

# **EVIDENCE BASED OSA MANAGEMENT AND NON-PAP THERAPIES**

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# **Obstructive Sleep Apnea Evidence Based Treatment**

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## **Take Home Points**

1. CPAP is treatment of choice for OSA and a defeatist attitude about CPAP is not justifiable
2. Alternative therapies are available which provide acceptable results for select patients
3. Individualized therapy may be viable in the future based on mechanism underlying OSA
4. Exciting time for sleep field

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Need better therapies/adherence  
Need to identify high risk patients better  
Need more basic research re: mechanisms

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NEJM 2016

Patient Engagement Using New Technology  
to Improve Adherence to Positive Airway  
Pressure Therapy  
A Retrospective Analysis



Chest 2018

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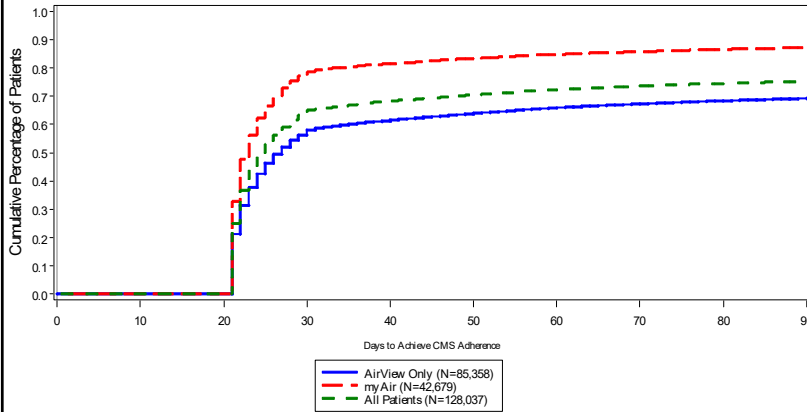
N=952,819 patients with 137,089,667 nights of recording.

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Figure 2

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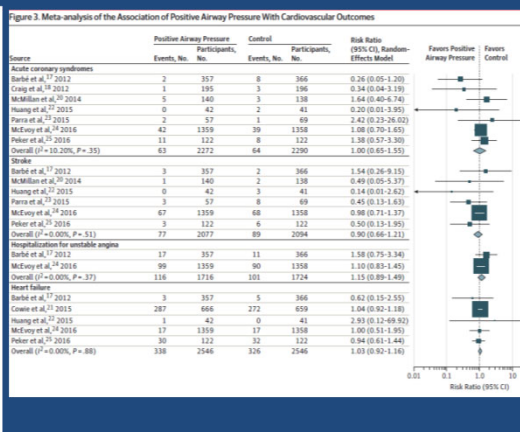
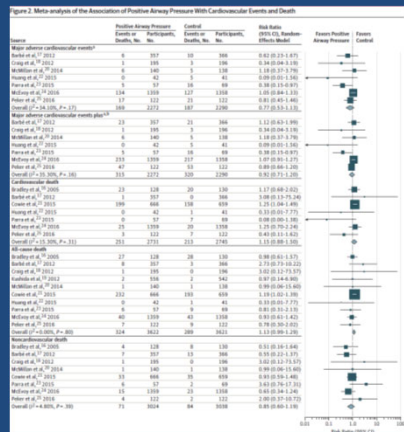
Cumulative Distribution Function of CMS Adherence  
Population: Primary analysis population



JAMA | Original Investigation

Association of Positive Airway Pressure With Cardiovascular  
Events and Death in Adults With Sleep Apnea  
A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Jie Yu, MD; Zien Zhou, MD; R. Doug McEvoy, MD; Craig S. Anderson, PhD; Anthony Rodgers, PhD;  
Vlado Perkovic, PhD; Bruce Neal, PhD



JAMA 2017



**Blood Pressure Improvement with Continuous Positive Airway Pressure is Independent of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Severity**

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Manuel Sánchez-de-la-Torre, Ph.D.<sup>5</sup>; Atul Malhotra, M.D., F.A.A.S.M.<sup>1,3</sup>

- Individual patient meta-analysis
- Blood pressure improvement of 7.1 mmHg in those with elevated BP

JCSM 2014

## Modest Blood Pressure Improvement with OSA?

- 1. If your only reason to treat OSA is BP then there is better improvement with valsartan (AJRCCM 2010)
- 2. Some patients get marked improvements in BP
- 3. BP surges are not captured with non-invasive technology and maybe substrate for plaque rupture
- 4. Treatment of OSA helps oxidative stress and other potential causal pathways.
- 5. Adherence is critical for CPAP > other therapies

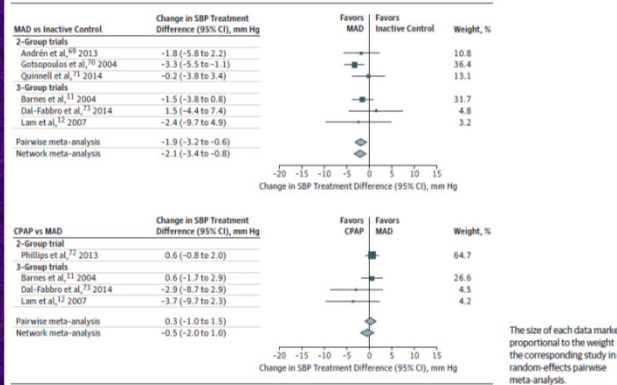
Jordan et al. Lancet 2014; Bhattacharjee et al. in press; Xue et al. AJRCMB 2017

Original Investigation

# CPAP vs Mandibular Advancement Devices and Blood Pressure in Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Daniel J. Bratton, PhD; Thomas Gaisl, MD; Annette M. Wons, MD; Malcolm Kohler, MD

Figure 3. Treatment Effect for Change in Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP) in the Included Trials of Mandibular Advancement Device (MAD) vs Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and vs Inactive Controls



Take Home: Oral appliance is a reasonable second line option for OSA, particularly mild to moderate  
JAMA 2015

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## CPAP versus Oxygen in Obstructive Sleep Apnea

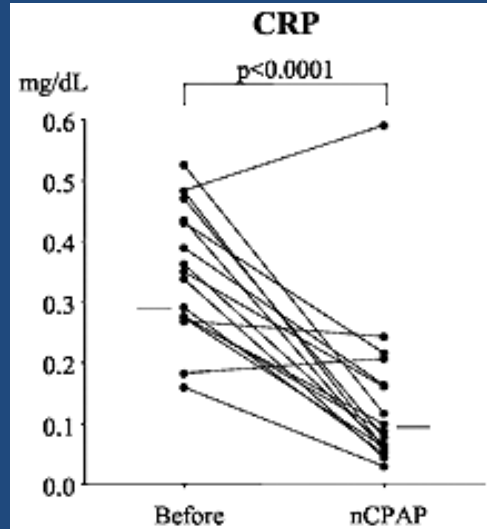
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Variable	CPAP (N=90)	NSO (N=94)	HLSE (N=97)	CPAP vs. HLSE	NSO vs. HLSE	CPAP vs. NSO
24-Hr mean arterial blood pressure						
Baseline	89.5±8.6	88.6±10.0	87.7±9.3			
12 Wk	87.8±8.1	90.2±11.1	89.0±11.2	-2.4 (P=0.04)	0.4 (P=0.71)	-2.8 (P=0.02)

NEJM 2014

## C-Reactive Protein in Patients with OSA is Reduced by Nasal CPAP

(Yokoe et al., *Circulation* 107:1129, 2003)



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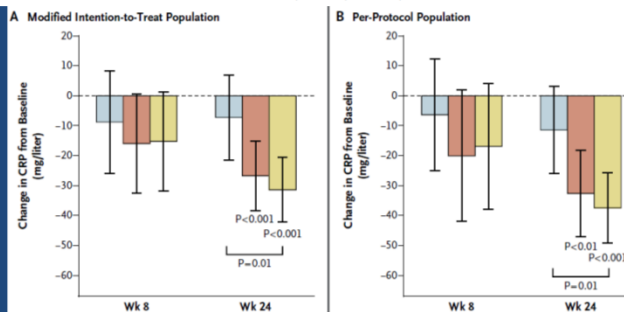
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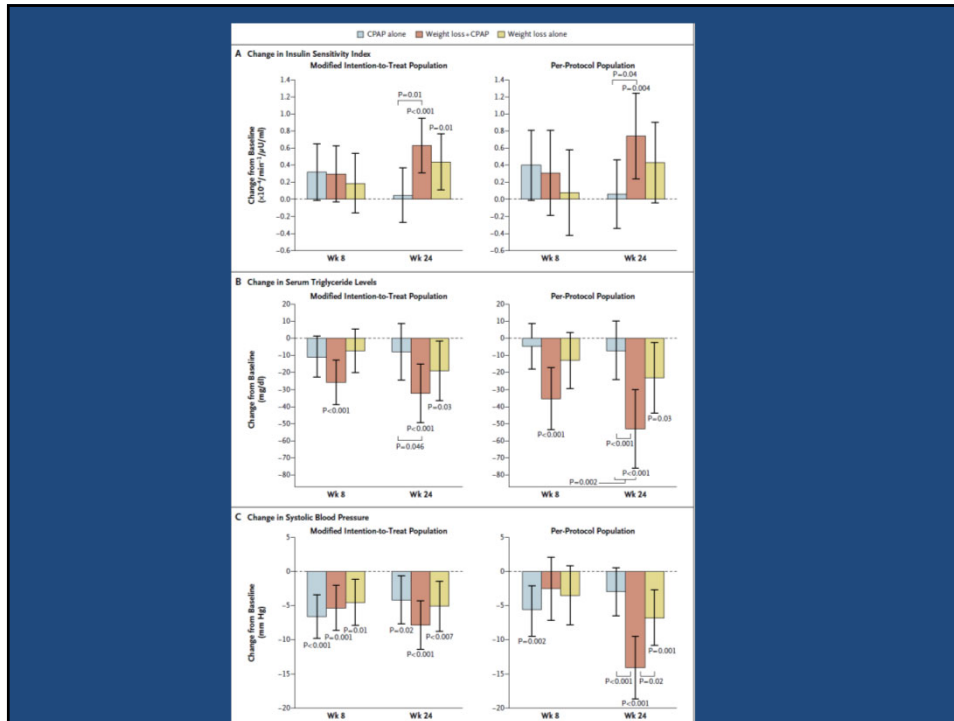
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### CPAP, Weight Loss, or Both for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Julio A. Chirinos, M.D., Ph.D., Indira Gurubhagavatula, M.D., Karen Teff, Ph.D., Daniel J. Rader, M.D., Thomas A. Wadden, Ph.D., Raymond Townsend, M.D., Gary D. Foster, Ph.D., Greg Maislin, M.S., M.A., Hassam Saif, M.D., Preston Broderick, M.A., Jesse Chittams, M.S., Alexandra L. Hanlon, Ph.D., and Allan I. Pack, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D.







**JAMA 2012 Sep 19;308(11):1142-9.**

**Surgical vs conventional therapy for weight loss treatment of obstructive sleep apnea: a randomized controlled trial.**

**Dixon et al.**

**N= 60 with BMI 35-55 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

**Conventional led to 5.1 kg vs. 27.8 kg weight loss in lap band (p<0.01)**

**AHI decrease was 14 vs. 25.5 p=ns**

**CONCLUSION:**

Among a group of obese patients with OSA, the use of bariatric surgery compared with conventional weight loss therapy did not result in a statistically greater reduction in AHI despite major differences in weight loss.

Interpretation: even modest weight loss works

**Gastric banding surgery versus CPAP for OSA:  
The ABC randomized controlled trial**

**Bakker et al. AJRCCM in press.**

**N=49 randomized LGB vs. CPAP to examine impact on  
effective AHI**

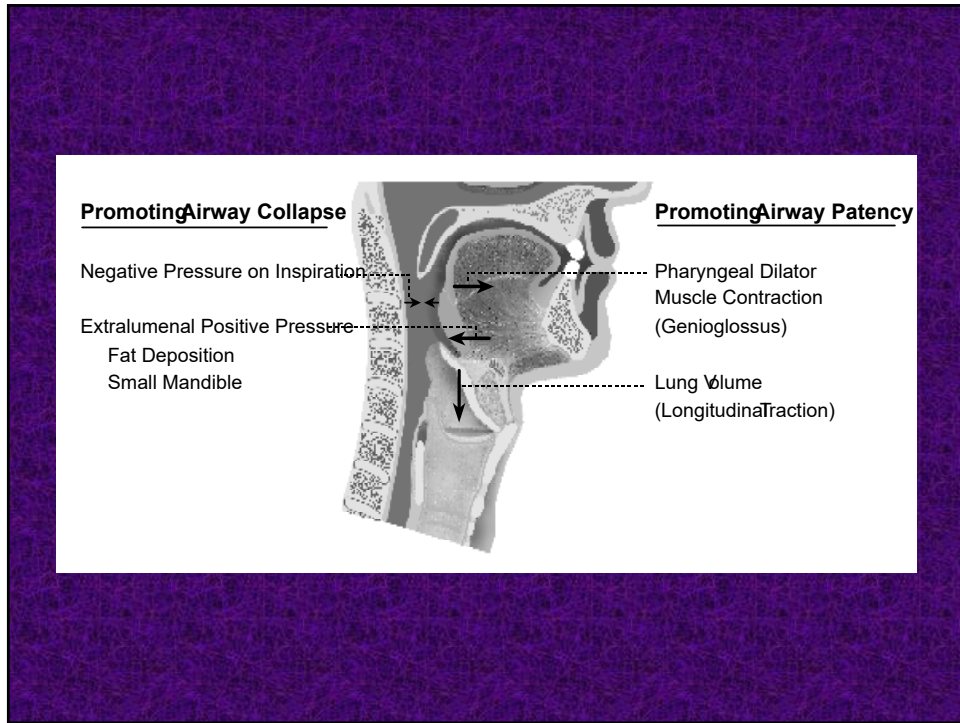
AHI=29.5 vs. 20.0 in LGB vs. CPAP at 9mos and 20.9 vs. 21.4  
at 18mos.

No difference in ESS or other important symptoms

These data suggest that OSA patients should not be  
encouraged to pursue LGB without concurrent CPAP

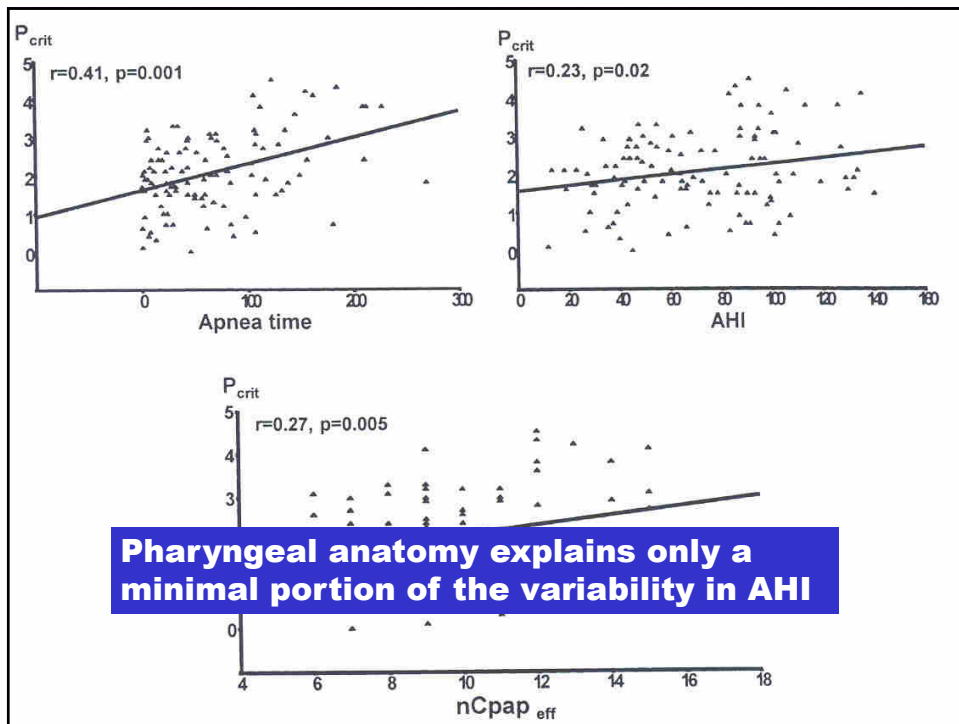
**OSA Mechanisms**

- **There are likely to be multiple mechanistic pathways which we need to understand and recognize**
- **Patients do not all get OSA for the same reason**



## Obstructive Sleep Apnea Underlying Mechanisms

- Anatomy
- Pharyngeal dilator muscle control asleep
- Arousal Threshold
- Loop gain
- Lung volume
- Vascular



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## AIRWAY MUSCLE ACTIVITY IN OSA

### Airway Dilator Muscle Activity and Lung Volume During Stable Breathing in Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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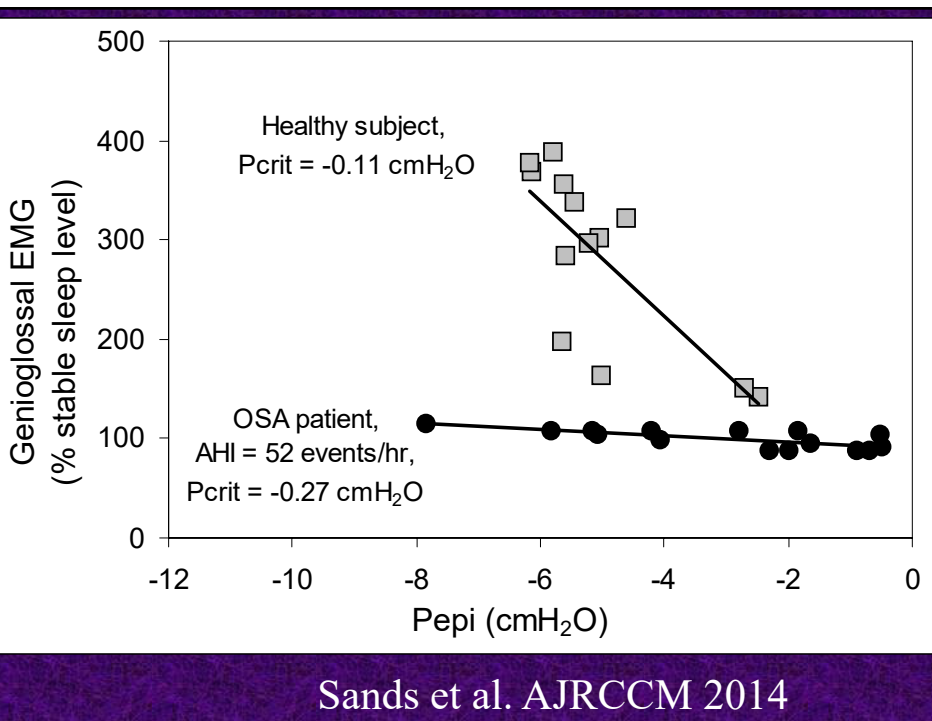
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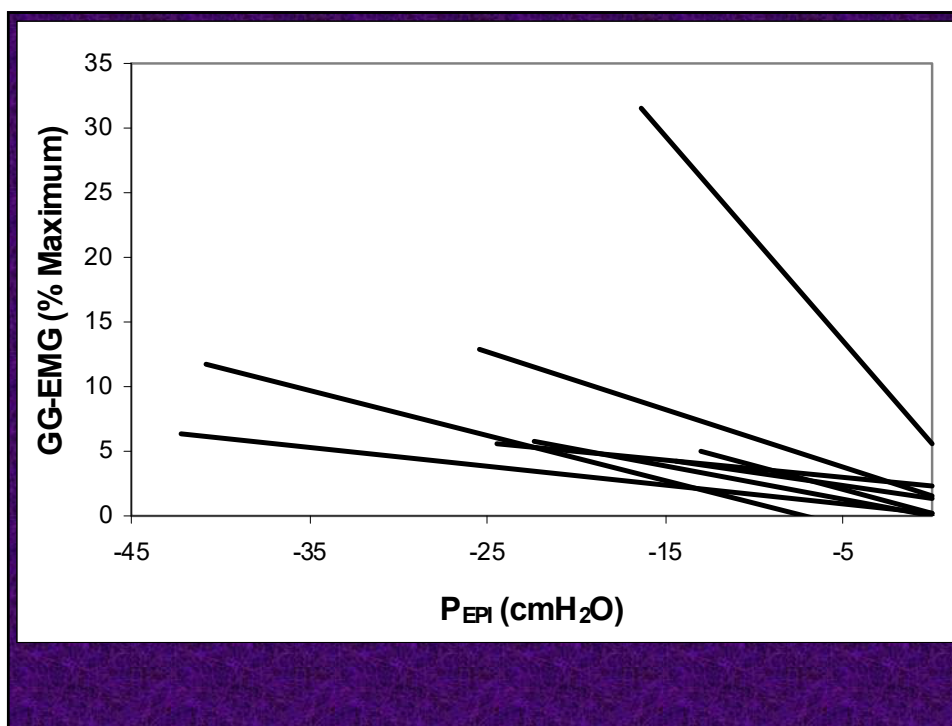
Most OSA patients have some periods of stable breathing

- Studied GGEMG, TPMEG, EELV etc
- Genioglossus activity was invariably high during stable breathing
- Concept: Genioglossus is necessary and sufficient to stabilize breathing spontaneously in OSA



Sleep 2009





## Arousal Threshold – Double-edged Sword

- A low arousal threshold could lead to premature arousal with inadequate time to accumulate respiratory stimuli
- A high arousal threshold could lead to substantial hypoxemia and hypercapnia with end-organ impact
- Therapies to manipulate arousal threshold are likely to benefit some patients and theoretically hurt others

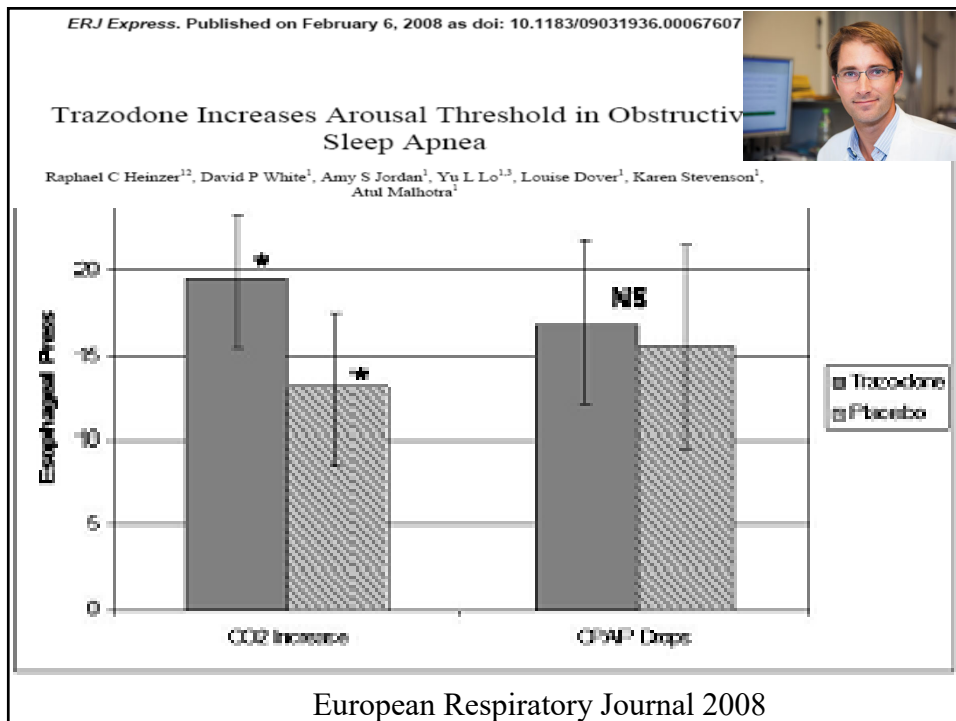
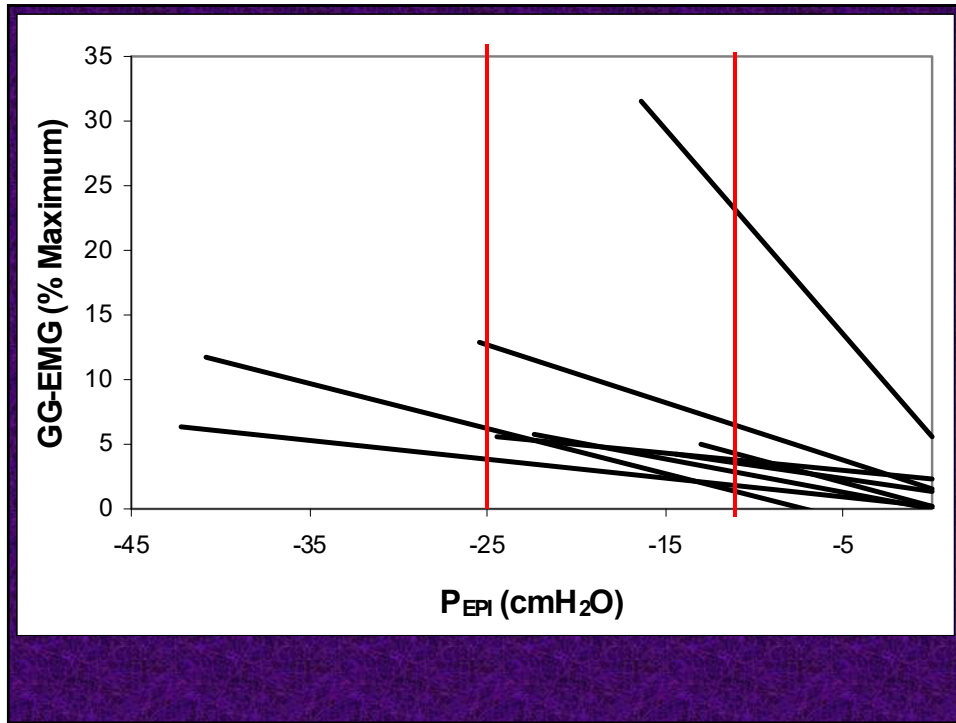
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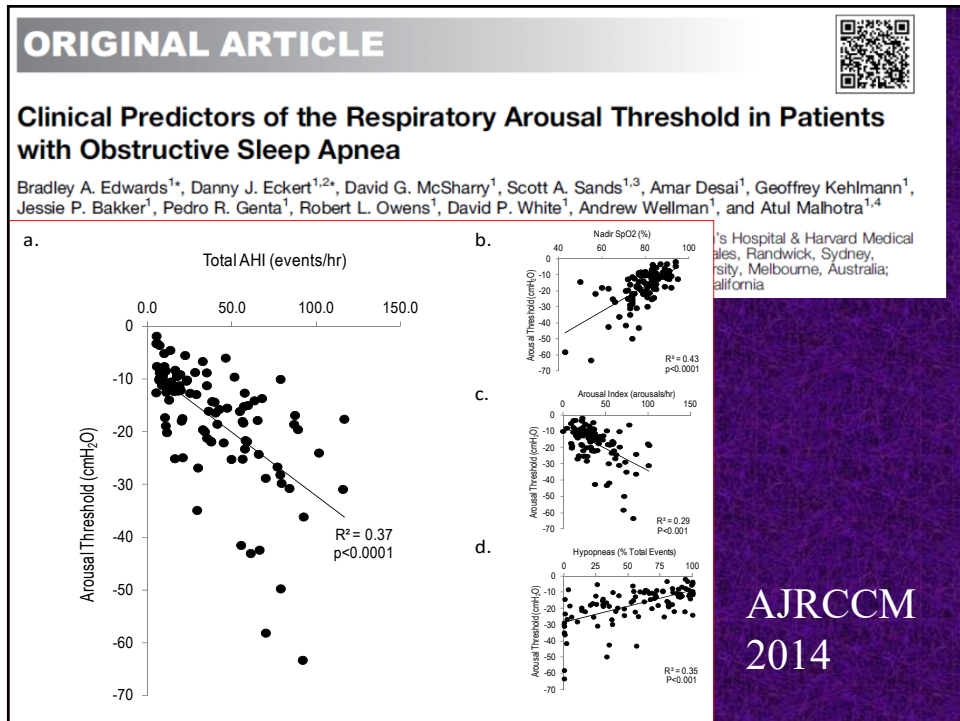
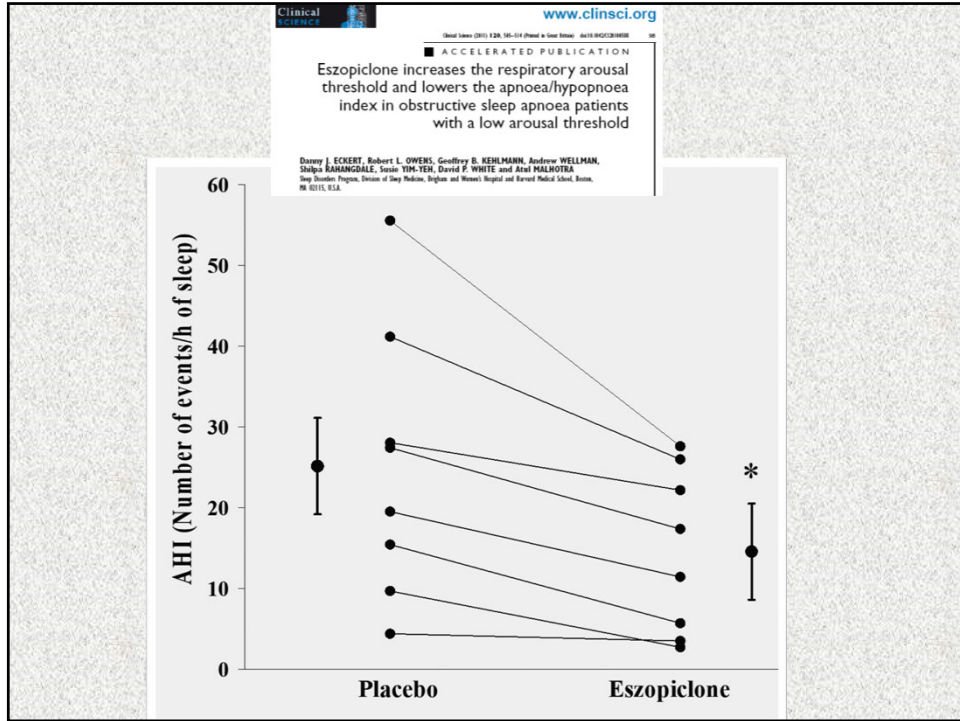
#### Trazodone Effects on Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Non-REM Arousal Threshold

Erik T. Smales<sup>1,2</sup>, Bradley A. Edwards<sup>2</sup>, Pam N. Deyoung<sup>1,2</sup>, David G. McSharry<sup>2</sup>, Andrew Wellman<sup>2</sup>, Adrian Velasquez<sup>2,3</sup>, Robert Owens<sup>1,2</sup>, Jeremy E. Orr<sup>1</sup>, and Atul Malhotra<sup>1,2</sup>

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Saboisky et al. Thorax 2010; Smales et al. Annals ATS 2015







## Arousal Threshold

- >60% of variance in arousal threshold is predicted with AHI, nadir saturation and % hypopneas
- Clinical prediction of arousal threshold may help to guide response to sedative/hypnotics

Editorial

Potential protective mechanism of arousal in obstructive sleep apnea

Naomi Deacon, Atul Malhotra

Editorial

The importance of arousal in obstructive sleep apnea—updates from the American Thoracic Society 2016

Atul Malhotra<sup>1</sup>, Amy Jordan<sup>2</sup>

Journal Thoracic  
Disease 2016

## Pharyngeal Muscle Control

- There are likely to be subgroups of patients who respond to efforts to augment muscle activation
- Perhaps targeting this subgroup would make sense in pharmacological studies
- Increasing upper airway muscle responsiveness may be deleterious in patients with unstable ventilatory control



PHYSIOLOGY IS MEDICINE

PHYSIOLOGY 29: 153–155, 2014; doi:10.1152/physiol.00013.2014 Atul Malhotra,<sup>1</sup> Naomi Deacon,<sup>2</sup> Frank Powell,<sup>3</sup> and Elliot S. Katz<sup>2</sup>

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Adaptive Responses Using Obstructive Sleep Apnea as the Paradigm

several studies investigating pharmacological strategies, e.g., using sedative/hypnotic agents to increase arousal threshold.

## **Obstructive Sleep Apnea Underlying Mechanisms**

- Anatomy
- Pharyngeal dilator muscle control asleep
- Arousal Threshold
- **Loop gain**
- Lung volume

## **Loop Gain**

- **measure of the stability of negative feedback control system**

**Younes AJRCCM 2001**

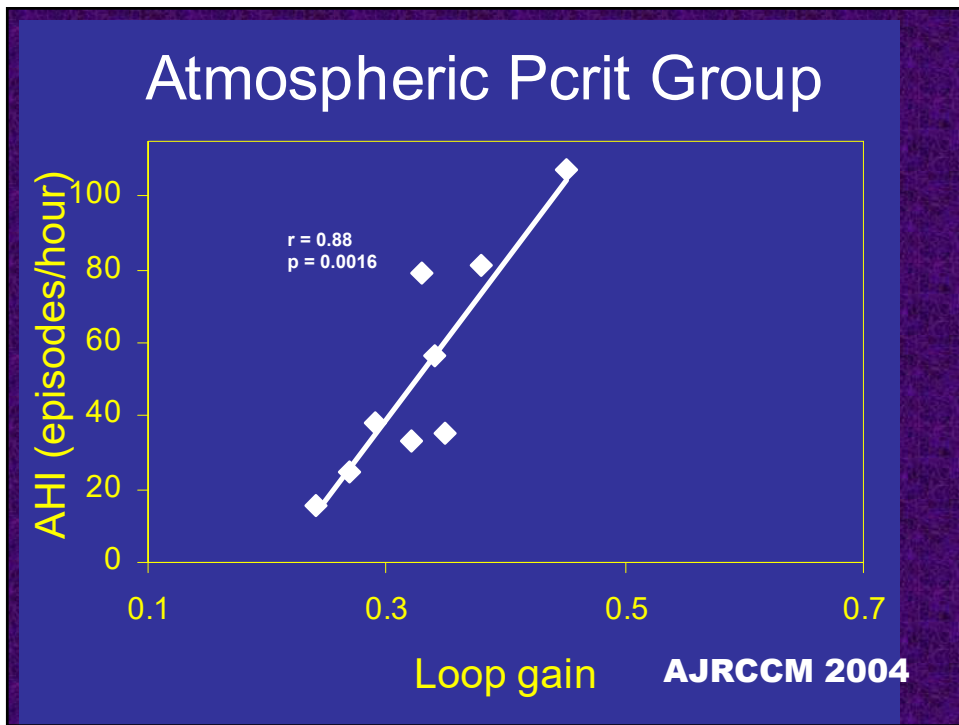
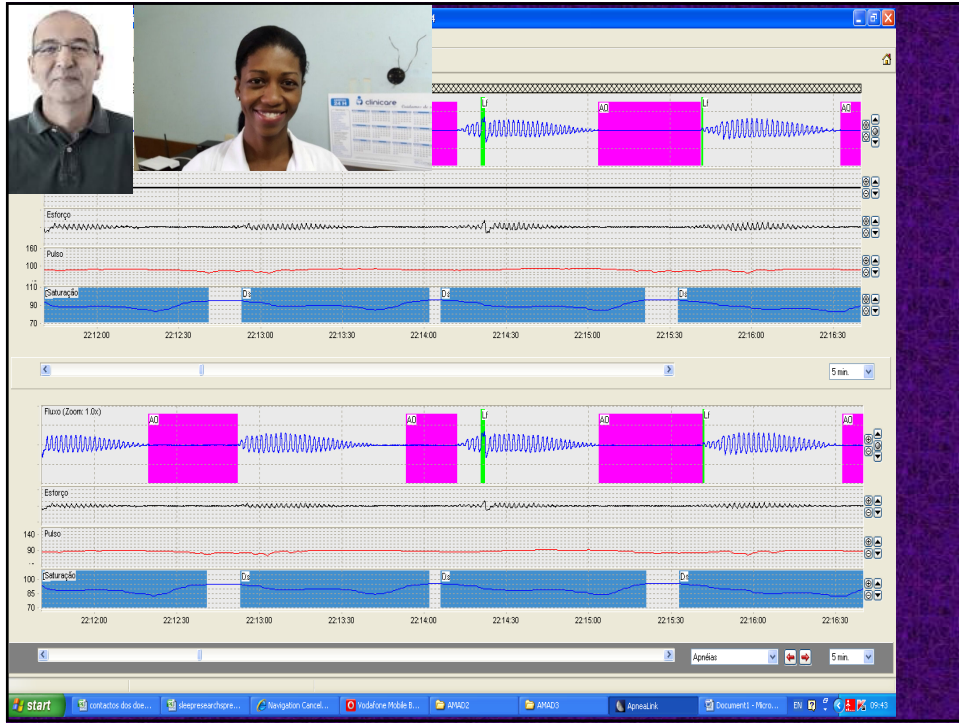
- **Thermostat analogy**

**Inherent vs. Induced Loop Gain  
Abnormalities in Obstructive Sleep  
Apnea**

*Naomi Deacon-Diaz\* and Atul Malhotra*



Deacon and Malhotra *Frontiers in Neurology* in press; *Sleep* in press



SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

## Physiology-Based Modeling May Predict Surgical Treatment Outcome for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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High LG predicts surgical failure

LG lowers after surgery suggesting is partially acquired

Low AT predicts surgical failure ? Therapeutic target

**Results:** Although preoperative loop gain was positively correlated with postoperative apnea-hypopnea index (AHI) ( $P = .008$ ) and arousal threshold was negatively correlated ( $P = .011$ ), in both model 1 and 2, the only significant variable was preoperative AHI, which explained 42% of the variance in postoperative AHI. In contrast, the physiological model (model 3), which included  $AHI_{LEU}$  (anatomy term), fraction of events that were hypopnea (arousal term), the ratio of  $AHI_{LEU}$  and  $AHI_{REU}$  (muscle responsiveness term), loop gain, and central/mixed apnea index (control of breathing terms), was able to explain 61% of the variance in postoperative AHI.

**Conclusions:** Although loop gain and arousal threshold are associated with residual AHI after surgery, only preoperative AHI was predictive using multivariate regression modeling. Instead, incorporating selected surrogates of physiological traits on the basis of OSA pathophysiology created a model that has more association with actual residual AHI.

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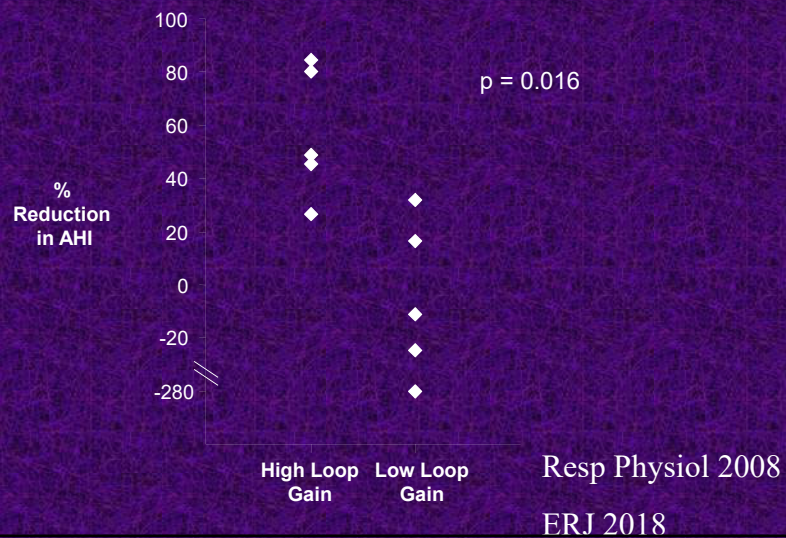
## Obstructive Sleep Apnea Underlying Mechanisms High Loop Gain

Administer agents to reduce loop gain:

- **Oxygen** (Resp Phys 2008, ERJ 2018)
- **Acetazolamide** (Sleep 2013, J. Physiol. 2012, ATS 2019)
- Loop gain can be manipulated pharmacologically in a subset of OSA



## Effect of Oxygen Between Groups



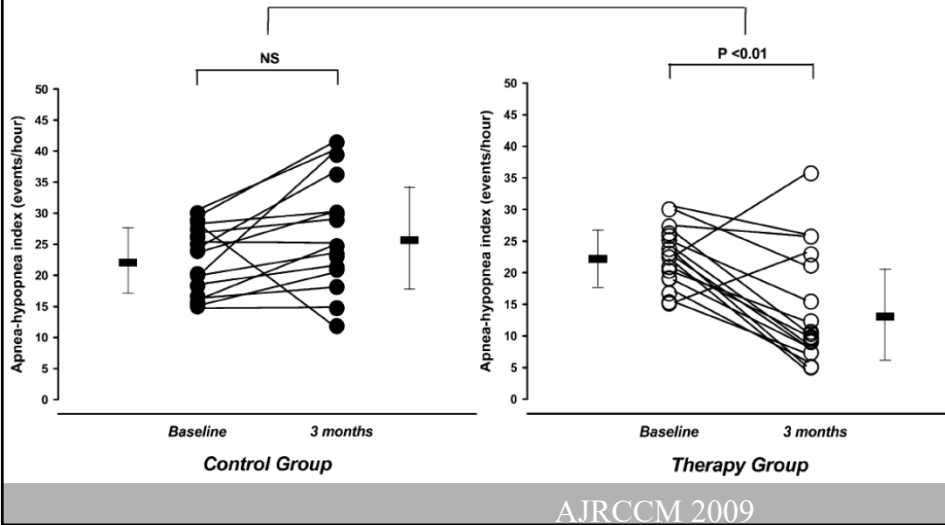
## Obstructive Sleep Apnea Potential Therapies

- Oropharyngeal exercise
- Hypoglossal nerve stimulation
- Winx
- Provent
- Postural therapy
- Bariatric surgery

## Effects of Oropharyngeal Exercises on Patients with Moderate Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome

Kátia C. Guimarães<sup>1</sup>, Luciano F. Drager<sup>1</sup>, Pedro R. Genta<sup>1</sup>, Bianca F. Marcondes<sup>1</sup>, and Geraldo Lorenzi-Filho<sup>1</sup>

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P<0.001



CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY

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## Exercise Is Associated with a Reduced Incidence of Sleep-disordered Breathing

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Table 2 Association of Exercise and Incidence of Mild and Moderate SDB\*

	n	Adjusted†	
		Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Incidence of AHI $\geq 5$ /h§			
Baseline exercise (trend)	763	0.76 (0.62-0.94)	.011
Baseline exercise ( $\geq 4$ h/week vs no exercise)	763	0.59 (0.39-0.89)	.012
Incidence of AHI $\geq 15$ /h§			
Baseline exercise (trend)	959	0.67 (0.51-0.87)	.002
>Baseline exercise ( $\geq 4$ h/week vs no exercise)	959	0.47 (0.28-0.79)	.004

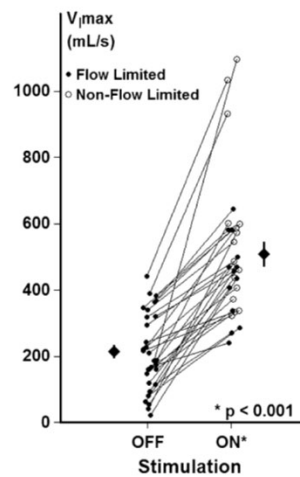
AJM 2012



## Acute Upper Airway Responses to Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation during Sleep in Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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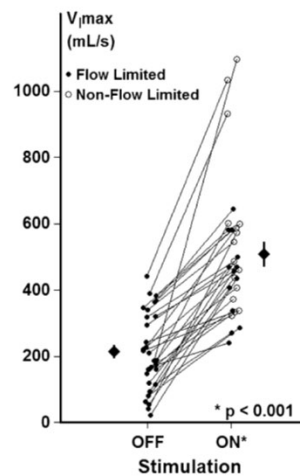


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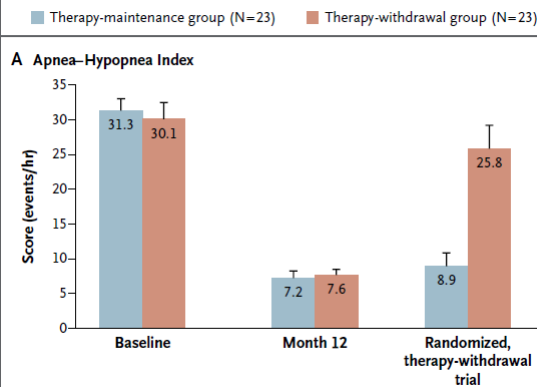


Speculation: progressive reductions in airflow may reflect UA muscle dysfunction which could be amenable to hypoglossal nerve stimulation or pharmacotherapy

AJRCCM 2012

## Upper-Airway Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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2014;  
OHNS  
2018

## Hypoglossal-Nerve Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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- NEJM 2014 Strollo et al. showed potential benefit to HGNS for OSA
- Unclear which patients might respond best
- Underlying mechanism of OSA is likely to be important predictor

Stimulating therapy for obstructive sleep apnoea

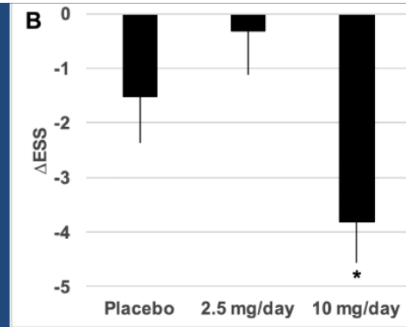
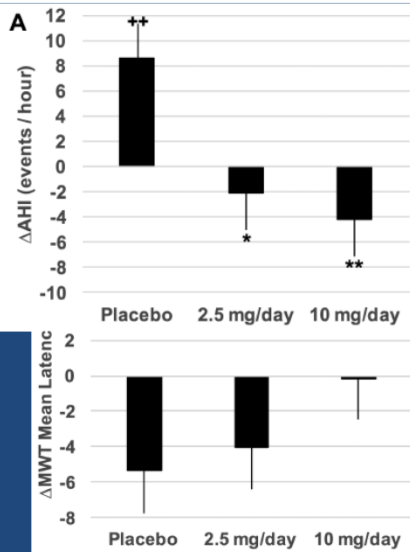
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NEJM 2014; Thorax 2016



## Pharmacotherapy of Apnea by Cannabimimetic Enhancement, the *PACE* Clinical Trial: Effects of Dronabinol in Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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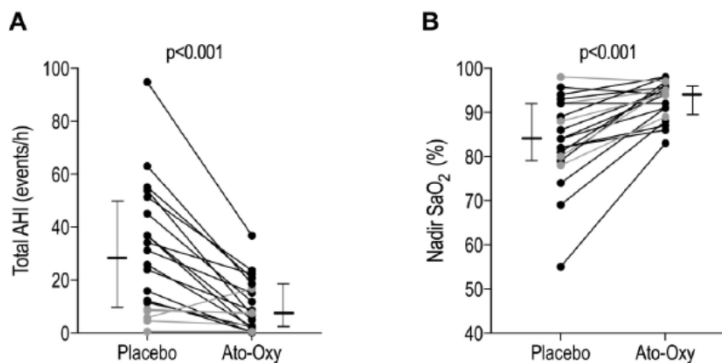


Take Home: dronabinol is not ready for prime time treatment of OSA

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## The Combination of Atomoxetine and Oxybutynin Greatly Reduces Obstructive Sleep Apnea Severity: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Crossover Trial

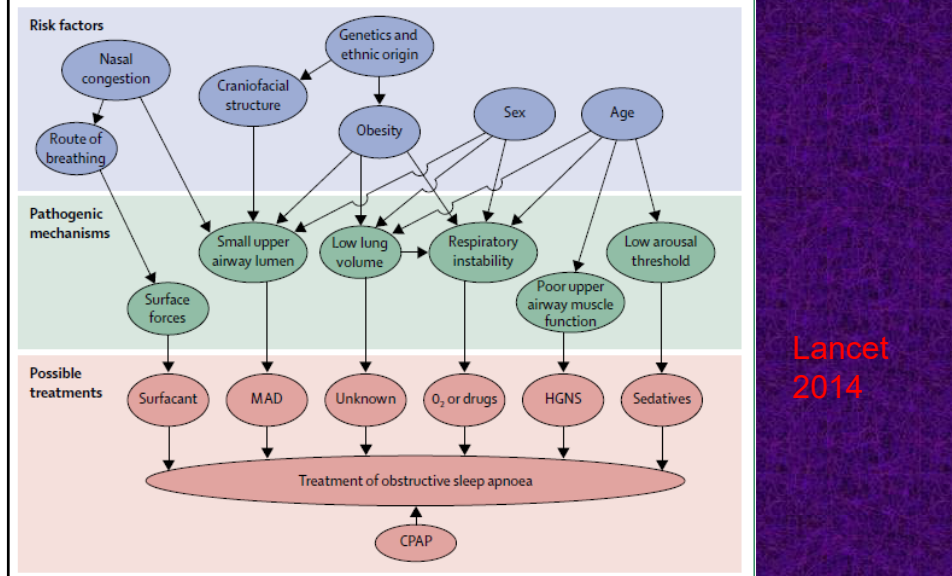
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## Adult obstructive sleep apnoea

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### Vision - Summary

To be able to assess an individual at risk of OSA using a blood test and/or simplified home recording or wearable technology to make diagnosis and WHY

To use this information to determine optimal therapy by assessing responsiveness to interventions and risk of particular complications.

To use real-time patient feedback technologies to optimize adherence and to guide interventions.

## Exosomal Cargo Properties, Endothelial Function and Treatment of Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome Bhattacharjee et al. JCSM 2018



- Can isolate extracellular vesicles and miRNA from human plasma from untreated OSA
- take the exosomes and introduce into mice or cell culture systems
- assess impact on endothelial cells including monocyte adhesion, eNOS, tight junctions
- can take exosomes after CPAP treatment of OSA and reassess
- provide direct evidence of vascular benefit of CPAP

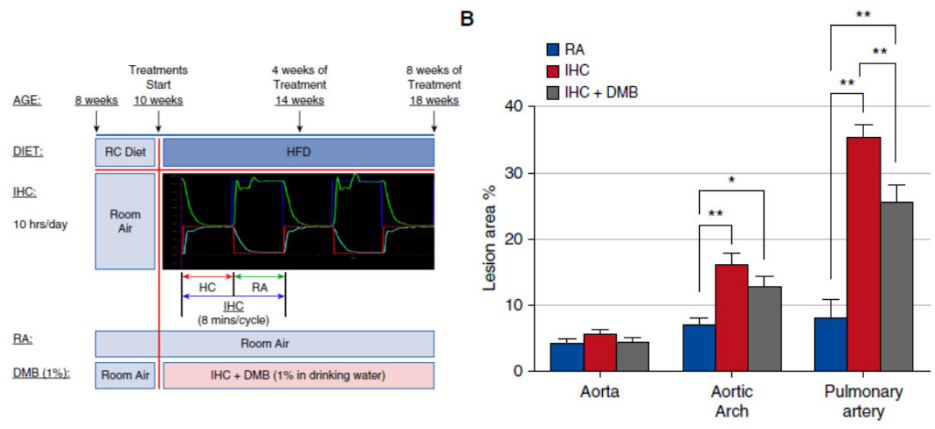
## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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### Intermittent Hypoxia and Hypercapnia Accelerate Atherosclerosis, Partially via Trimethylamine-Oxide

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### Take Home Points

1. CPAP is treatment of choice for OSA and a defeatist attitude about CPAP is not justifiable
2. Alternative therapies are available which provide acceptable results for select patients
3. Individualized therapy may be viable in the future based on mechanism underlying OSA
4. Exciting time for sleep field