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Sleep in children with OMAS: A to

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Syndrome, Oxford UK**


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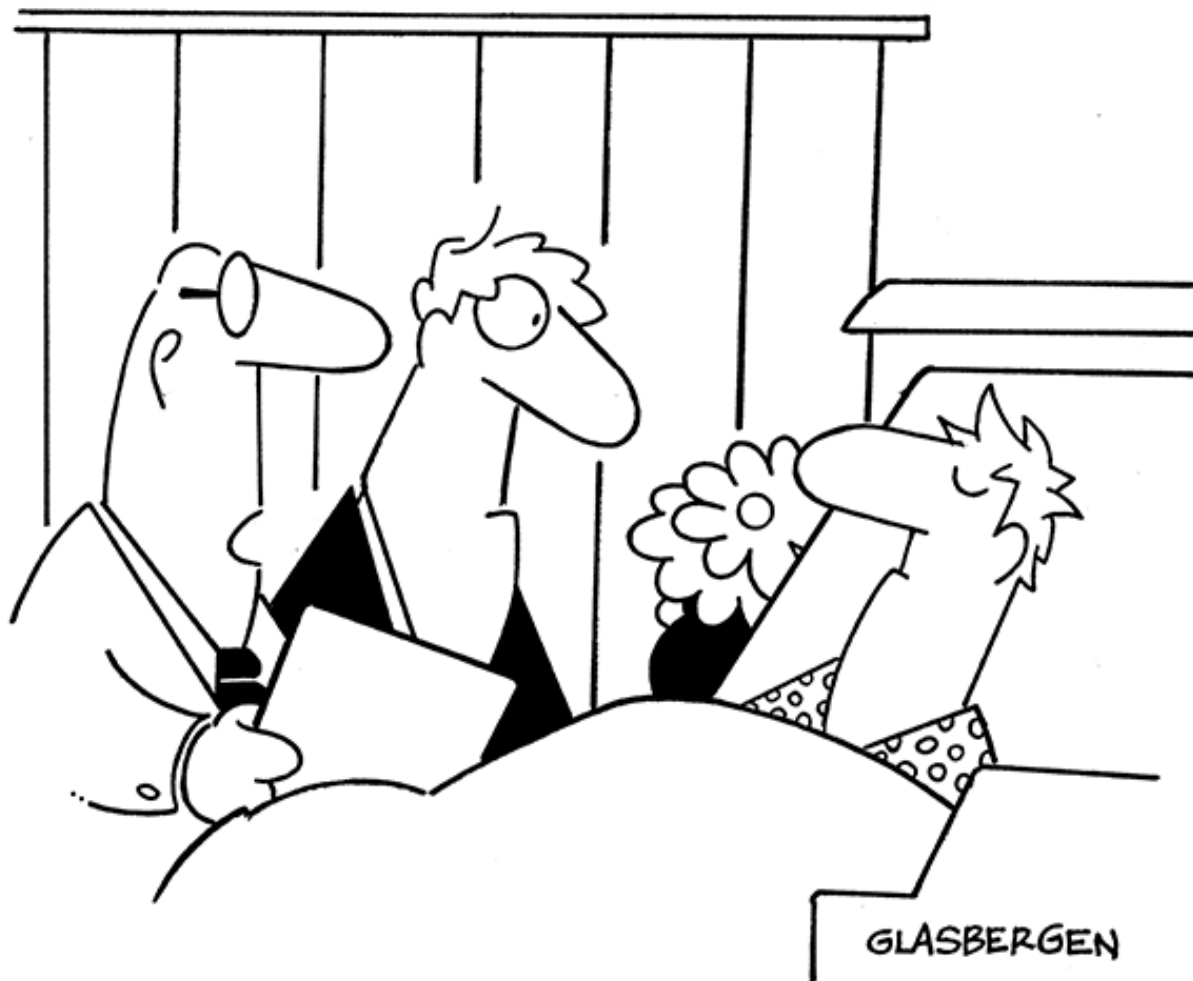
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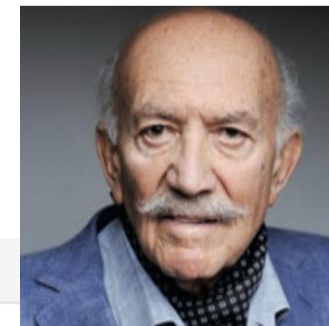


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“He’s in a Powerpoint-induced coma.”

Solomon and Chutorian



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Opsoclonus and Occult Neuroblastoma

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2023 Conference: Future directions: Obstructive sleep apnea

Consider sleep studies in children with residual attention/behavior

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Prevalence of high-risk for obstructive sleep apnea in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder children referred to psychiatry clinic and impact on quality of life

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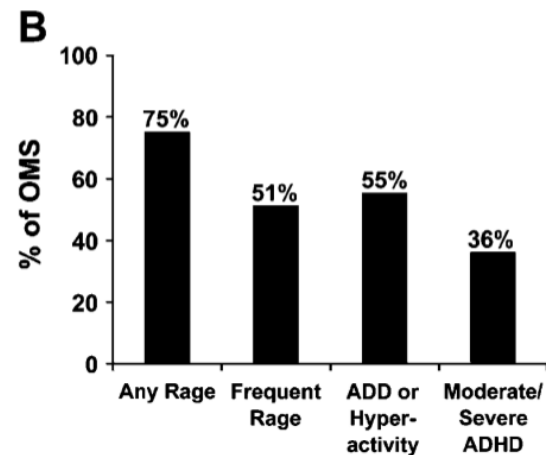
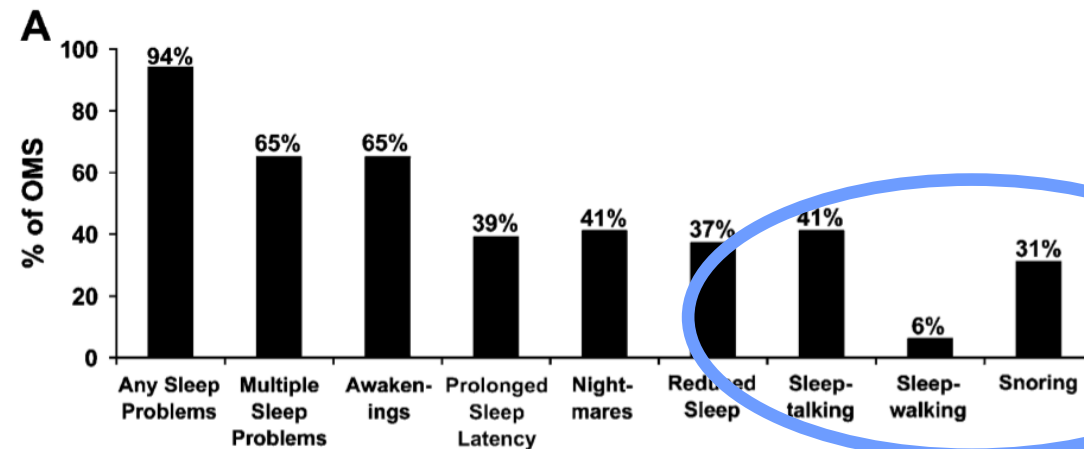


Sleep disturbance and rage attacks in opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome: response to trazodone

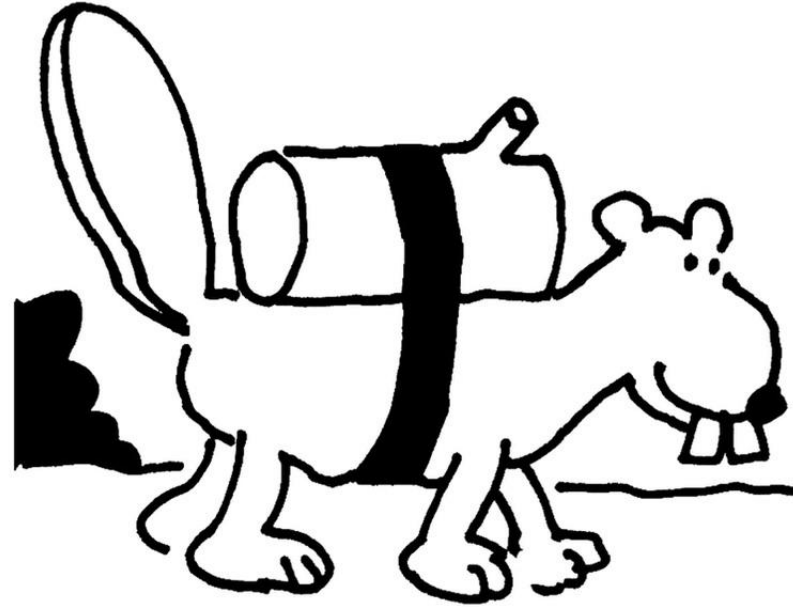
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Research Paper

Inaugural Patient-Reported Registry of Pediatric Opsoclonus-Myoclonus-Ataxia Syndrome: Presentation, Diagnosis, and Outcomes of 194 Patients

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Age, symptoms, and severity at OMAS onset (N = 166)

OMAS symptom onset ([Table 4, Fig](#)) peaked at age 12 to 18 months (27.8% with an older age in females (22 months [15 to 31] vs 18 [14 to 23], $P = 0.0223$) and no significant differences between the tumor and no tumor subgroups. Ataxia was the most frequent symptom at onset (81.7%), followed by opsoclonus (58.9%), myoclonus (56.6%), sleep disturbances (43.4%), tremors (43.4%), temper tantrums (37.1%), and vomiting (22.5%). Myoclonus was more frequent in the tumor subgroup (65.9% vs 44.9%, $P = 0.0059$) ([Supplemental Table 1](#)). Nearly 40% of patients with OMAS did not have opsoclonus or myoclonus as one of the initial presenting symptoms. OMAS severity scale score was ≥ 15 in 41.8%, 10 to 14 in 28.9%, 5 to 9 in 13.9%, and 0 to 6 in 1.0% of patients. Severity of individual signs and symptoms did not differ between the tumor



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Editorial

Shaping Brighter Futures: The Transformative Impact of Sleep on Children and Adolescent Well-Being



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WHY SLEEP MATTERS FOR KIDS

SLEEP RECHARGES KIDS' BODIES AND BRAINS SO THEY CAN:

- Feel calm and refreshed.
- Make good choices.
- Have a healthy weight.
- Pay attention in school.



- Remember what they learned.
- Do better in sports.
- Avoid getting hurt.
- Feel good about themselves.

AFTER 1 OR 2 NIGHTS OF LESS SLEEP, YOUR CHILD MAY:

- Have more meltdowns.
- Make poor choices.
- Zone out in class.



- Forget what they learned.
- Have trouble with sports and games.
- Get into arguments.

KIDS WHO ARE SLEEP-DEPRIVED MAY:

- Feel sad, hopeless, or anxious.
- Become overweight.



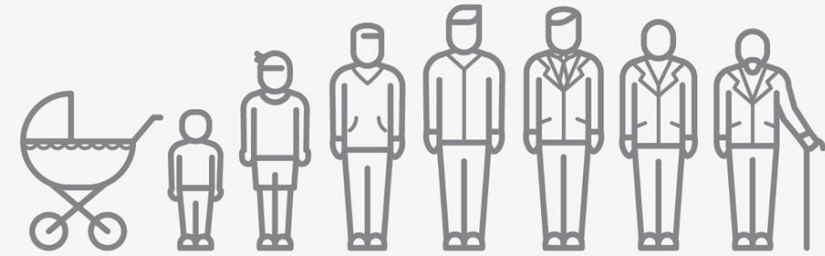
- Make risky choices.
- Use cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs.

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

9-12 hours for ages 6-12

8-10 hours for ages 13-18

How Sleep Changes With Age



Newborns (0-3 months)
need 16-18 hours

Sleep just a few hours at a time

Infants (4-12 months)
need 12-16 hours

The body's clock falls into a day/night pattern

Toddlers (1-2 years)
need 11-14 hours

Take fewer and shorter naps, and sleep longer at night

Preschool (3-5 years)
need 10-13 hours

May start to show "night owl" or "early bird" habits

School-age (6-12 years)
need 9-12 hours

Spend more time in deep sleep

Teens (13-18 years)
need 8-10 hours

Circadian rhythms shift to stay up later

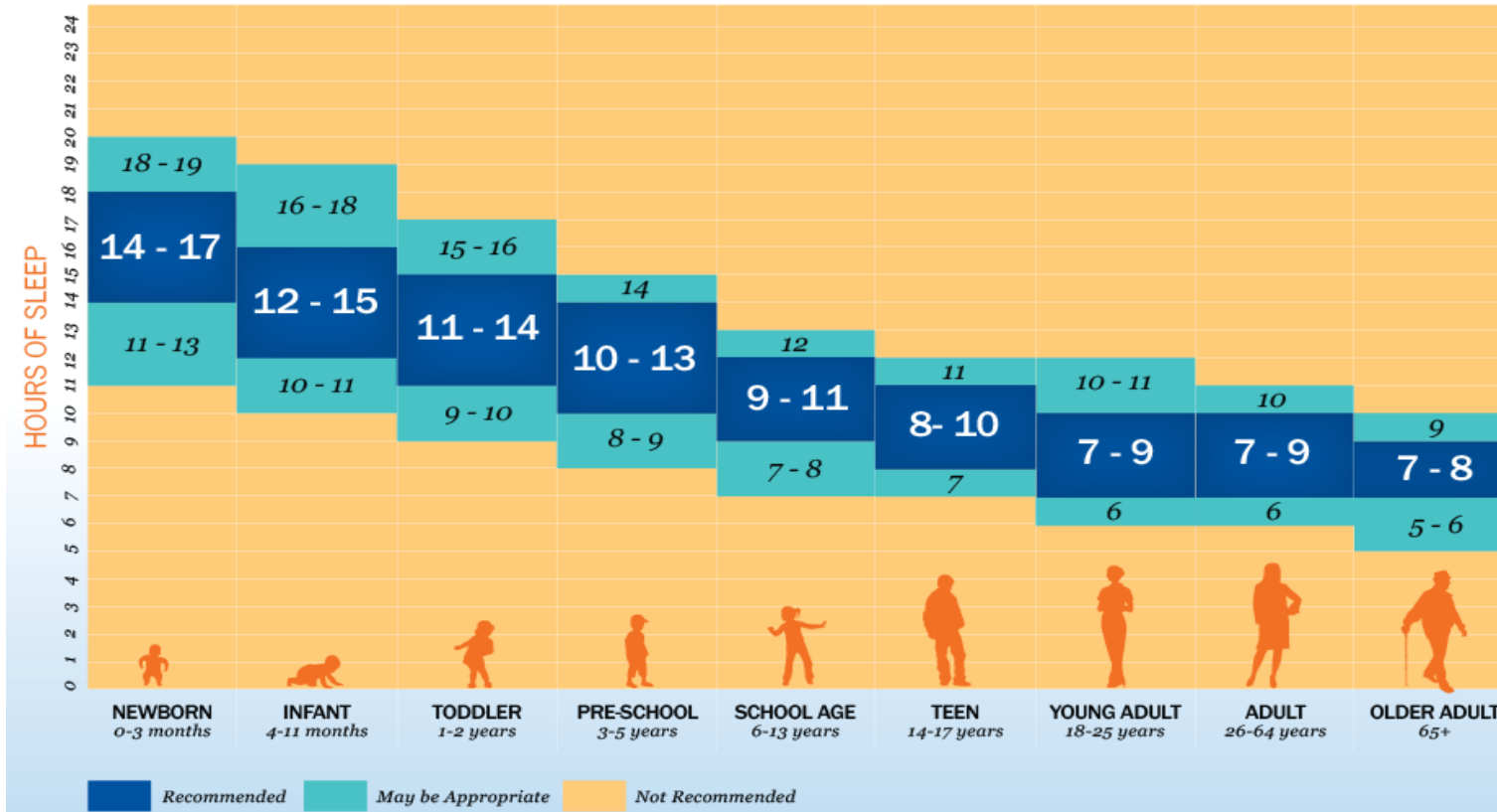
Adults
need 7 or more hours

Over time, get less deep and dream sleep, especially after age 65

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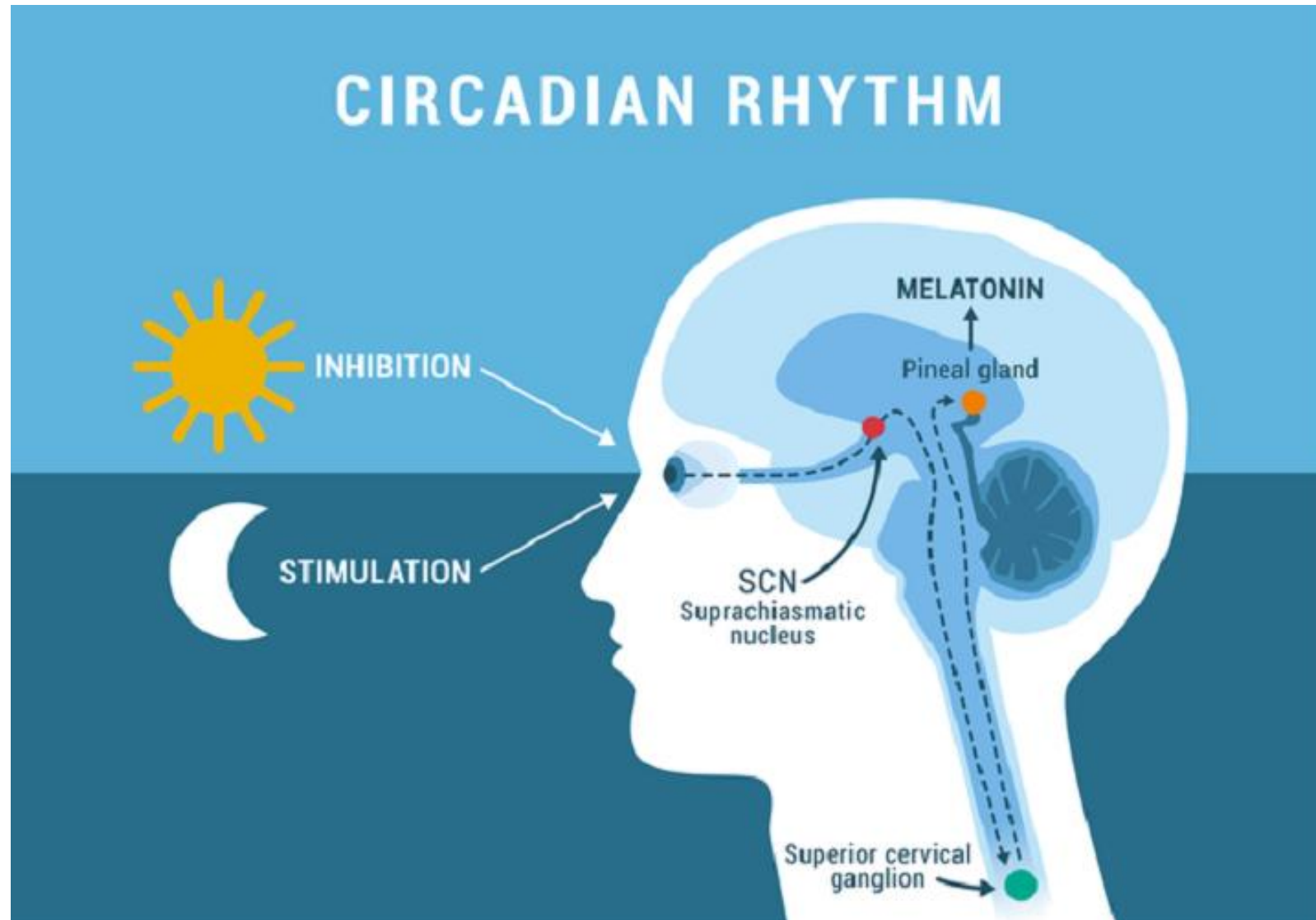
SLEEP DURATION RECOMMENDATIONS



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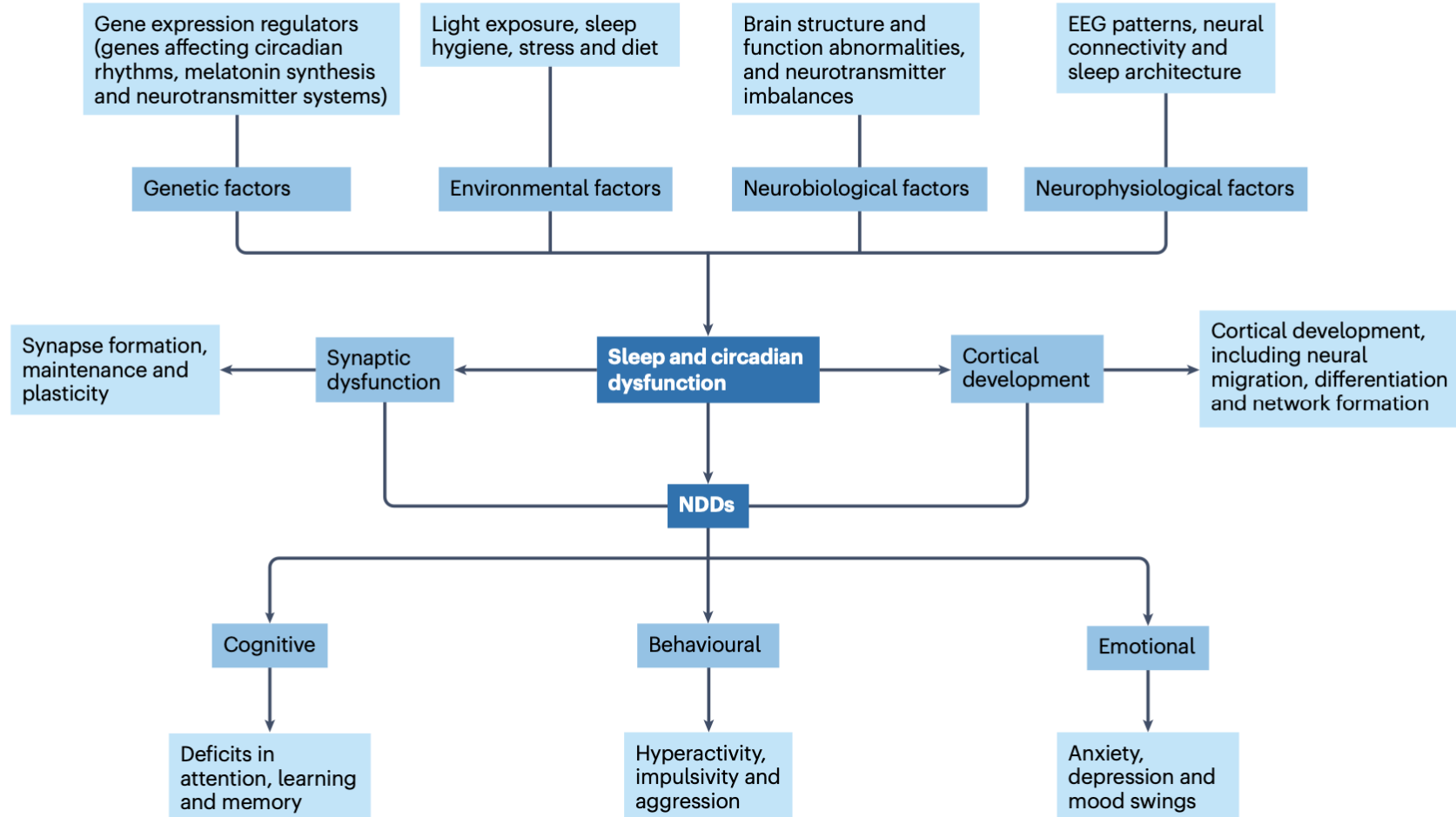
Circadian Rhythm



Sleep and circadian disturbances in children with neurodevelopmental disorders

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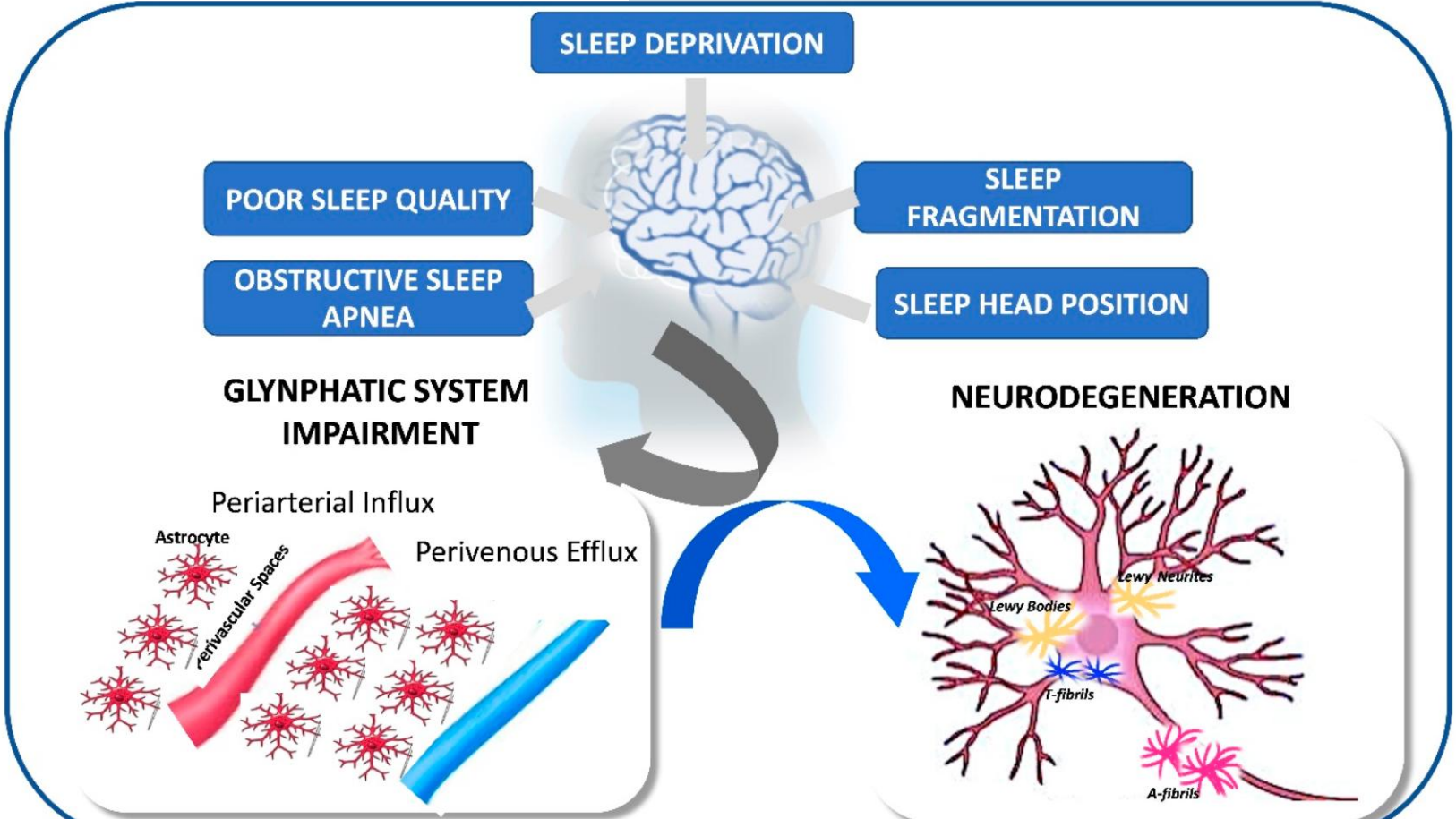
“Glymphatic” Neurodegeneration: Is Sleep the Missing Key?

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Controversial: maybe **less** “brain cleaning” during sleep



Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)

Characterized by:

1. Episodes of complete (apnea) or partial (hypopnea)
2. Collapse of the upper airway → decreased O2 saturation or arousal from sleep
3. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK459252/>

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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Risk factors for OSA

- A. Hypotonia (OMAS? genetic conditions, metabolic disruptions)
- B. Elevated BMI
 - 1) Steroids
 - 2) Decreased mobility 2° motor challenges
- C. Tonsillar/adenoidal hypertrophy (seasonal allergies, chronic infections)

Signs of OSA

- ❖ Behavior issues, irritability
- ❖ Poor sleep, snoring, sleepwalking, choking
- ❖ Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS)

Treatments of OSA

- ❖ Allergy medications
- ❖ CPAP machine
- ❖ BMI control (exercise, diet, GLP's?)
- ❖ Tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy

Untreated OSA

- ❖ Hypertension/Cardiac failure

OMAS: A team sport

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