx 1 mg/kg/day	irritability, headaches, insomnia, GI upset, hypertension, arrhythmias, anxiety, psychosis
Mixed amphetamine salts (Adderall) FDA approved	5-60 mg/day Divided BID or ER -Appx 0.5 mg/kg/day	same, reduced appetite, weight loss, psychosis* *2x higher than MP
Lisdexamphetamine (Vyvanse)	30-70 mg/day About 1/3 potency of mixed amphetamine	Same, Hyperhidrosis, skin rash, dry mouth

*Moran LV NEJM 2019

TREATMENT OF EXCESSIVE SLEEPINESS (OFF LABEL FOR CHILDREN)

	Typical dose	Side effects
Modafinil (Provigil)	50-200 mg BID	HA, nausea, nervousness, insomnia, rash SJS, hypertension, OCP interaction
Armodafinil (Nuvigil)	50-250 mg qAM	Same
Solriamfetol (Sunosi)	75-150 mg q AM	HA (21%), Increased HR, BP, Nausea/diarrhea (11%), anxiety (5%)
Pitolisant (Wakix)	17.8 to 35.6 mg qAM	HAs, insomnia, irritability, anxiety, nausea (all <10%)
Sodium oxybate (g-hydroxybutyrate, Xyrem)	2.25-4.5 g qhs, and 3-4 hours later	OSA/hypoventilation, depression, SI, psychosis AE: Nausea, hallucinations, dizziness, OSA, weight loss/gain

TREATMENT OF CATAPLEXY

	Typical dose	Side effects
Venlafaxine (Effexor)	37.5-325 mg XR qAM (IR formulation BID)	Serotonin syndrome, SI risks, Weight gain, nausea
Fluoxetine (Prozac)	20-60 mg qAM	Same, dry mouth, sexual dysfunction
Protriptyline (Vivactyl)	5 mg TID (max 60 mg/day)	Anticholinergic effects, Cardiac arrhythmia, abnormal LFTs
Sodium oxybate (g-hydroxybutyrate; Xyrem) Off label for children	2.25-4.5 g twice nightly	REMS: OSA/hypoventilation, depression, SI, psychosis, driving safety Nausea, hallucinations, dizziness, OSA, weight loss/gain

FUTURE THERAPIES: OREXIN AGONISTS

- Orexin Receptor 2 Agonist (TAK 925) restored wakefulness, eliminated cataplexy and improved sleep/wake cycling in mouse models of narcolepsy (OX deficient)
- Oral formulation (TAK 994) in clinical trial
 - Phase I results (mild Aes only)
 - N=14 NT1 patients showed significantly improved objective and subjective improved sleepiness
 - N=56 sleep deprived adults showed improved wakefulness

Yukitake et al. Pharmacol Biochem Behav 2019;Abstract
World Sleep Congress September 2019

IDIOPATHIC HYPERSOMNIA

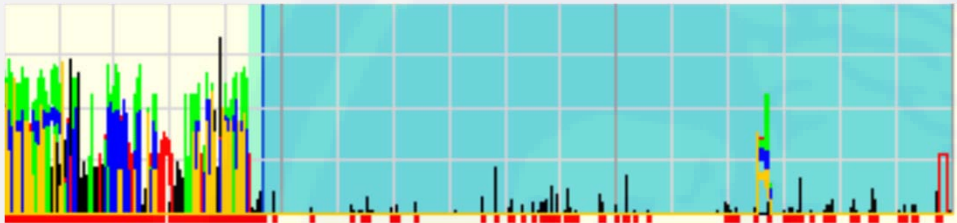
OVERVIEW

- Pathologic excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) with or without prolonged sleep duration
 - Sleep inertia
 - “Brain Fog”
- True incidence/prevalence of IH is unknown
- Family History
 - 34-38% of IH patients report a family member with a CNS hypersomnia condition or EDS
- Pathophysiology is unknown
- Normal neurological exam. No specific neuroimaging findings identified
 - Diagnosis of exclusion
- Up to 25% of IH patients outgrow condition

Ohayon MM Ann Neurol 2013; Trotti LM Clin Neurol Neurosurg 2017; Trotti LM Sleep Med 2017

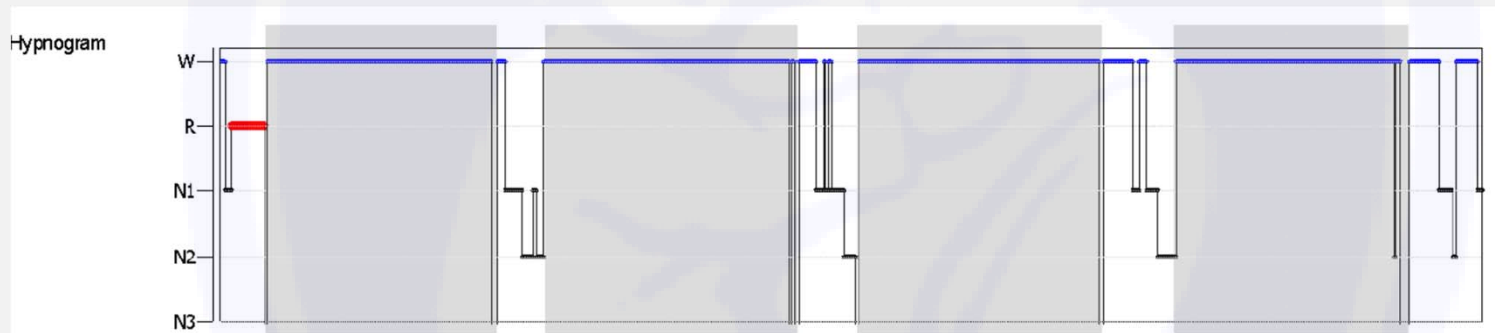
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING OPTIONS ICSD

- Actigraphy



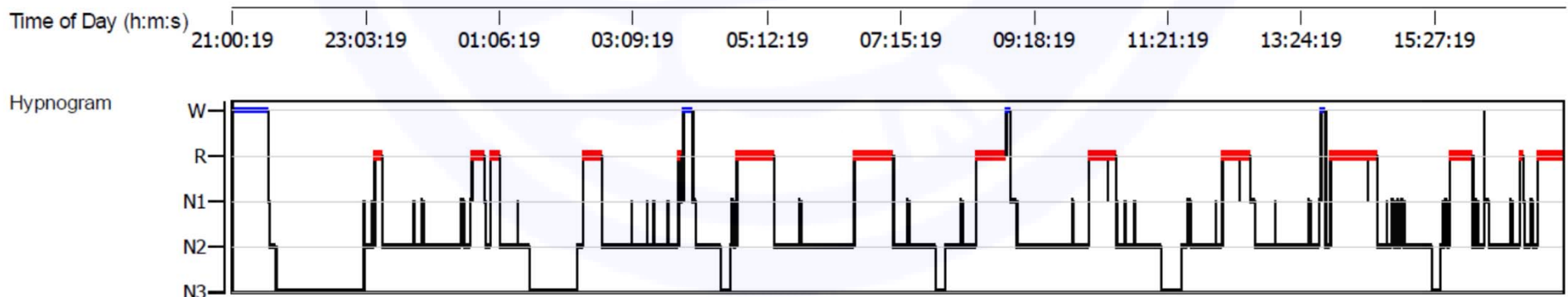
Average total
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- MSLT (multiple sleep latency test)

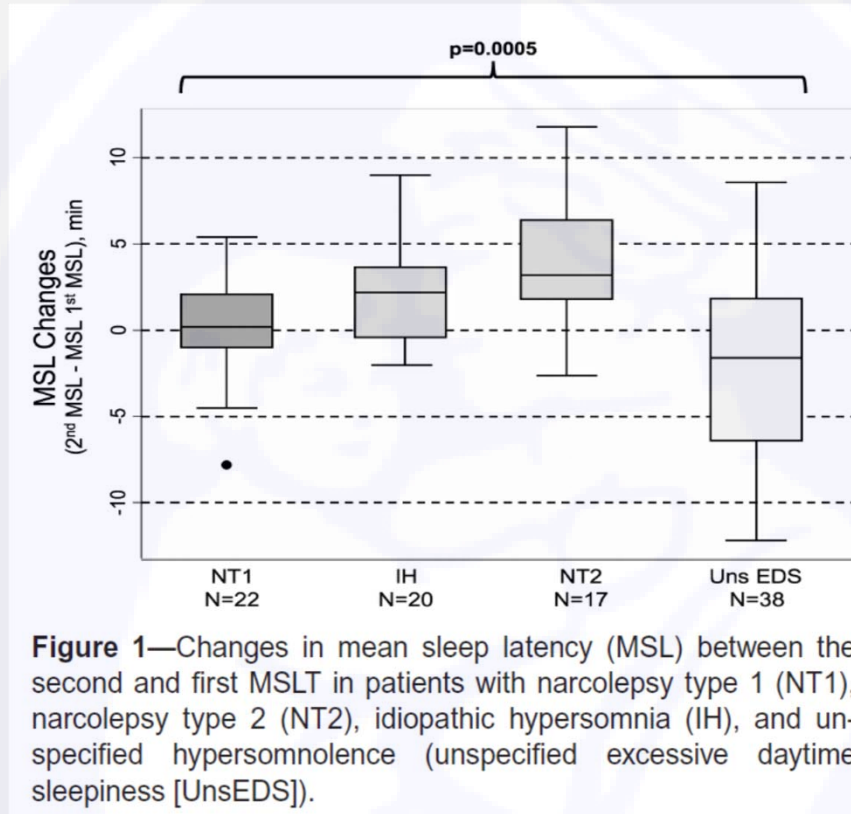


Mean
sleep
latency
 ≤ 8
minutes

- Extended Polysomnogram :Average total sleep time ≥ 660 minutes



Reliability of MSLT for IH patients is poor



- More variability between tests for NT2, IH and subjective sleepy patients than NT1 patients
 - Classification consistency for IH at MSLT retesting only 25%
- Alternative testing: 32 hour protocol of continuous PSG
 - 19 hour cut-off displayed sensitivity and specificity (92% and 81%) for IH
 - Reliability testing not conducted

POSSIBLE PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF HYPERSONMIA: GABA-A MODULATION

- Altered GABA signaling found in patients with hypersomnia patients
 - Using in vitro whole cell voltage clamp assay, CSF from hypersomnia patients showed enhanced GABA-receptor function (compared to CSF of sleep deprived healthy controls)
 - Flumazenil GABA-A receptor antagonist) reversed GABA-A signaling in 7 hypersomnia patients (significant improvement in vigilance and subjective alertness
 - Rye D et al. Sci Transl Med 2012
- Replication of study showed no difference in GABA receptor potentiation with CSF from patients with IH, NTH, and controls.
 - Dauvilliers Y et al. Ann Neurology 2016

MANAGEMENT

- Non-pharmacologic Strategies
 - Caffeine (limit to AM)
 - Ensure sufficient nocturnal sleep
 - Naps
 - Avoid Long naps as naps generally not refreshing
 - Cognitive behavior therapy (depression, management of hypersomnia)
 - Academic Support (504 plan)
 - Support!
 - Hypersomnia Foundation
 - Spontaneous remission reported in 14-32.5% of IH patients
 - Trotti LM et al. Sleep Med 2017
 - Anticipatory Guidance

TREATMENT OF EXCESSIVE SLEEPINESS IN IH:

NO FDA APPROVED MEDICATION FOR IH (OFF LABEL)

	Dose	Evidence
Methylphenidate	10-60 mg/day IR Divided dosing BID,TID -ER (18-54 mg) -Consideration of Jornay PM for sleep inertia (20 mg); no data	41% report improvement Ali et al JCSM 2009
Mixed amphetamine salts	5-60 mg/day Divided BID or ER	Pooled analysis: 33% (5/15) responded to treatment Trotti LM Sleep Med 2017
Modafinil	100-400 mg qAM or 200 mg BID	RTC data available showing decreased driving problems and improved wakefulness. Pooled analysis: 63% (124/197) report good response Phillip P SLEEP 2014;Trotti LM Sleep Med 2017

Refractory IH Treatments (off-label)

Clarithromycin (negative allosteric modulator of GABA-A rec)	500 mg BID (breakfast/lunch) Side effects: GI, abx resistance, bad taste,	RCT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No difference in primary outcome measure (PVT) Improved ESS (mean 4 points) Improved QOL Trotti LM Ann Neuro 2015
Flumazenil	Compounded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lozenges 6 mg qid Cream 1 ml of 12 mg/ml before bedtime (or more) Side effects: LFT elevation, dizzy, anxiety, HA, cog dysfunction, paresthesia, weight change, nausea 	Observational (n=36 IH/153 total with avg use 8 months) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63% report benefit Improved ESS (mean 5 points) Trotti LM JCSM 2016
Others: sodium oxybate, levothyroxine, pitolisant, transcranial direct current stimulation		Small cases series

KLEINE-LEVIN SYNDROME

OVERVIEW

- Rare, relapsing debilitating hypersomnia (long sleep time, avg 18 hours) lasting 2 days-5 weeks
 - Recur typically q1-3 months
- Accompanied by cognitive, behavioral, psychiatric disturbances
 - Depersonalization, derealization, aggression, regression, sensory disturbances, apathy, sexual inhibition
 - Inattentive, motor coordination, impaired working memory
- Changes in eating (hyperphagia, anorexia)
- Normal between bouts
- Typically starts in adolescence

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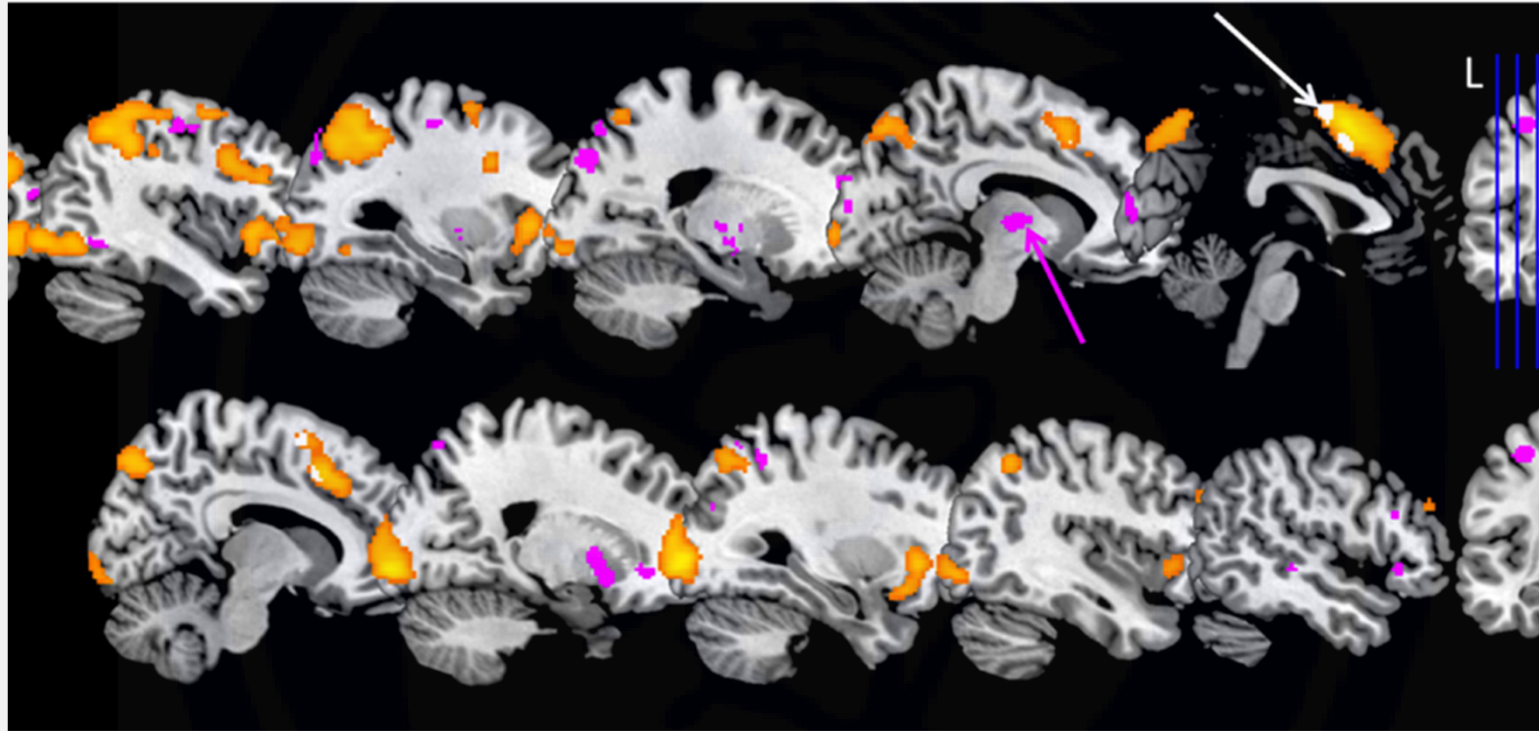
Diagnosis criteria for Kleine-Levin syndrome

Kleine-Levin syndrome is defined by the presence of all the following criteria:

- A. The patient experiences recurrent episodes of 2 days to several weeks duration, with severe sleepiness.
- B. Episodes recur usually more than once a year and at least once every 18 months.
- C. The patient has normal alertness, cognitive function, behavior, and mood between episodes,
- D. Patients must demonstrate at least one of the following during episodes: cognitive dysfunction, altered perception (mostly derealization), eating disorder (anorexia or hyperphagia), disinhibition (such as hypersexuality)
- E. The symptoms are not better explained by another sleep disorder, depression, or bipolar disorder; the effects of medications or drugs; metabolic disorders; or other neurologic, medical, or mental disorders.

From American Academy of Sleep Medicine. The International classification of sleep disorders, 3rd edition. Darien (IL): American Academy of Sleep Medicine; 2014; with permission.

NEUROIMAGING SHOWS MORE GLOBAL DYSFUNCTION



Neuroimaging studies vary
fMRI of working memory task shows:

Hyperactivation (pink): thalamus

Hypoactivation (orange): anterior cingulate, medial pre-frontal cortex (others temporal, occipital, parietal on PET)

Engström M et al SLEEP 2014; Dauvilliers Y PLoS 2014

MANAGEMENT

- Avoid Triggers
 - Sleep deprivation, illness, alcohol, marijuana, head trauma
- Anticipatory Guidance
 - Allow patient to sleep
 - Return to school when back to baseline
 - Needs supervision during KLS bouts
 - Behavioral abnormalities, altered perception, automatic behaviors
 - Avoid driving/heavy machinery
 - Monitoring so patient stays hydrated/eats meals/voids
- Support
 - 504 plan
 - KLS Foundation

Arnulf I. Sleep Med Clin 2015.

KLS Drugs (off-label)	Indication	Success
Amantadine	Shorten/abort bouts of KLS	42% (may lose effect over time)
Depakote/lamictal/Tegretol	Reduce KLS cycling/shorten bouts	20-21%
Lithium	-Reduce KLS cycling -Frequent Bouts (4-12/year)	41%
Risperdal	Severe behavioral/psychiatric problems with KLS	Case reports; not effective for KLS syndrome
Stimulants (amphetamines>methylphenidate)	Reduce sleepiness	20-71% (may make agitated, mood worse)

Arnulf, I et al. BRAIN 2005; Arnulf I Lancet Neurol 2012

PROGNOSIS

- After several episodes, bouts may change to be less excessive sleepiness and more behavioral/cognitive changes
- More frequent KLS bouts in childhood
- Mean disease duration 13.6 (4.3) years
- Typically ends in mid 30s

CONCLUSIONS

- Patients with hypersomnia disorders often suffer delayed diagnoses and misdiagnosis
 - Using office based tools and diagnostic protocols correctly important to reduce confounding factors
- Limitations of MSLT testing NT2 and IH
 - Consider alternative protocols for IH (actigraphy, continuous PSG)
- Supportive care and anticipatory guidance is critical for all hypersomnia conditions
- As we gain more knowledge on the underlying physiology of these disorders, more specific treatments can be offered