

Sleep in the ICU

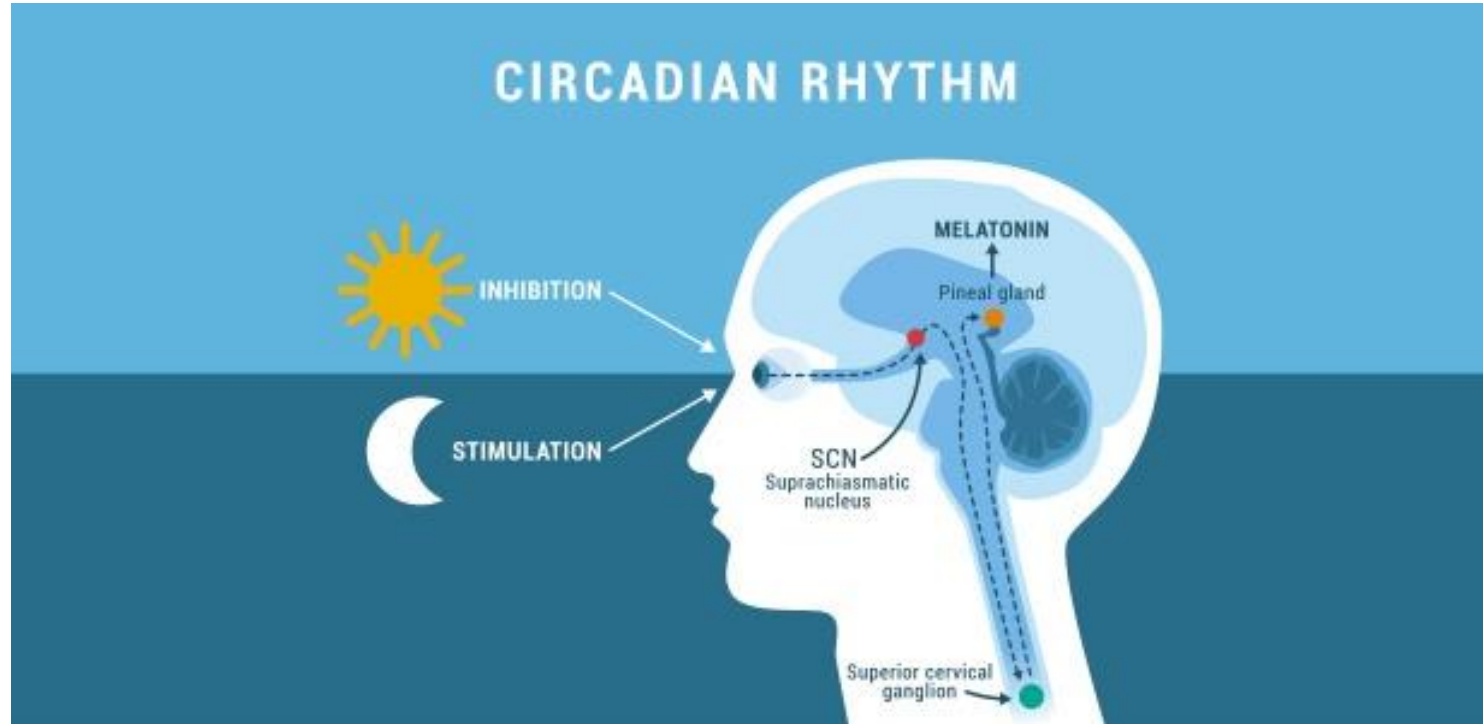
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Normal sleep and wakefulness



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Suprachiasmatic nucleus (**SCN**) is the master pacemaker of circadian system. This is responsible for multiple biologic process including hormone regulation.

Sleep in critically ill patients

Characteristic	Result
Sleep latency	Prolonged
Sleep fragmentation	Increased
Arousals from sleep	Increased
Total sleep time	Unchanged
Timing of sleep	Throughout the 24-h cycle (rather than consolidated at night)
Sleep stage	
1 NREM	Increased
2 NREM	Increased
3 NREM	Decreased or absent
REM	Decreased or absent
	Atypical sleep increased (EEG patterns that do not conform to scoring rules), can be up to 85% of total sleep recorded

Atypical sleep: 85%

Box 1. Contributors to sleep disruption in the intensive care unit

Ventilator mode and other settings (eg, respiratory rate, tidal volume)

Patient-ventilator dyssynchrony

Discomfort, pain, or anxiety caused by endotracheal tube, ventilator or acute illness

Air leakage during NIV

Sedation and other medication (eg, analgesics, vasopressors, corticosteroids)

Patient care activities (eg, vital signs, suctioning, positioning)

Severity of critical illness (eg, sepsis, multiorgan dysfunction)

Noise (eg, conversations, alarms)

Light

Environmental barriers

- Noise
- Light
- Patient care activities

Noise

- Alarms from ventilators, IV pump, CRRT, and nebulizers.
- The WHO recommendations for hospitals: 30 dB (average) and 40 dB (peak)
- Studies in ICUs: 43~66 dB (average) and 80~90 dB (peak)
- Sound peaks > 80 dB are associated with arousals from sleep.
- However, noise is just one of many sleep-disturbing factors.
 - It accounted for only 10~11.5% of arousals, 17% of awakenings, and 8~14% of fragmentation (results by PSG).
- A systematic review was not able to quantify the contribution of noise to sleep disruption

Light

- 100 to 500 lux in office but ~ 1,000 lux in ICUs
- Second only to noise for impacting sleep in the ICU
- Light can affect the circadian rhythm of melatonin, leading to sleep disruption.
 - Low morning light levels and delayed peak light (until the late afternoon) may contribute the circadian phase delay.
- Studies showed that daytime bright light interventions improved sleep in elderly patients in non-ICU patients.
- In a small pilot study, enhanced light exposure (9 am ~ noon) improved circadian rhythms of critically ill patients.

Patient care activities

- Vital signs, phlebotomy, wound care, imaging, etc.
- 40-60 care interruptions each night.
- But 14% of nocturnal interventions are not time critical.
- Vital signs and phlebotomy can be more disruptive to sleep than noise.
- Consolidation of care activities would reduce the number of interruptions, which may depend on ICU staffing.
- However, only 10% of arousals and awakenings were attributable to patient care activities.

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Olson et al. Am J Crit Care 2001;10:74-78

Treatment-related factors

- Mechanical ventilation
- Medications

Sleep in Critically Ill Patients Requiring Mechanical Ventilation*

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Table 3—Disrupted Sleep Group: Sleep Architecture*

Study Period	TST, h	SE, %	Stage 1, %	Stage 2, %	SWS, %	REM, %
Night	3.0 ± 1.9	38 ± 24	40 ± 28	40 ± 23	10 ± 17	10 ± 14
Day	4.0 ± 2.9	25 ± 18	43 ± 26	33 ± 18	15 ± 14	9 ± 6

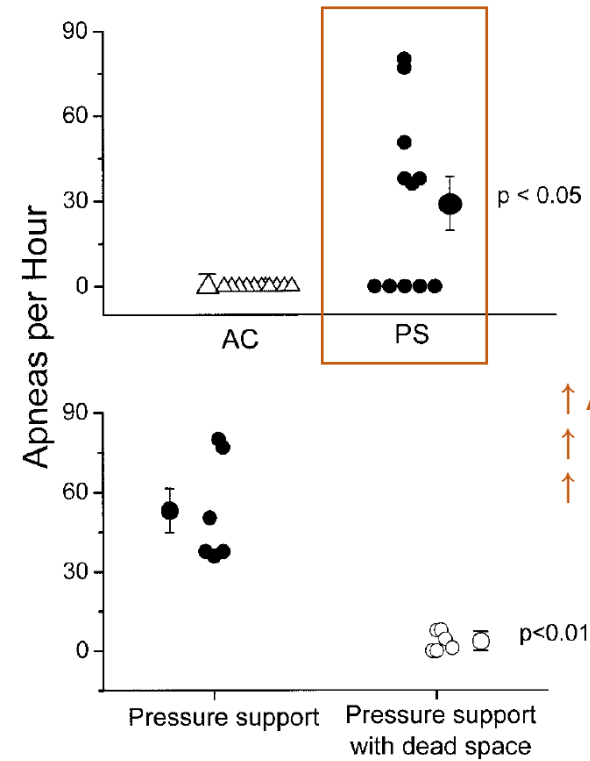
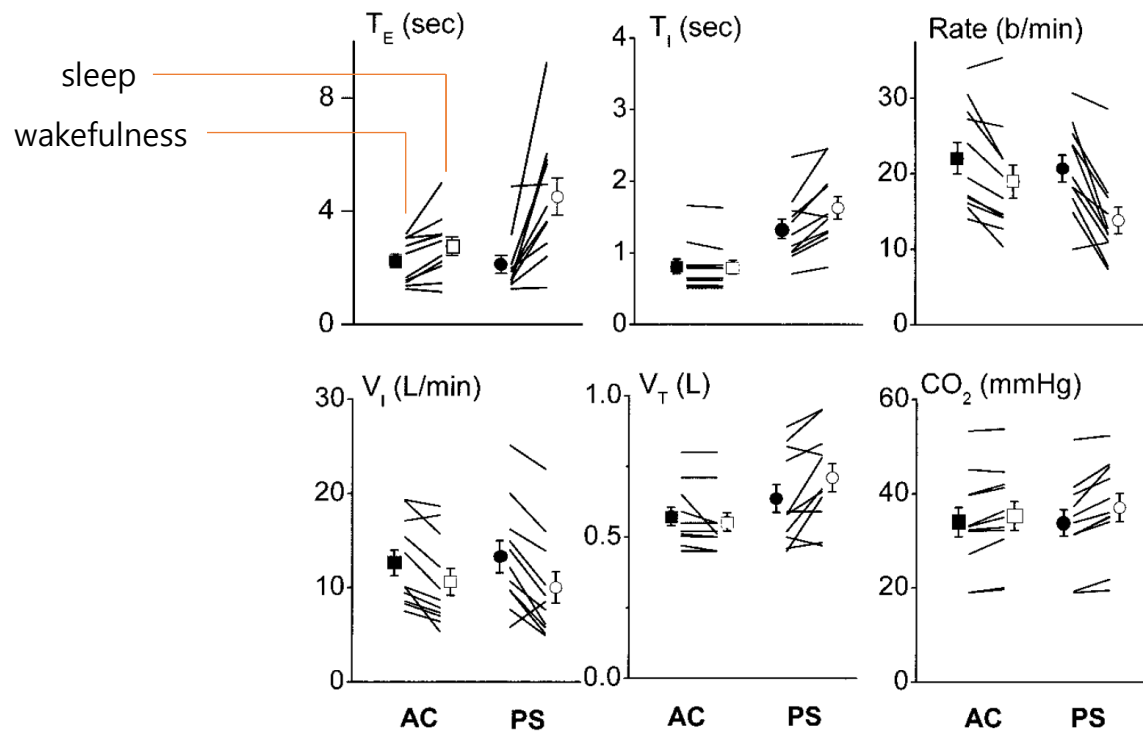
*Mean ± SD unless otherwise noted. All sleep stage values are expressed as percentages of TST.

Effect of Ventilator Mode on Sleep Quality in Critically Ill Patients

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11 critically ill pts

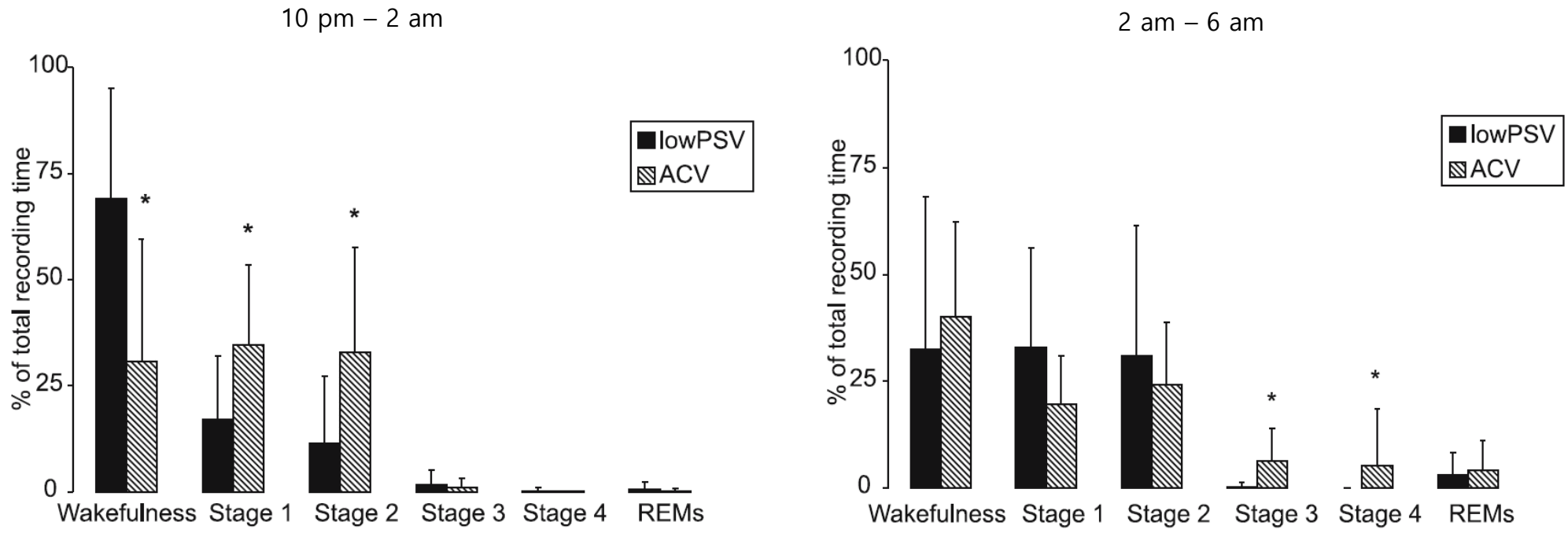


↑ Apnea in PSV
 ↑ HF in central apnea pts
 ↑ Sleep fragmentation in PSV

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Assist-control ventilation vs. low levels of pressure support ventilation on sleep quality in intubated ICU patients

20 patients before extubation (ARF on CRF)



↓ wakefulness in ACV

↑ Stage 3 & 4 in ACV

↑ subjective sleep quality in ACV

Patient-ventilator interaction and sleep in mechanically ventilated patients: Pressure support versus proportional assist ventilation*

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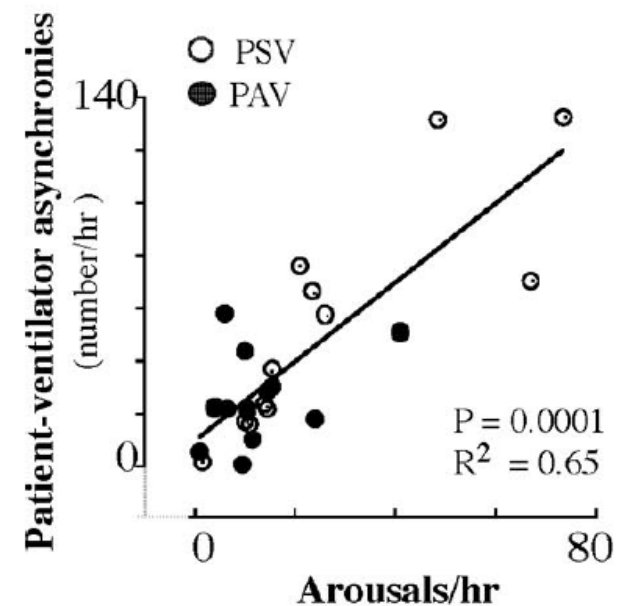
A crossover study with 13 pts

Table 4. Respiratory variables during proportional assist ventilation (PAV) and pressure support ventilation (PSV)

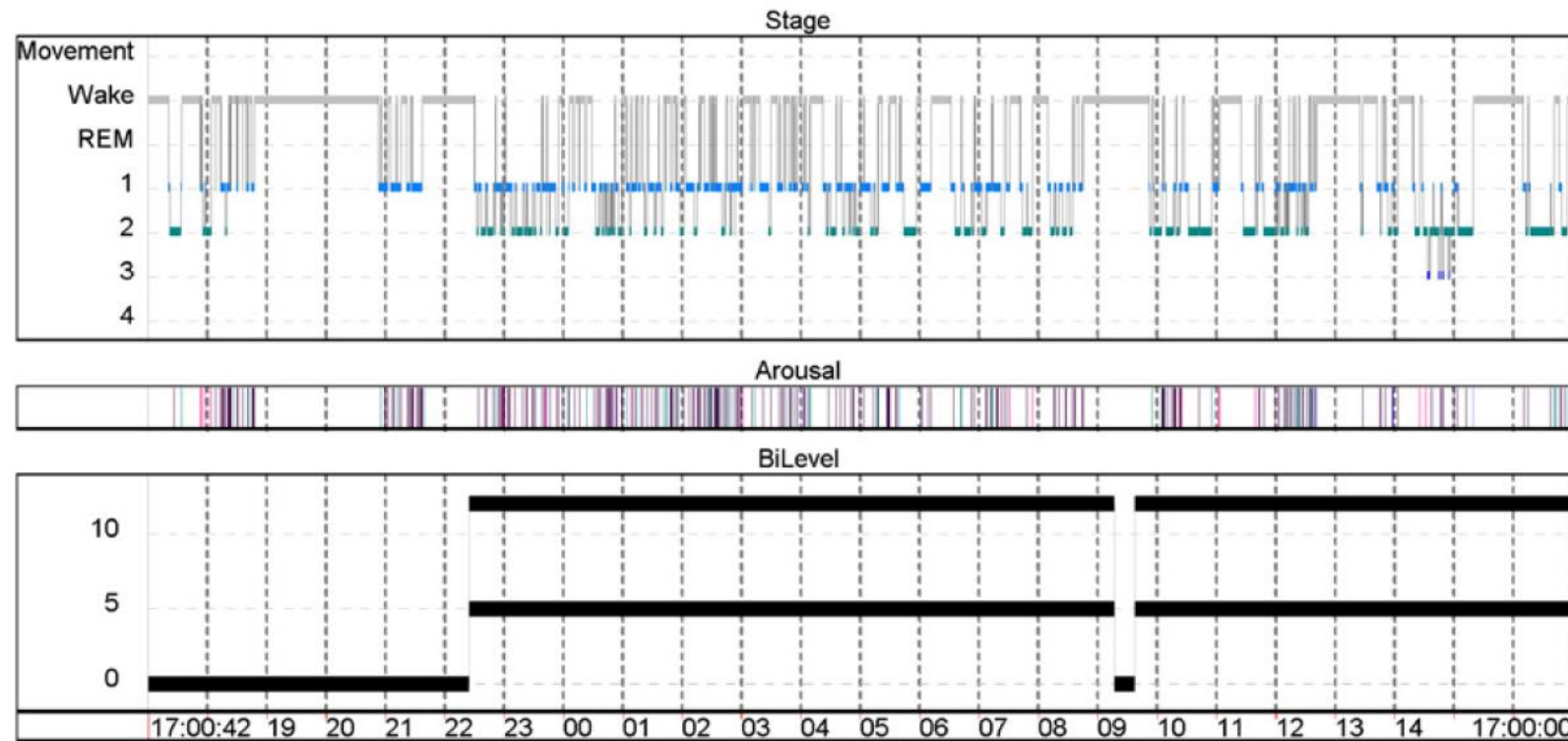
Respiratory Variable	PAV	PSV
V_T , L ^a	0.59 ± 0.13	0.63 ± 0.13 ^b
Ti/Ttot, % ^a	41 ± 5	40 ± 3
RR, breaths/min ^a	24.5 ± 6.1	24.2 ± 5.3
V_E , L/min ^a	13.5 ± 2.3	14.4 ± 2.7 ^b
PetCO ₂ , mm Hg ^a	39.4 ± 6.8	37.3 ± 5.3 ^b
pH ^c	7.43 ± 0.03	7.44 ± 0.03
Morning PaO ₂ , mm Hg ^c	112 ± 15	109 ± 22
Morning Paco ₂ , mm Hg ^c	43 ± 4	41 ± 4 ^b
PaO, cm H ₂ O	11.7 ± 3.5	13.3 ± 3.2 ^b
PTP/min, cm H ₂ O·sec/min	197 ± 78	174 ± 56

Table 6. Patient-ventilator asynchrony

Type of Asynchrony	PAV	PSV
Auto-triggering	5.4 ± 8.2	25.8 ± 42.3 ^a
Ineffective triggering	11.6 ± 10.8	19.6 ± 31.8
Double triggering	5.8 ± 7.3	7.3 ± 6.8
Delayed cycling	0.6 ± 1.0	3.1 ± 4.6 ^a
Total asynchronies	23.7 ± 15.4	52.9 ± 59.2 ^a



Sleep disruption during NIV



Mainly Stage 1 & 2
Paucity of slow wave or REM
Arousals, 23/h

Unpublished data from Ozsancak and colleagues.

Hence,...

Box 2. Strategies to optimize sleep quality during mechanical ventilation

Rest with assist control mode overnight

Avoid overventilation with spontaneous breathing modes
(pressure support or PAV)

Use modes that optimize synchrony (PAV)

Medications

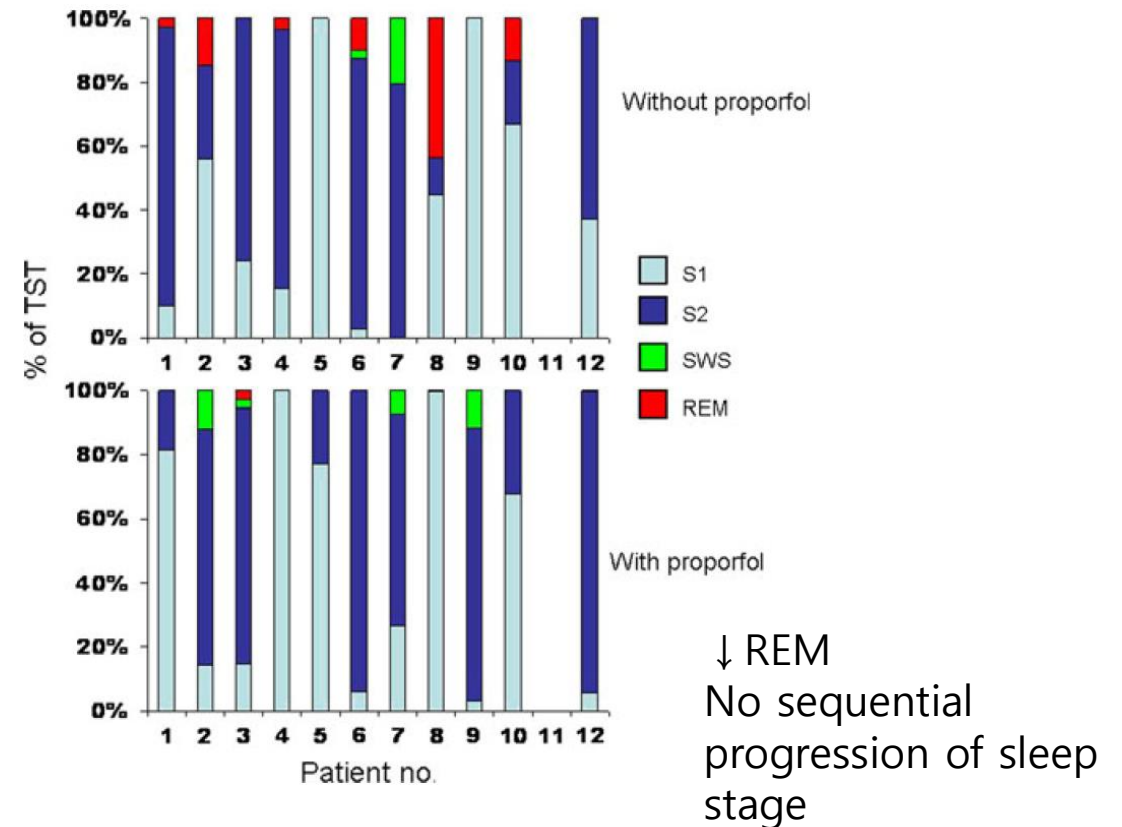
- Benzodiazepines (BZD)
 - ↑ N1 & N2 sleep and ↓ N3 sleep even in low doses
- Propofol
 - ↑ N3 sleep and ↓ REM (↓ sleep quality)
- Dexmedetomidine
 - ↑ N2 sleep and ↓ N1 , a state physiologically similar to natural sleep.
 - The light sedation can lead to more fragmentation in a noisy ICU.
 - Recommended for overnight sedation but not for inducing sleep.
- Opiates
 - At high doses, it contributes to sleep disruption.
 - Symptom of OSA may be worsen
- Beta-blockers, anti-asthmatics, and anti-parkinsonian agents.

Propofol can further worsen sleep quality.

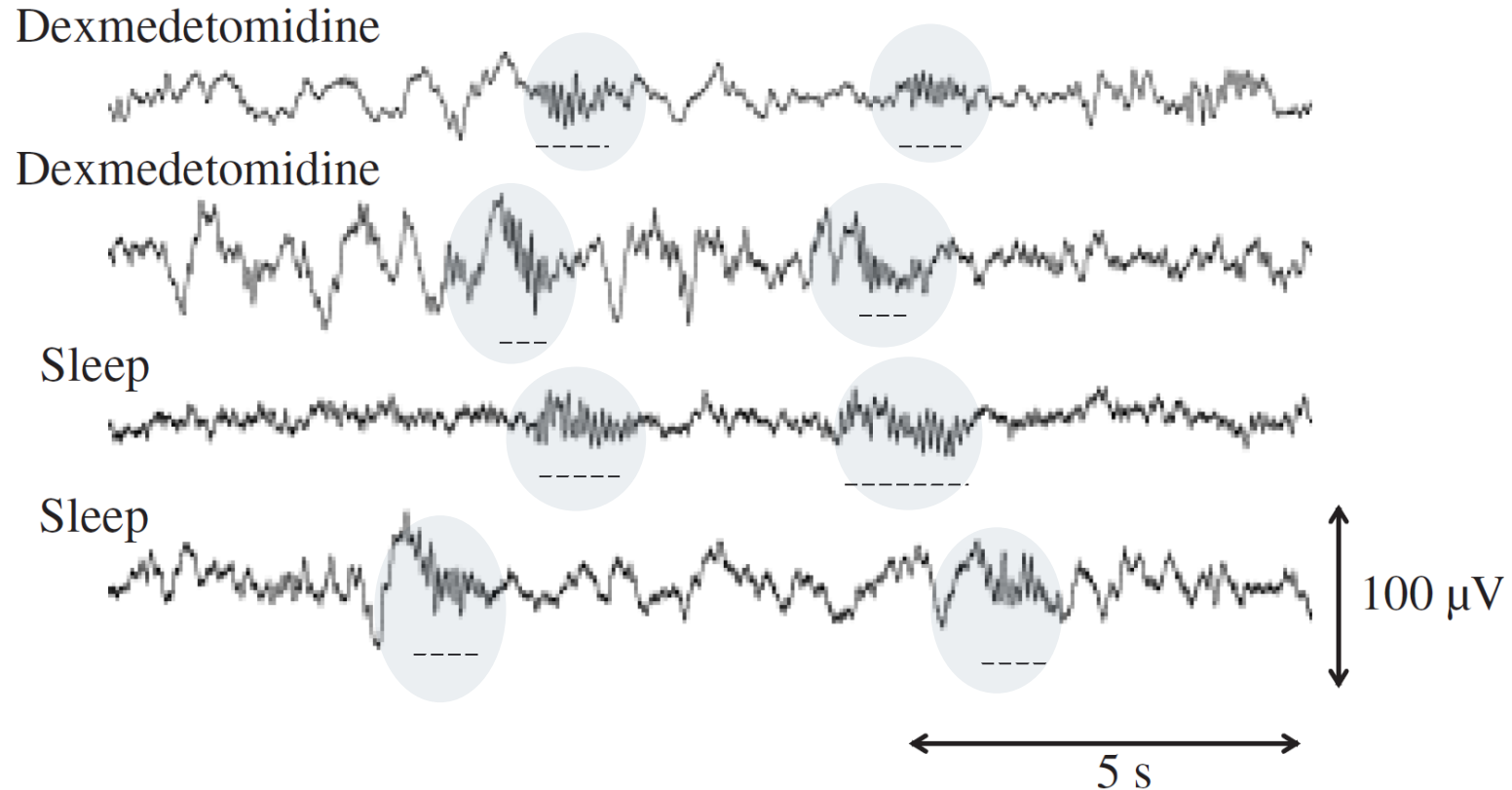
A crossover RCT with 12 MV pts (Ramsay score 3)

Table 2 Sleep architecture without and with propofol

	Without propofol	With propofol	<i>p</i> value
TST (min)	214 (40–285)	260 (113–417)	0.37
Sleep efficiency (% TST)	62.6 (13.1–85.9)	76.3 (28.4–96.9)	0.37
Stage 1 (% TST)	30.7 (4.6–66.7)	20.8 (5.6–80.6)	1.00
Stage 2 (% TST)	46.1 (3.0–80.4)	48.9 (4.8–84.0)	0.66
SWS (% TST)	0 (0–0)	0 (0–5.8)	0.75
REM (% TST)	1.4 (0–13.0)	0 (0–0)	0.04
TSFI (events/h)	8.1 (2.9–16.2)	4.8 (1.3–14.6)	0.33
Stage shifts	21 (7–48)	22 (11–28)	0.69
Intersleep awake (% TST)	11.4 (3.1–42.9)	6.8 (1.2–43.5)	0.79



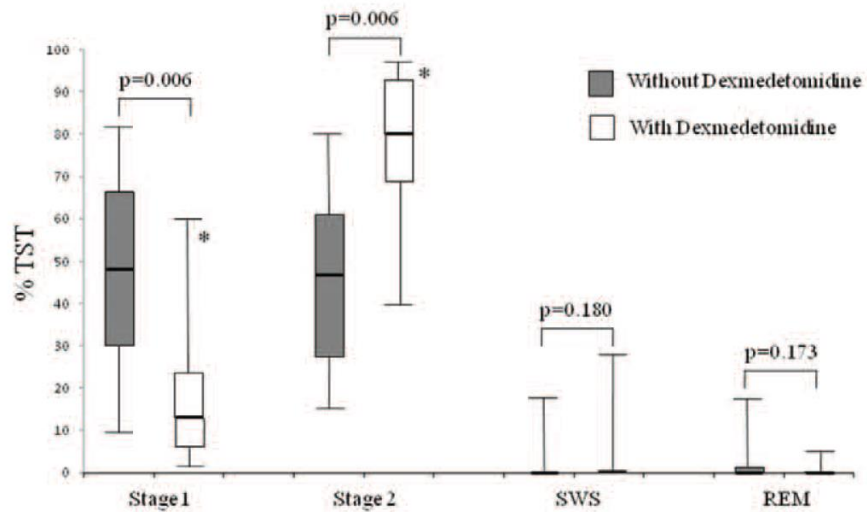
DMDT: a state resembling physiological S2 sleep



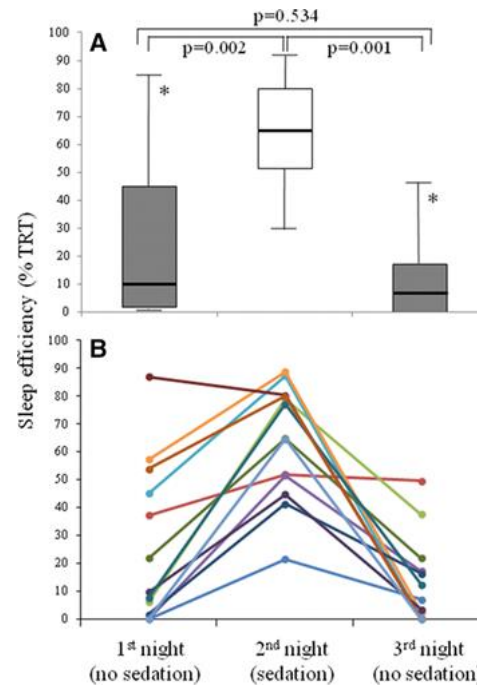
↑ Sleep spindle density and moderate amount of slow wave activity

Effects of Dexmedetomidine on Sleep Quality in Critically Ill Patients

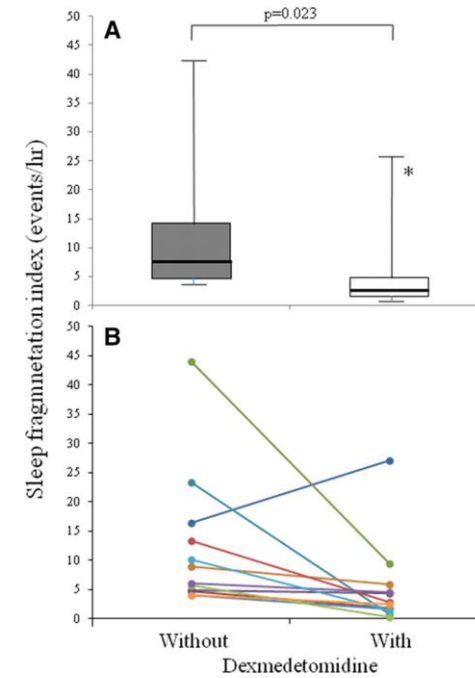
13 stable pts with MV in light sedation



↓ N1 and ↑ N2 with DMDT



↑ Sleep efficacy



↓ Sleep fragmentation

Be careful not to withdraw medication abruptly.

- Withdrawal of opioids, BZDs, nicotine, antidepressants can lead to insomnia and sometimes an increase in REM sleep.
- Abrupt cessation of BZDs or opiates, which are REM-suppressing drugs, may increase REM sleep disproportionately leading to cardiac or respiratory instability

Sleep and delirium

- Their relationship is bidirectional, creating a potentially vicious cycle.
 - REM sleep deprivation was associated with an increase in delirium.
 - Number of days of delirium was associated with post-discharge sleep disturbance.
- No large, well-conducted studies and previous studies did not control for risk factors such as noise, light, and medications.
 - However, strong associations between sleep disturbances and occurrence of post-OP delirium in a systematic review.
- Possible mechanisms
 - Abnormalities of functional network connectivity in prefrontal cortical areas
 - Circadian/melatonin dysregulation



Association between death and loss of stage N2 sleep features among critically ill patients with delirium



A retrospective study of 93 critically ill patients with delirium

Table 2

Electroencephalographic characteristics by K-complex Status.

Full montage EEG characteristics	Sleep category based on sleep montage EEG		
	All patients N = 93	K-complex n = 15	No K-complex n = 78
Degree of encephalopathy: Count (%)			
None	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)
Mild	6 (6%)	5 (33%)	1 (1%)
Mild to moderate	8 (9%)	2 (13%)	6 (8%)
Moderate	36 (39%)	5 (33%)	31 (40%)
Moderate to severe	32 (34%)	3 (20%)	29 (37%)
Severe	10 (10%)	0 (0%)	10 (13%)
			Fisher's Exact <i>p</i> = .001

Table 4

Logistic regression model for death during hospitalization by absence of K-complex.

Independent variables	Odds ratio	Confidence intervals	p-value
No K-Complex	18.8	1.1–337.4	0.046
Moderate Encephalopathy	1.5	0.3–8.1	0.640
Severe Encephalopathy	2.0	0.4–10.7	0.431
Age (per 10 years)	1.5	1.0–2.2	0.039
APACHE II	1.0	0.9–1.0	0.383
Sepsis Present	1.9	0.6–5.4	0.245
Days from Admission to EEG Start	1.1	1.0–1.2	0.116

Sleep disturbances in the critically ill patients: role of delirium and sedative agents

29 post-OP patients
Severe REM reduction: < 6% of TST

TABLE IV.—*Delirium data.*

	ALL (N.=29)	Severe REM reduction (N.=15)	REM reduction (N.=14)	P
Delirium days before PSG, N.	1 (0-11)	3 (2-11)	0 (0-1)	0.009*
Delirium days after PSG, N.	6 (0-62)	25 (6-62)	0 (0-45)	0.006*
Overall Delirium days, N.	9 (0-64)	28 (7-64)	0 (0-51)	0.002*

Data are presented as median (range). *Mann-Whitney test. ICU: intensive care unit; PSG: polysomnography.

TABLE V.—*Multivariate analysis* with sleep (“Severe REM reduction” vs. “REM reduction”) as the a priori dependent factor.*

	Mean, SE	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value
Delirium	119	34.5 (3.9-330.2)	0.0001*
Lorazepam	7	1.9 (1.8-1.2)	0.01*

*Forward logistic regression, Hosmer & Lemeshow test; SE: standard error; CI: confidence interval.

Interventions

- Non-pharmacologic interventions
- Pharmacologic interventions
- Sleep promotion bundles

Non-pharmacologic intervention

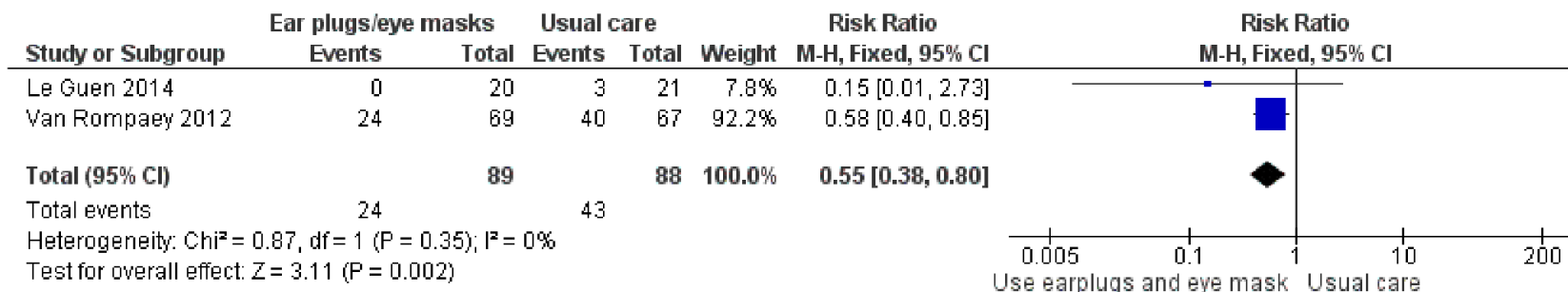
- Control of sound and light (“quiet time at night”)
- Rescheduling of routine patient care (“clustering of care activities”)
- Eye mask and ear plug
- Sleep education
- Treatment of anxiety and promotion of relaxation
- When applicable, adjustment of MV settings
- Massage, VR, warm blanket, music, aromatherapy, acupressure, etc.

“However, complete understanding of preexisting sleep disorder is particularly important”

[Intervention Review]

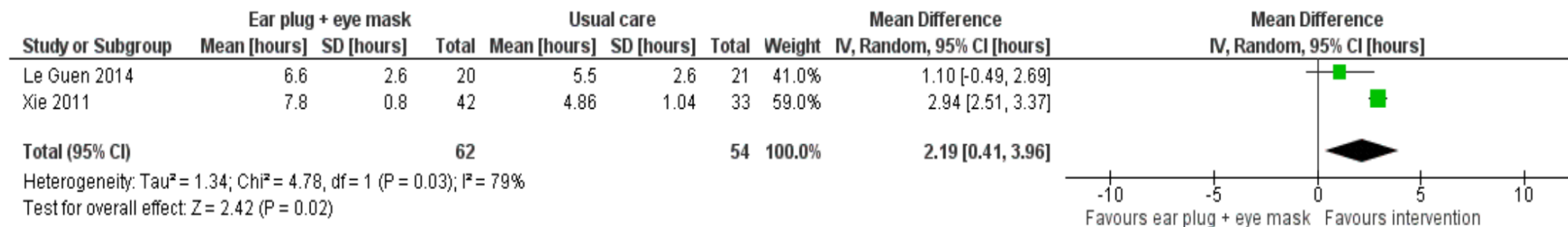
Non-pharmacological interventions for sleep promotion in the intensive care unit

Ear plug/eye mask



Incidence of delirium and confusion

Sleep quality (TST)



Pharmacologic intervention

- Melatonin and Ramelteon (melatonin receptor agonist)
- Analgesics or BZDs
- Dexmedetomidine
- Sedating antihistamines or antipsychotics

"Analgesics should be used to target pain control rather than sedation or sleep"

"Propofol and BZDs should be avoided because they suppress deep NREM and REM sleep "

"There is no currently recommended pharmacological sleep aid for critically ill patients"

[Intervention Review]

Melatonin for the promotion of sleep in adults in the intensive care unit
Table 1. Single study outcome data: melatonin vs no agent *(Continued)*

Study	Measurement (tool)	Data*	Data*	Mean difference (95% CI)*	P value*
		Intervention	Control		
Bourne 2008	SEI, patient assessment (RCSQ)	mean (95% CI): 0.41 (0.24 to 0.59); n: 12	mean (95% CI): 0.50 (0.43 to 0.58); n: 12	-0.09 (-0.28 to 0.09)	0.32
Bourne 2008	SEI, nurse assessment (observations)	mean (95% CI): 0.45 (0.26 to 0.64); n: 12	mean (95% CI): 0.51 (0.35 to 0.68); n: 12	-0.06 (CI -0.29 to 0.17)	0.58
Ibrahim 2006	Duration of sleep, nurse assessment (observations)	median (range): 240 minutes (75 to 331.3); n: 14	median (range): 243.4 minutes (0 to 344.1); n: 18	not reported	0.98
Mistraletti 2015	Duration of sleep, nurse assessment (observations)	9 p.m. to midnight, mean (SD): 1.5 (± 1.6) hours; n: 41 midnight to 7 a.m., mean (SD): 4.5 (± 1.9) hours; n: 41	9 p.m. to midnight, mean (SD): 1.4 (± 1.3) hours; n: 41 midnight to 7 a.m., mean (SD): 4.3 (± 1.8) hours; n: 41	not reported	0.92 0.83

A systematic review does not support the use of melatonin

The Effects of Melatonin Supplementation on Sleep Quality and Assessment of the Serum Melatonin in ICU Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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A multicenter RCT of 223 adults in ICUs
PO melatonin 10mg/d at 8 pm for seven days

Melatonin concentration

Time	Melatonin	Placebo	<i>p</i>
2:00	150 (125–2,125)	32.5 (18.8–35)	< 0.001
6:00	40 (33–100)	25 (12.5–35)	0.021
12:00	35 (30–50)	15 (5–35)	0.024
18:00	40 (32.5–75)	30 (10–40)	0.087

Data are presented as median and interquartile range. Melatonin concentration presented as pg/mL.

Sleep quality

RCSQ Sleep in the ICU	Melatonin (<i>n</i> = 96) (%)	Placebo (<i>n</i> = 96) (%)	RR (95% CI)
Very poor sleep (0–25 mm)	3 (3.1)	14 (14.6)	0.21 (0.06–0.72)
Poor sleep (26–50 mm)	17 (17.7)	15 (15.6)	1.13 (0.60–2.14)
Good sleep (51–75 mm)	32 (33.3)	34 (35.4)	0.94 (0.64–1.39)
Very good sleep (76–100 mm)	44 (45.8)	33 (34.4)	1.33 (0.94–1.89)

Antipsychotics

- Haloperidol – D2 receptor antagonist
- Risperidone, olanzapine, quetiapine (5-HT2 receptor inhibition)

- These agents increase TST, N2 sleep
- Haloperidol and olanzapine increase N3 sleep

Sleep-promoting multicomponent bundle

- A bundle approach is recommended.
- It emphasizes non-pharmacologic interventions
- It discourages the use of sedating drugs.
- But it suggests judicious use of zolpidem or antipsychotics.

The Effect of a Quality Improvement Intervention on Perceived Sleep Quality and Cognition in a Medical ICU*

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Objectives: To determine if a quality improvement intervention improves sleep and delirium/cognition.

Design: Observational, pre-post design.

Setting: A tertiary academic hospital in the United States.

Patients: 300 medical ICU patients.

Interventions: This medical ICU-wide project involved a "usual care" baseline stage, followed by a quality improvement stage incorporating multifaceted sleep-promoting interventions implemented with the aid of daily reminder checklists for ICU staff.

Measurements and Main Results: Primary ICU outcomes were perceived sleep quality and noise ratings (measured on a 0–100 scale using the valid and reliable Richards–Campbell Sleep Questionnaire) and delirium/coma-free days. Secondary outcomes included ICU and hospital length of stay and mortality. Post-ICU measures of cognition and perceived sleep quality were evaluated in an ICU patient subset. During the baseline and sleep quality improvement stages, there were 122 and 178 patients, respectively, with more than one night in the ICU, accounting for 634 and 826 patient-days. Within the groups, 78 (63.9%) and 83 (46.6%) patients received mechanical ventilation. Over

the 826 patient-day quality improvement period, checklist item completion rates ranged from 86% to 94%. In multivariable regression analysis of the quality improvement vs. baseline stages, improvements in overall Richards–Campbell Sleep Questionnaire sleep quality ratings did not reach statistical significance, but there were significant improvements in daily noise ratings (mean \pm sd: 65.9 \pm 26.6 vs. 60.5 \pm 26.3, $p = 0.001$), incidence of delirium/coma (odds ratio: 0.46; 95% confidence interval, 0.23–0.89; $p = 0.02$), and daily delirium/coma-free status (odds ratio: 1.64; 95% confidence interval, 1.04–2.58; $p = 0.03$). Improvements in secondary ICU outcomes and post-ICU outcomes did not reach statistical significance.

Conclusions: An ICU-wide quality improvement intervention to improve sleep and delirium is feasible and associated with significant improvements in perceived nighttime noise, incidence of delirium/coma, and daily delirium/coma-free status. Improvement in perceived sleep quality did not reach statistical significance. (*Crit Care Med* 2013; 41:800–809)

Key Words: Cognition; delirium; ICU; outcome assessment; quality improvement; Richards–Campbell Sleep Questionnaire; sleep

* See also p. 922.

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The Effect of a Quality Improvement Intervention on Sleep and Delirium in Critically Ill Patients in a Surgical ICU

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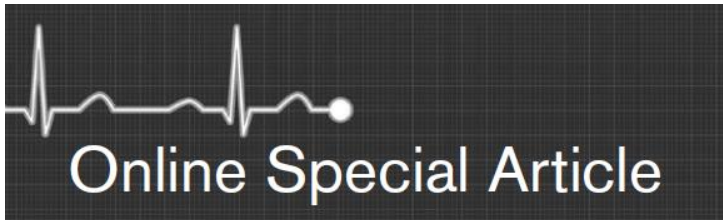
BACKGROUND: Delirium is a deleterious condition affecting up to 60% of patients in the surgical ICU (SICU). Few SICU-focused delirium interventions have been implemented, including those addressing sleep-wake disruption, a modifiable delirium risk factor common in critically ill patients.

RESEARCH QUESTION: What is the effect on delirium and sleep quality of a multicomponent nonpharmacologic intervention aimed at improving sleep-wake disruption in patients in the SICU setting?

STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS: Using a staggered pre-post design, we implemented a quality improvement intervention in two SICUs (general surgery or trauma and cardiovascular) in an academic medical center. After a preintervention (baseline) period, a multicomponent unit-wide nighttime (ie, efforts to minimize unnecessary sound and light, provision of ear-plugs and eye masks) and daytime (ie, raising blinds, promotion of physical activity) intervention bundle was implemented. A daily checklist was used to prompt staff to complete intervention bundle elements. Delirium was evaluated twice daily using the Confusion Assessment Method for the Intensive Care Unit. Patient sleep quality ratings were evaluated daily using the Richards–Campbell Sleep Questionnaire (RCSQ).

RESULTS: Six hundred forty-six SICU admissions (332 baseline, 314 intervention) were analyzed. Median age was 61 years (interquartile range, 49–70 years); 35% of the cohort were women and 83% were White. During the intervention period, patients experienced fewer days of delirium (proportion \pm SD of ICU days, 15 \pm 27%) as compared with the pre-intervention period (20 \pm 31%; $P = .022$), with an adjusted pre-post decrease of 4.9% (95% CI, 0.5%–9.2%; $P = .03$). Overall RCSQ-perceived sleep quality ratings did not change, but the RCSQ noise subscore increased (9.5% [95% CI, 1.1%–17.5%; $P = .02$]).

INTERPRETATION: Our multicomponent intervention was associated with a significant reduction in the proportion of days patients experienced delirium, reinforcing the feasibility and effectiveness of a nonpharmacologic sleep-wake bundle to reduce delirium in critically ill patients in the SICU.



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Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption in Adult Patients in the ICU

- *Question:* How does **sleep in critically ill adults** differ from normal sleep in healthy adults? ↓ N3, ↓ REM, ↓ sleep quality
- *Question:* Is sleep different in critically ill adults if **delirium** (vs no delirium) is present? ↓ REM, ↑ daytime sleep
- *Question:* Is sleep different in critically ill adults who are **mechanically ventilated** (vs not MV)? Worsening sleep fragmentation, architecture
- *Question:* What is the prevalence of **unusual or dissociative sleep patterns** in critically ill adults? Highly variable
- *Question:* **What risk factors that exist before** the onset of critical illness affect sleep quality in critically ill adults in the ICU? Sleep aid, poor sleep
- *Question:* **Which ICU-acquired risk factors** affect sleep quality in critically ill adults? Pain, anxiety, noise, light, medications....
- *Question:* Do **sleep and circadian rhythm alterations** “during” an ICU admission affect outcomes during and/or after the ICU stay in critically ill adults? Its association with ICU outcomes is not known
- *Question:* Should **physiologic monitoring** be routinely used clinically to evaluate sleep in critically ill adults? No
- *Question:* Should **assist-control ventilation** be used at night (vs pressure support ventilation) to improve sleep in critically ill adults? Yes
- *Question:* Should **an adaptive mode of ventilation** be used at night (vs pressure support ventilation) to improve sleep in critically ill adults? No recommendation
- *Question:* Among critically ill adults requiring NIV, should **an NIV-dedicated ventilator** (vs a standard ICU ventilator with NIV capacity) be used to improve sleep? Either one is okay
- *Question:* Should **aromatherapy, acupressure, or music** be used at night (vs not using it) to improve sleep in critically ill adults? No
- *Question:* Should **noise and light reduction** strategies (vs not using these strategies) be used at night to improve sleep in critically ill adults? Yes
- *Question:* Should **a sleep-promoting medication (i.e., melatonin, dexmedetomidine, or propofol)** (vs no use of a medication) be used to improve sleep in critically ill adults? No recommendation for melatonin and DMDT, but propofol is not recommended
- *Question:* Should **a sleep-promoting protocol** be used to improve sleep in critically ill adults? Yes

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