



Managing Obstructive Sleep Apnea: New Developments and Recommendations to Enhance Managed Care Outcomes

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Learning Objectives



- Characterize the clinical and economic burden of both diagnosed and undiagnosed OSA as it pertains to comorbid conditions and EDS
- Describe potential cost offsets garnered through appropriate therapeutic interventions for OSA
- Utilize available criteria, risk factors, and clinical indicators for the timely and accurate diagnosis of OSA
- Review available OSA screening methodology for dissemination and standardized use among network providers
- Outline the available treatment modalities for OSA in terms of outcomes and patient adherence
- Evaluate the efficacy and safety data associated with available and emerging pharmacotherapies for the management of EDS in patients with OSA as they pertain to benefit design and coverage considerations including potential prior authorization criteria



Assessment Methodologies, Diagnostic Criteria and Recommended Treatment for OSA

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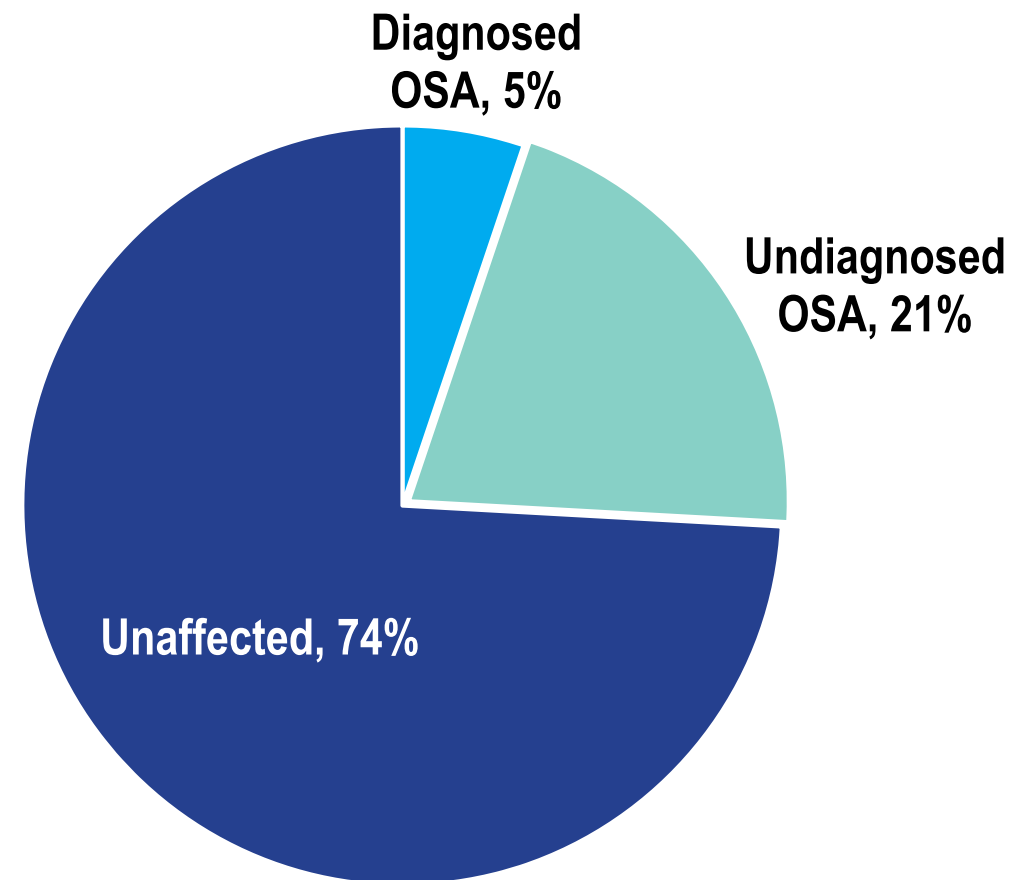


Epidemiology of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)



- Obstructive sleep apnea affects approximately 26% of adults aged 30-70.
- About 13% of men and 6% of women aged 30-70 have moderate to severe OSA.
- Only 20% of people with OSA have been diagnosed.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Americans aged 30-70



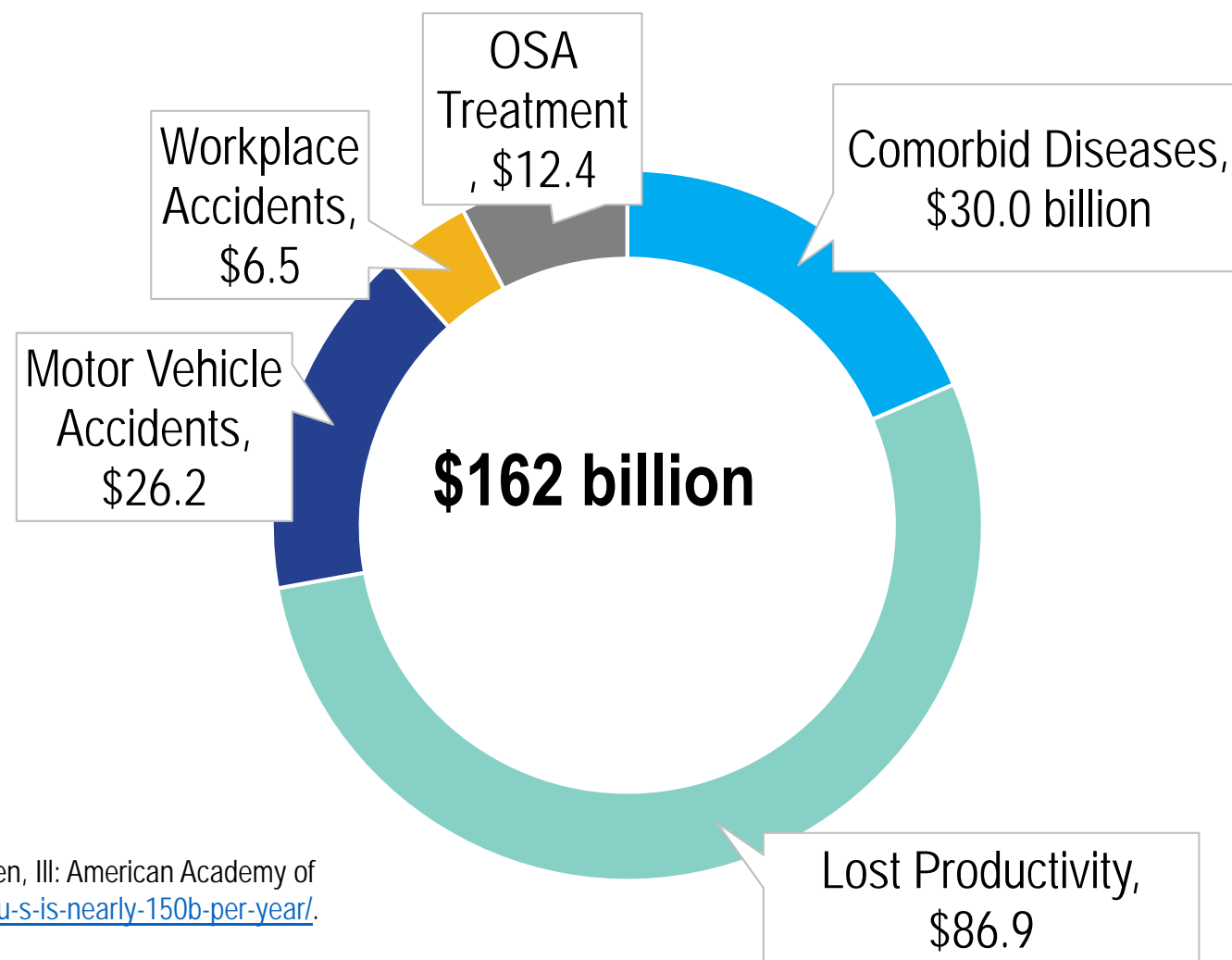


Cost of Undiagnosed Sleep Apnea



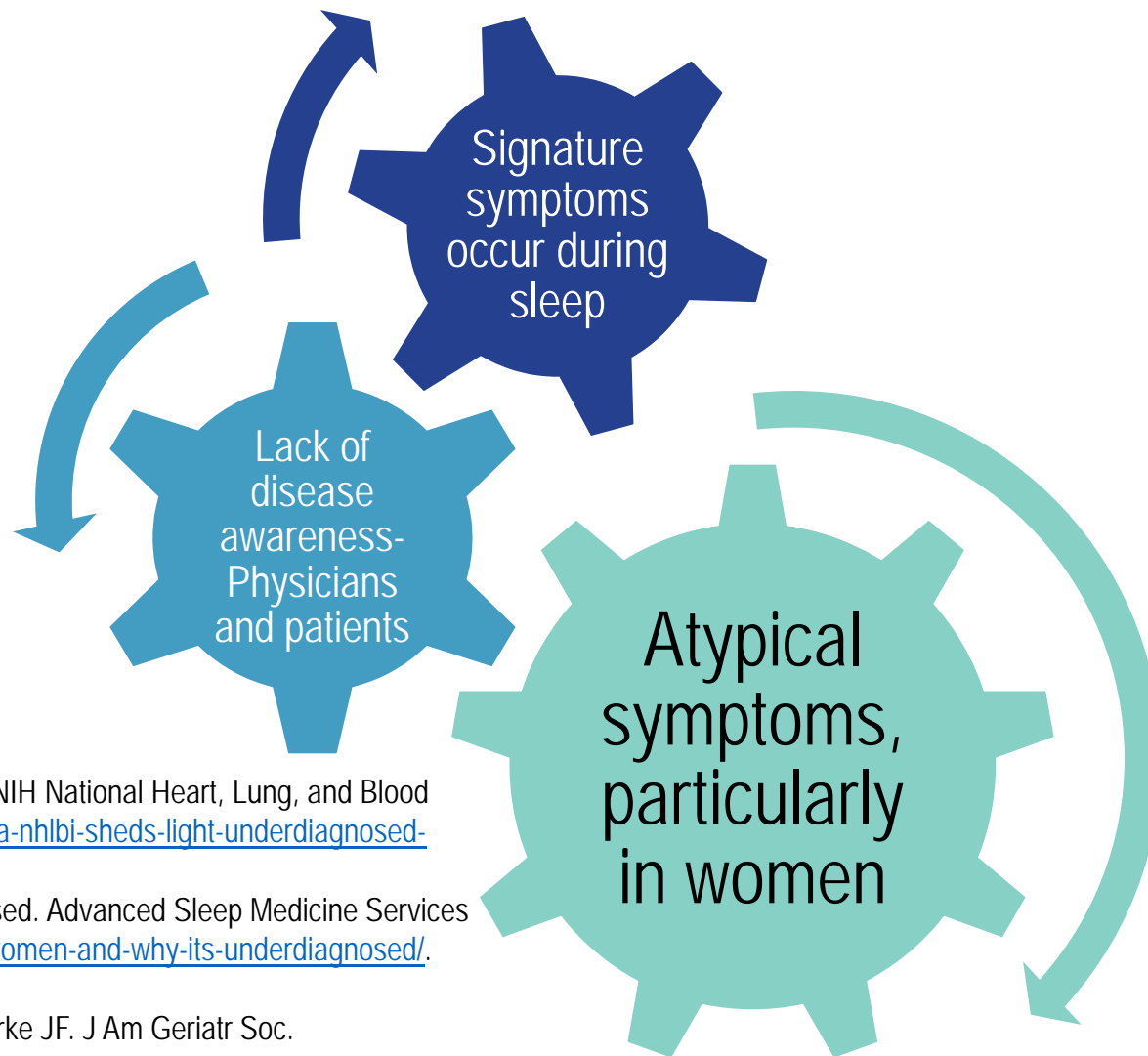
Of the \$162 billion in estimated annual costs attributed to OSA, \$149.6 billion (92%) is the result of undiagnosed and untreated OSA.

Cost of OSA (in billions)





Why is OSA so Underdiagnosed?




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Importance of Diagnosis



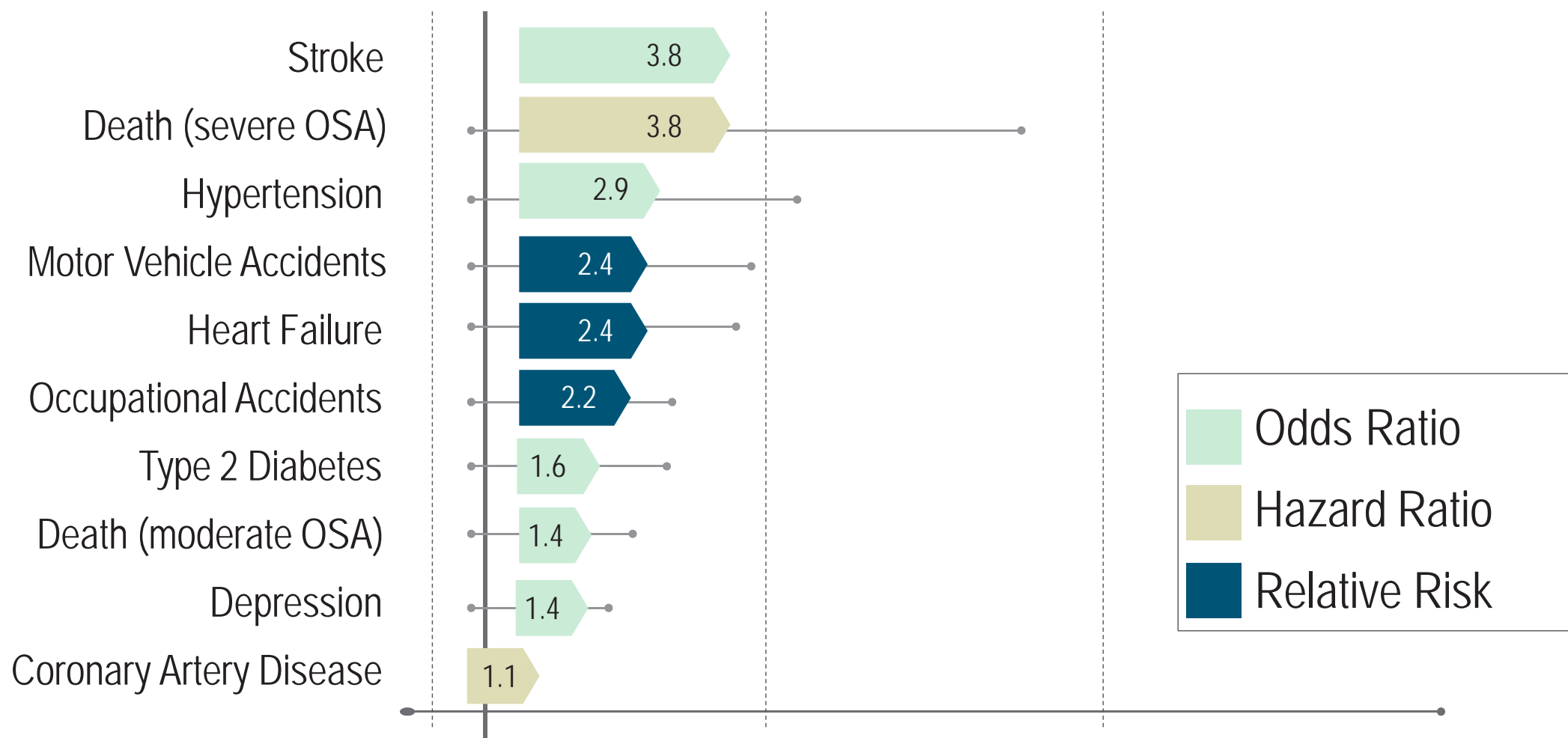
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- Reduce morbidity and consequences associated with excessive daytime sleepiness.
 - Mitigate potential long-term complications related to:
 - Depression
 - Obesity
 - Metabolic syndrome
 - T2DM
 - CVD



Consequences of Untreated OSA



Increased Risk of Morbidity and Mortality Associated With Untreated OSA

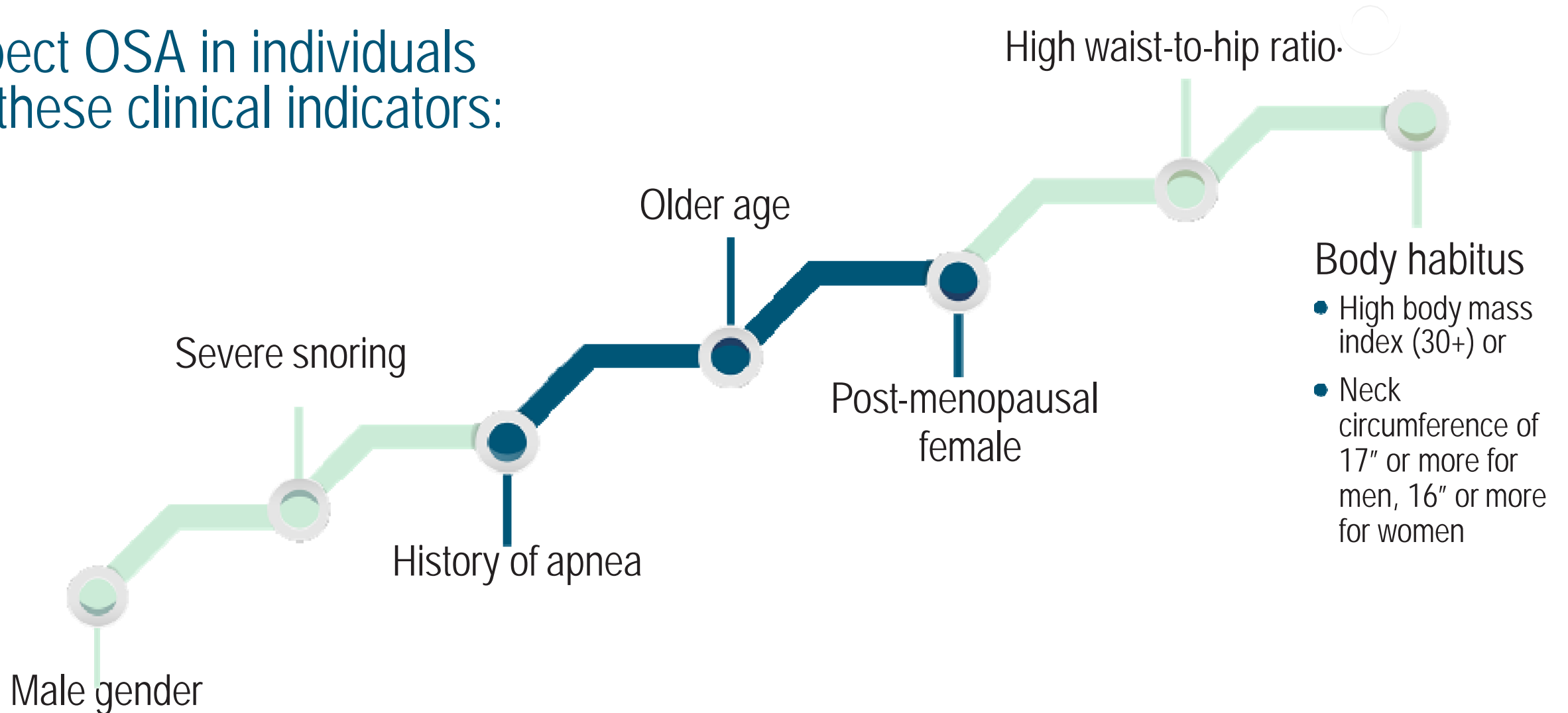




Assessment and Diagnosis



Suspect OSA in individuals with these clinical indicators:

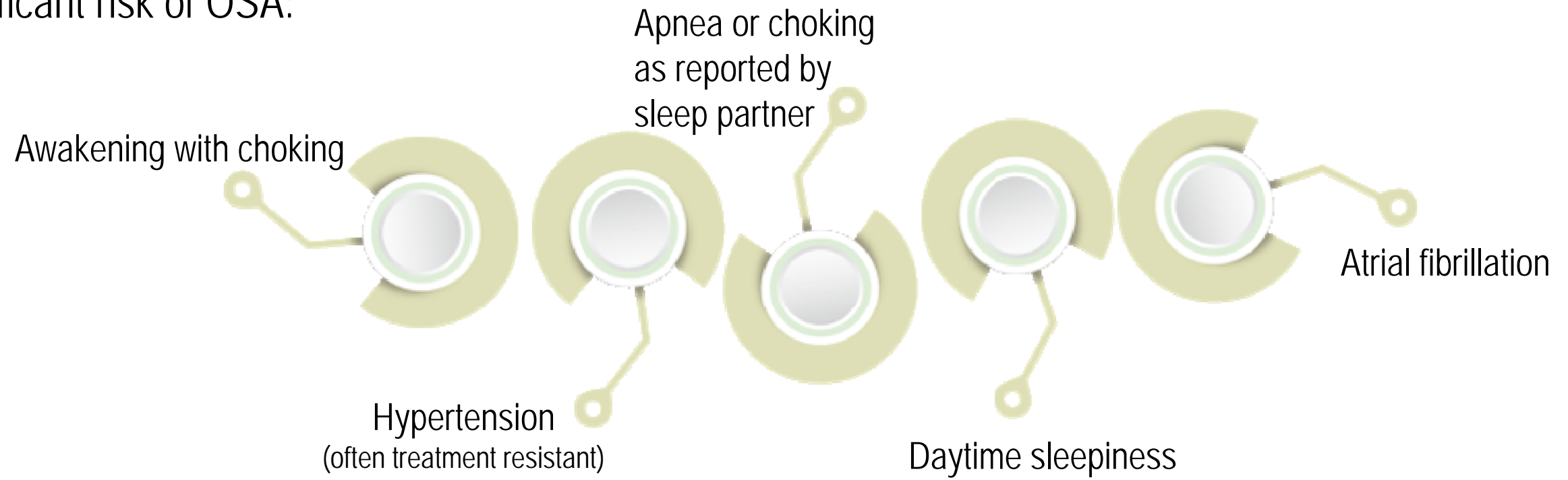




Other Clinical Symptoms of OSA



According to the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, these characteristics also suggest a significant risk of OSA:





Recommended Primary Care Screening



STOP Sleep Apnea Questionnaire

S: Snore loudly?

T: Tired, fatigued or sleepy during the day?

O: Observed stopping breathing during sleep?

P: High blood Pressure?

Two or more positive answers indicates high risk of OSA.



Sleep Study



Definitive diagnosis of OSA requires evaluation from a sleep specialist of objective information from a sleep study:

- Take-home (preferred): limited channel testing (LCT)
- Overnight polysomnography (PSG)



Sleep Studies Evaluate Multiple Factors



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HOME TESTING MEASURES:

Blood oxygen levels

Airflow

Respiratory effort

May underestimate apnea-hypopnea index (AHI): the number of apnea and hypopnea (partial inhalation) incidents the sleeper experiences per hour

PSG MEASURES:

Blood oxygen levels

Airflow

Respiratory effort

Leg movements

AHI

Cardiovascular function

Brain-wave activity



Board-certified sleep specialists should evaluate sleep test results and make treatment recommendations.

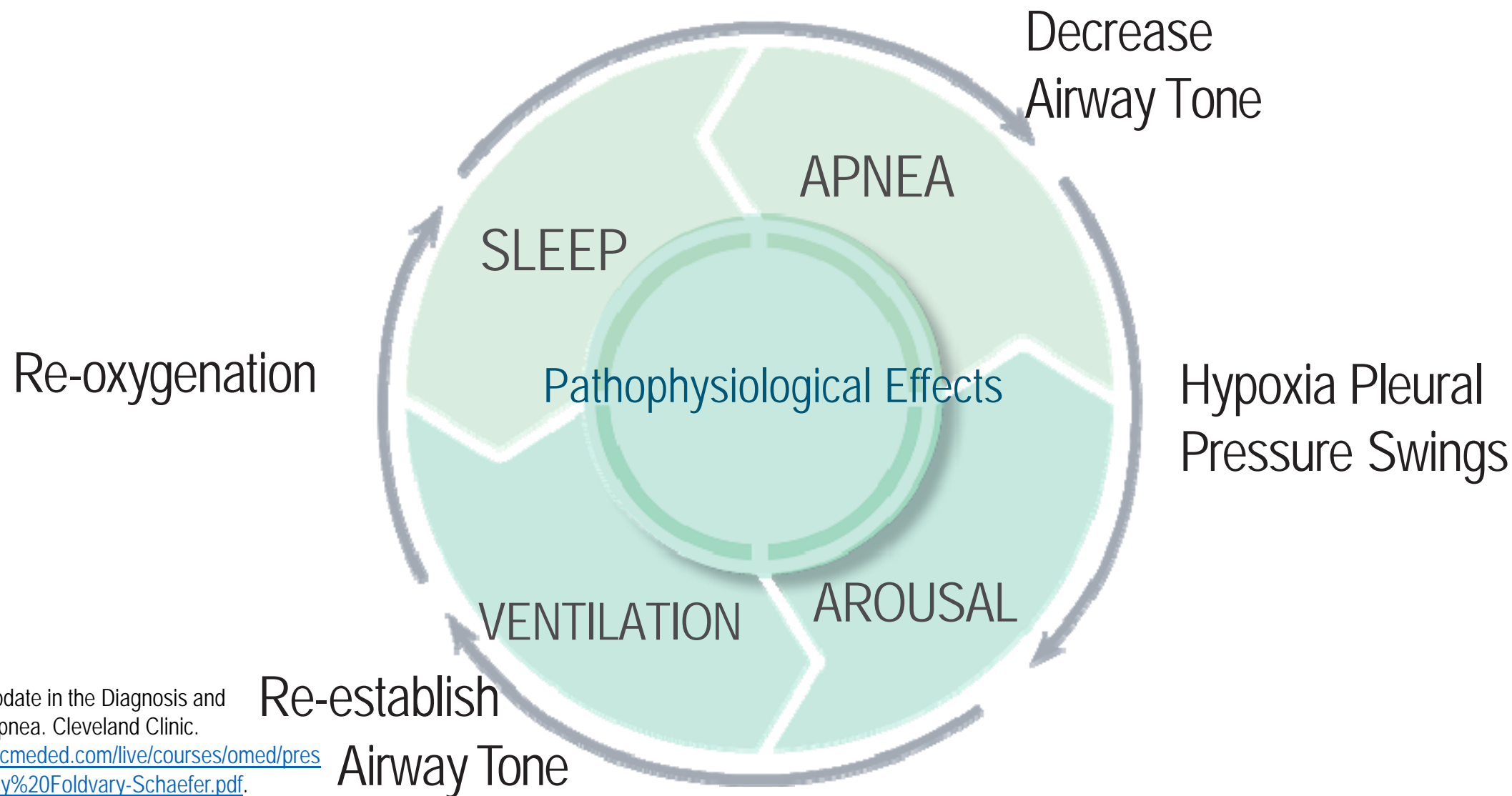
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Sleep Studies Reveal Pattern of Apnea



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Conservative Treatment: Lifestyle Changes



Avoidance of alcohol and sedatives
for 4 to 6 hours prior to bedtime

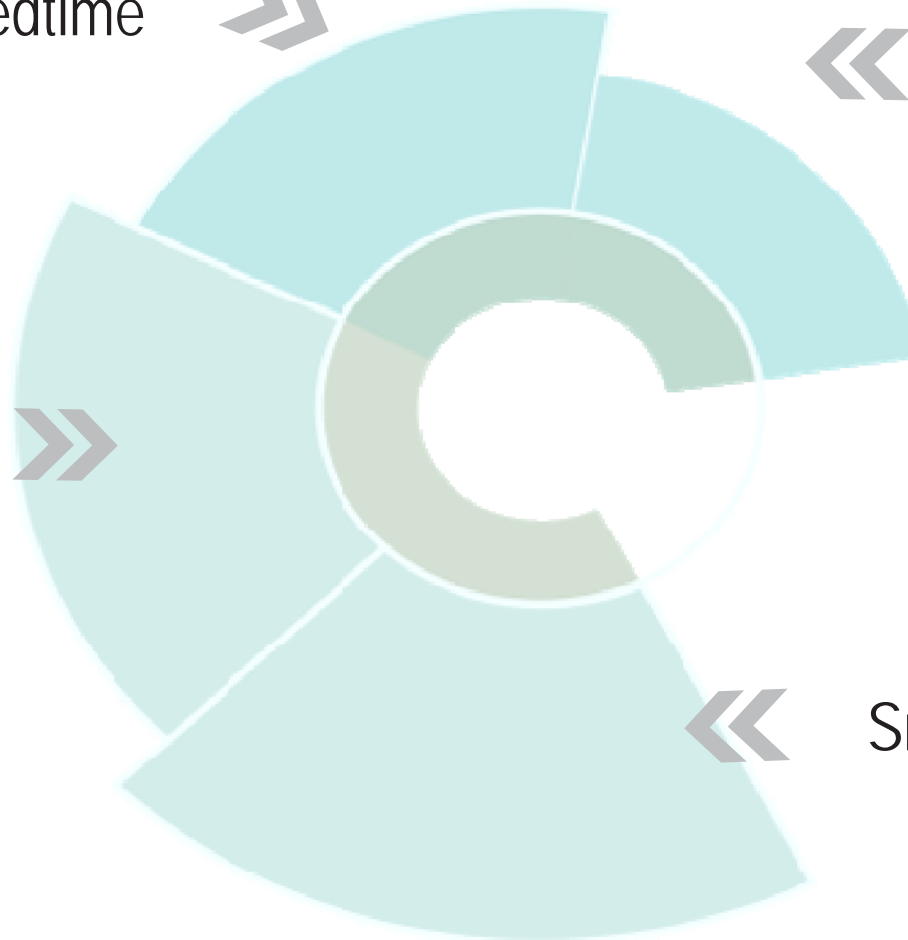


Weight loss

Sleeping on one's side
rather than on the
stomach or back



Smoking cessation



Non-pharmacological Treatment



- Treating nasal obstruction may help mild apnea.
- Oral appliances may suffice for mild to moderate apnea.
- Moderate-to-severe apnea usually requires continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) or bilevel positive airway pressure (BiPAP).
- Surgery is an option for patients who fail other therapies, but has mixed results.
- Hypoglossal nerve stimulation is an alternative for severe apnea.

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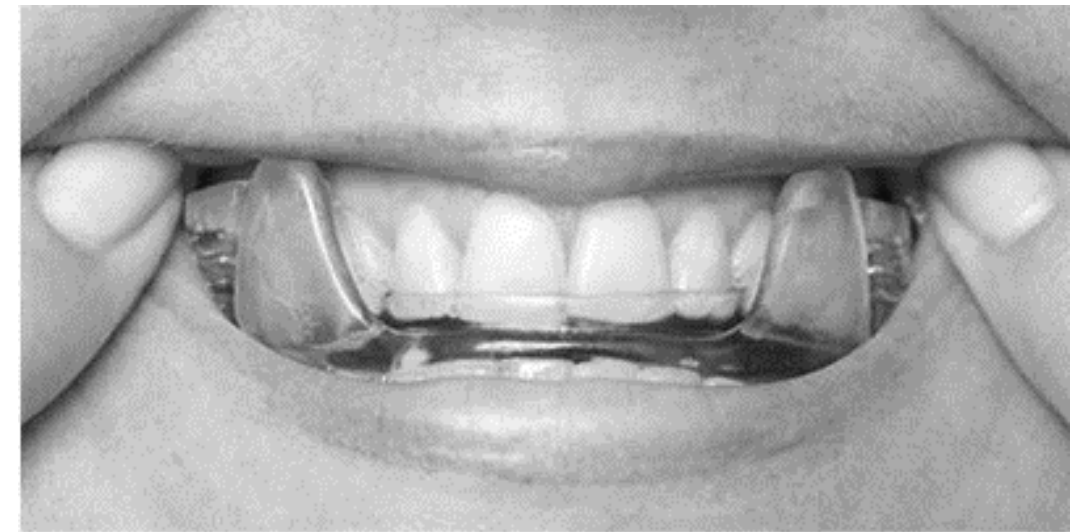
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Oral Appliances



- An oral appliance can help mild OSA and may be preferred by patients resistant to CPAP devices.
- A mandibular advancement device holds the jaw forward to help keep upper airway open.
- Tongue retaining mouthpieces hold the tongue forward with gentle suction to keep it from collapsing into the airway. They are an option for patients whose jaws are not held forward sufficiently by mandibular advancement devices.

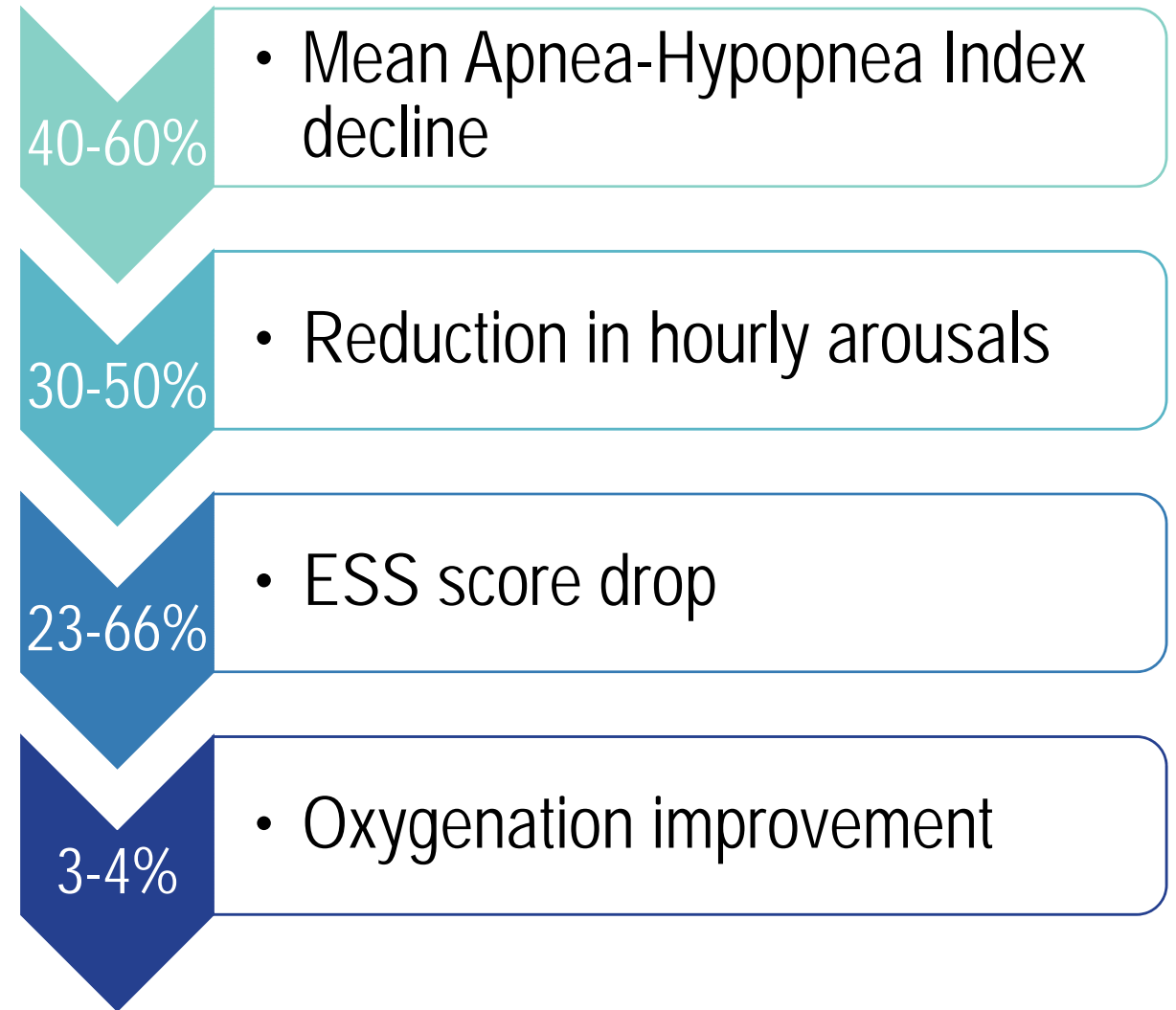




Oral Appliance Studies



- Four randomized controlled studies found oral appliances improved AHI, arousal index and oxygen saturation, though the degree differed substantially.
- All reported significant reduction in snoring.
- Up to 99% of patients expressed interest in continuing oral appliance use at study conclusion and most studies found a high degree of compliance in usage.
- Patients experienced some jaw discomfort in the morning and excessive salivation at night.





CPAP Function



- First-line medical therapy.
- Blows air into the nose and throat through a mask.
- Creates positive pressure to keep upper airway open during sleep, eliminating obstruction that causes apnea.
- Permits unrestricted airflow to lungs.
- Reduces frequency of respiratory events during sleep, decreases daytime sleepiness, improves systemic blood pressure, improves quality of life.

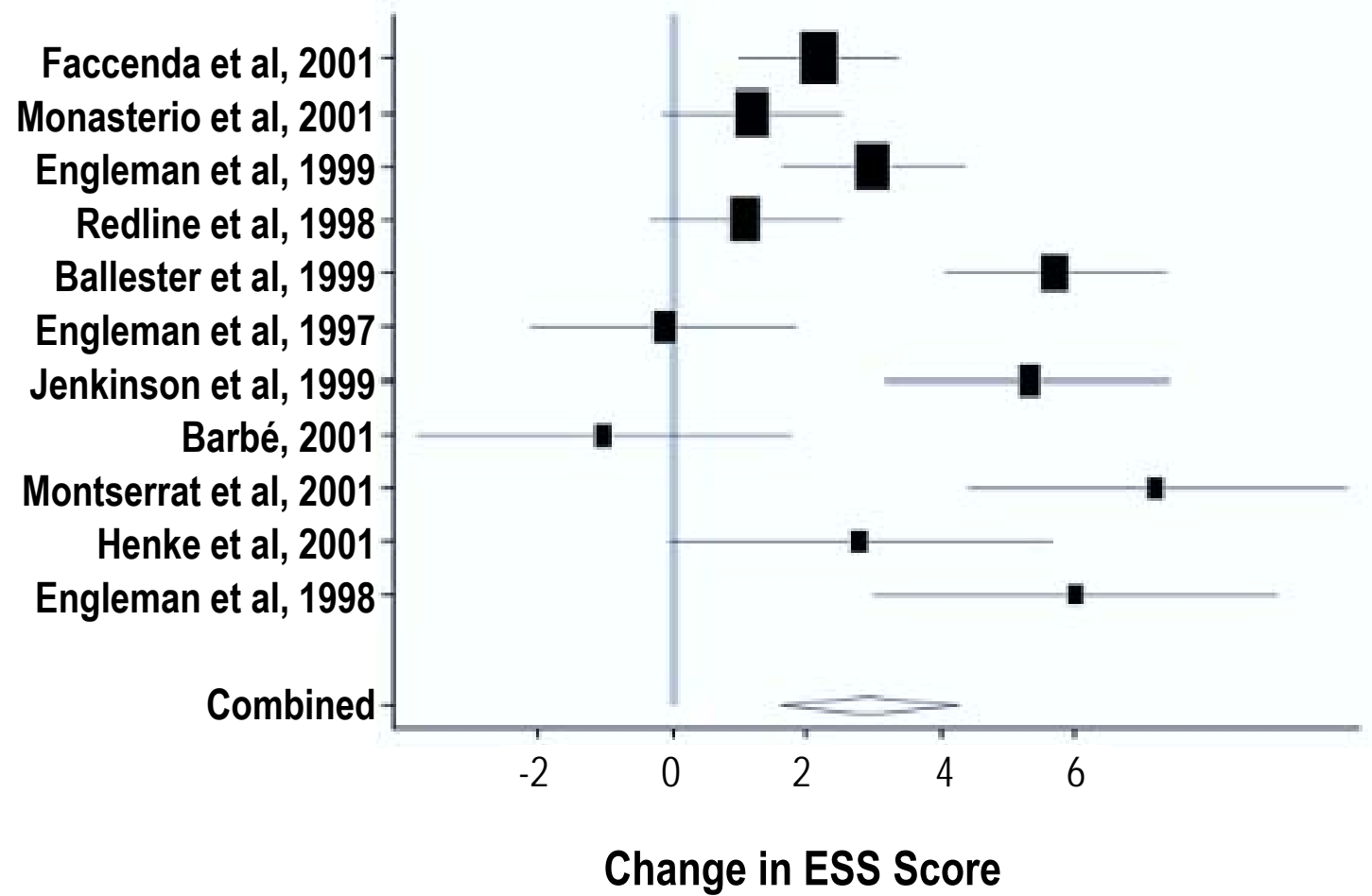


CPAP Benefits Some More Than Others



- Meta-analysis of 11 studies of patients with OSA found CPAP reduced Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) score by a mean of 2.94 points more than placebo.
- 6 studies that recruited only patients with severe OSA and ESS scores greater than 11, had mean ESS score reduction of 4.75 associated with CPAP usage.
- Excluding those studies, the mean reduction in ESS was 1.1 points, which was not statistically significant.

Reduction in ESS Score with CPAP Use

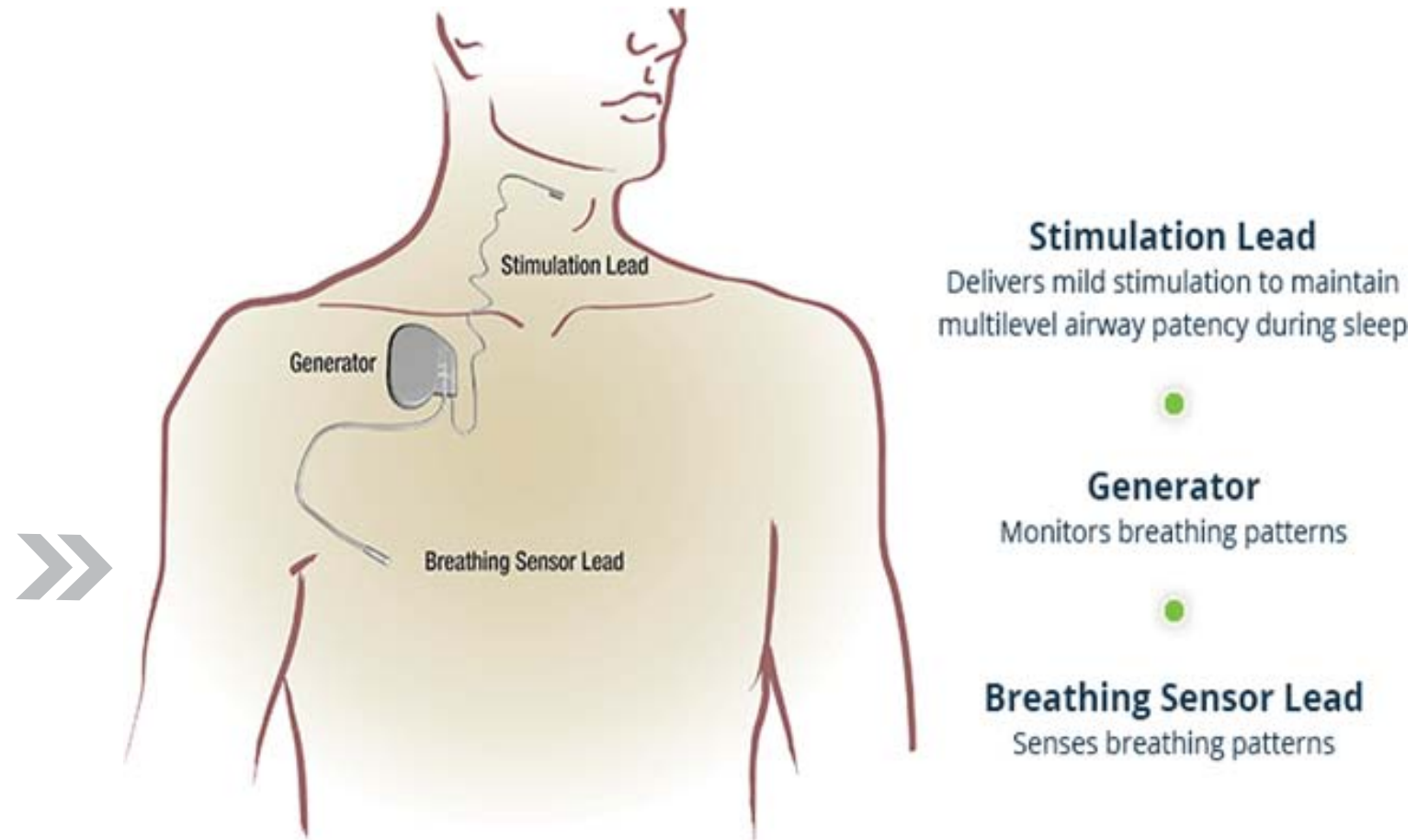




Electrical Stimulation of Hypoglossal Nerve



- Surgically implanted device stimulates the hypoglossal nerve when respiratory pressure changes.
- Stimulation tightens tongue and upper airway, improving air flow and reducing episodes of apnea.
- Recommended for adults with AHI of 15 or more who failed CPAP therapy and have BMI below 32.

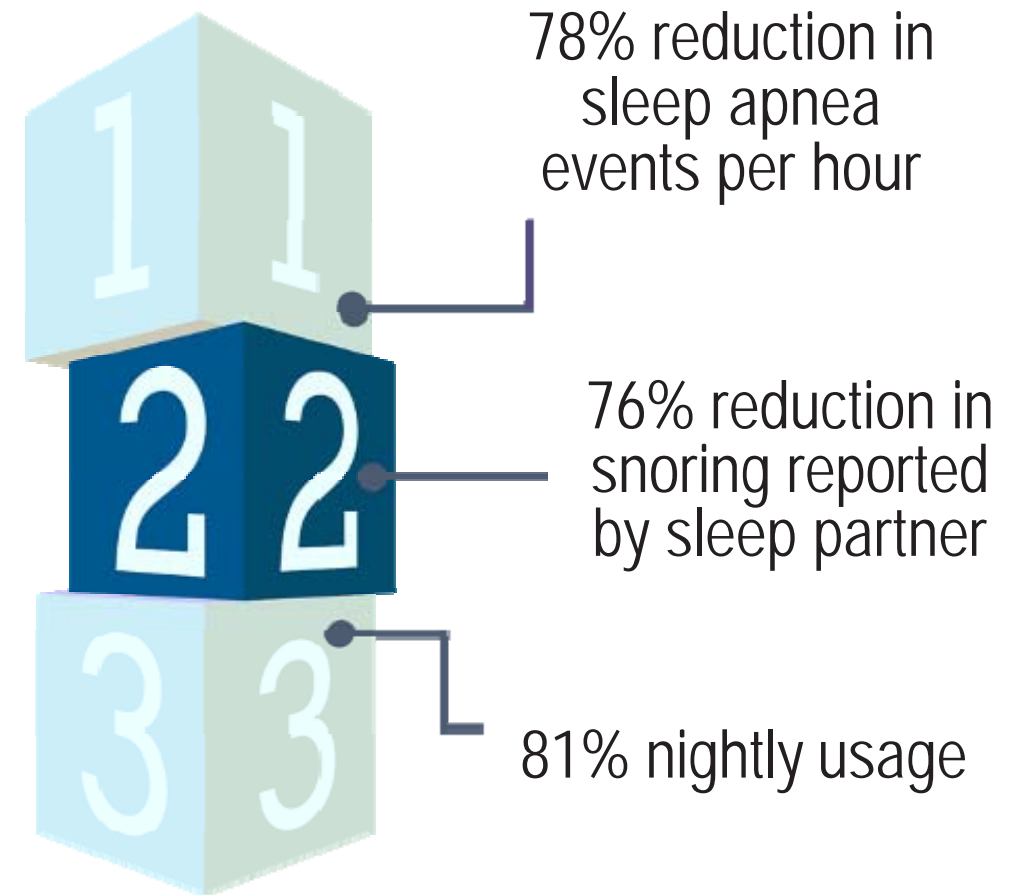




Star Trial: Inspire Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation



STAR enrolled 126 patients with OSA to evaluate hypoglossal nerve stimulation system (Inspire). Based on results published in *New England Journal of Medicine*, FDA approved the device for OSA.

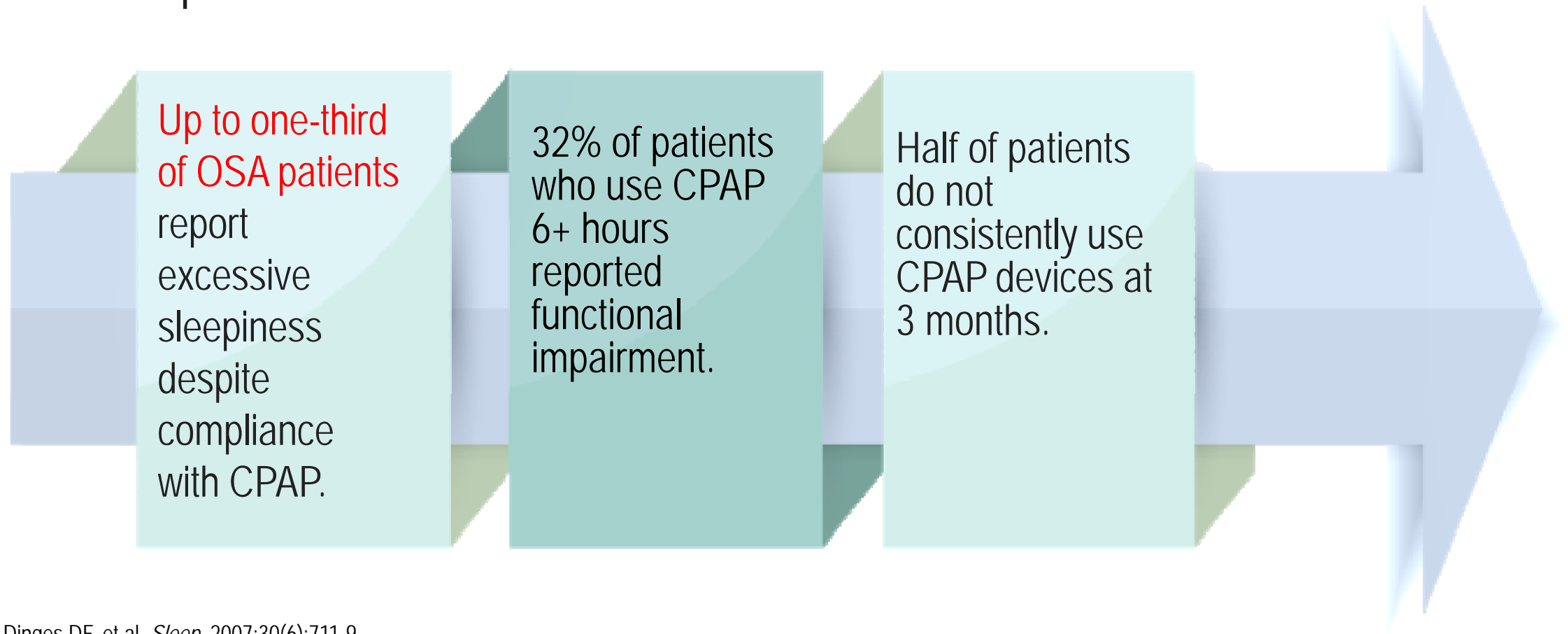




Challenges In OSA Treatment

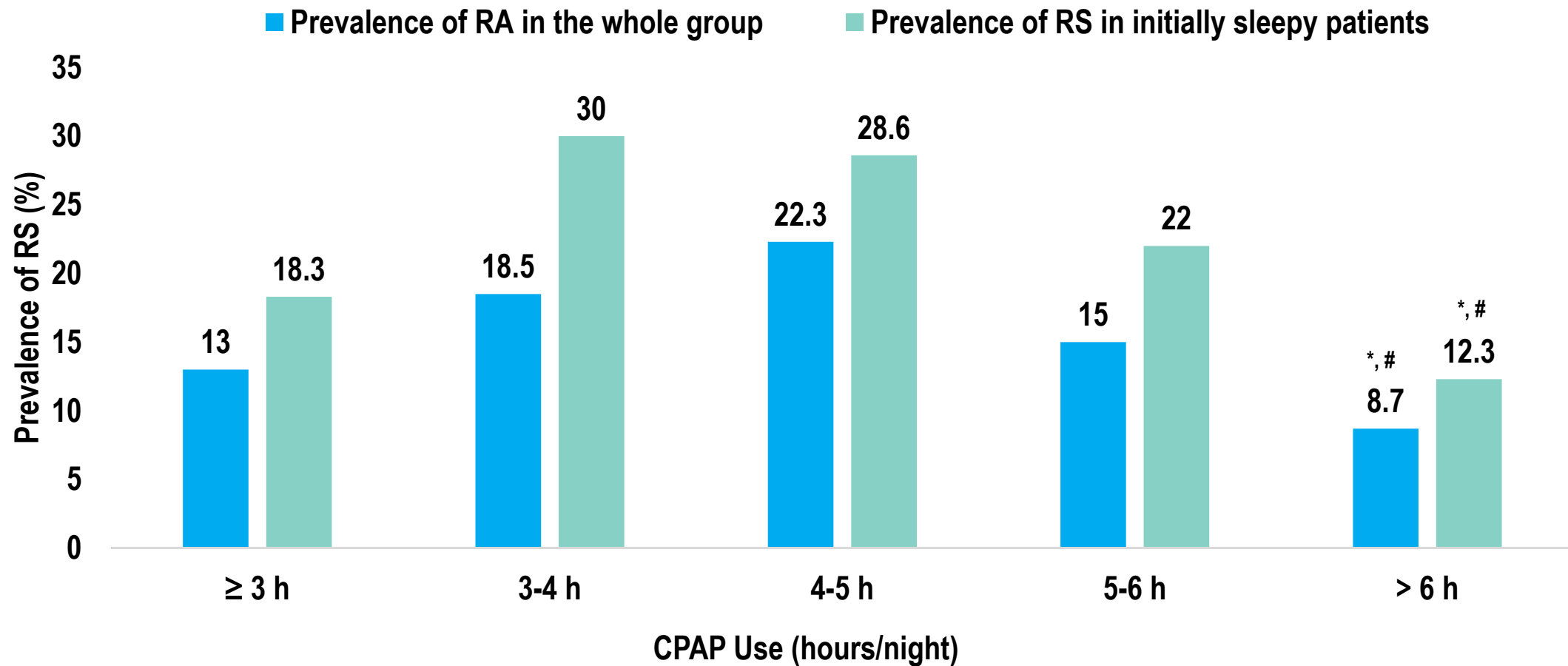


- CPAP and surgery can cure OSA for some patients.
- Other patients find the devices burdensome or ineffective.





CPAP Compliance and Residual Excessive Sleepiness



^{*}, [#]: significant differences for comparison with 3-4 and 4-5 hr, respectively.



Summary



The majority of individuals with OSA are undiagnosed.

Undiagnosed OSA is associated with increased healthcare costs and risk of significant comorbidities.

Specific patient characteristics should raise suspicion of OSA.

Primary care physicians can quickly conduct the STOP questionnaire to screen at-risk patients for OSA.

A sleep study can provide a definitive diagnosis.

Treatment varies with severity and response to behavioral changes and use of appliances and other devices.



Pharmacologic Therapy Review for the Management of OSA

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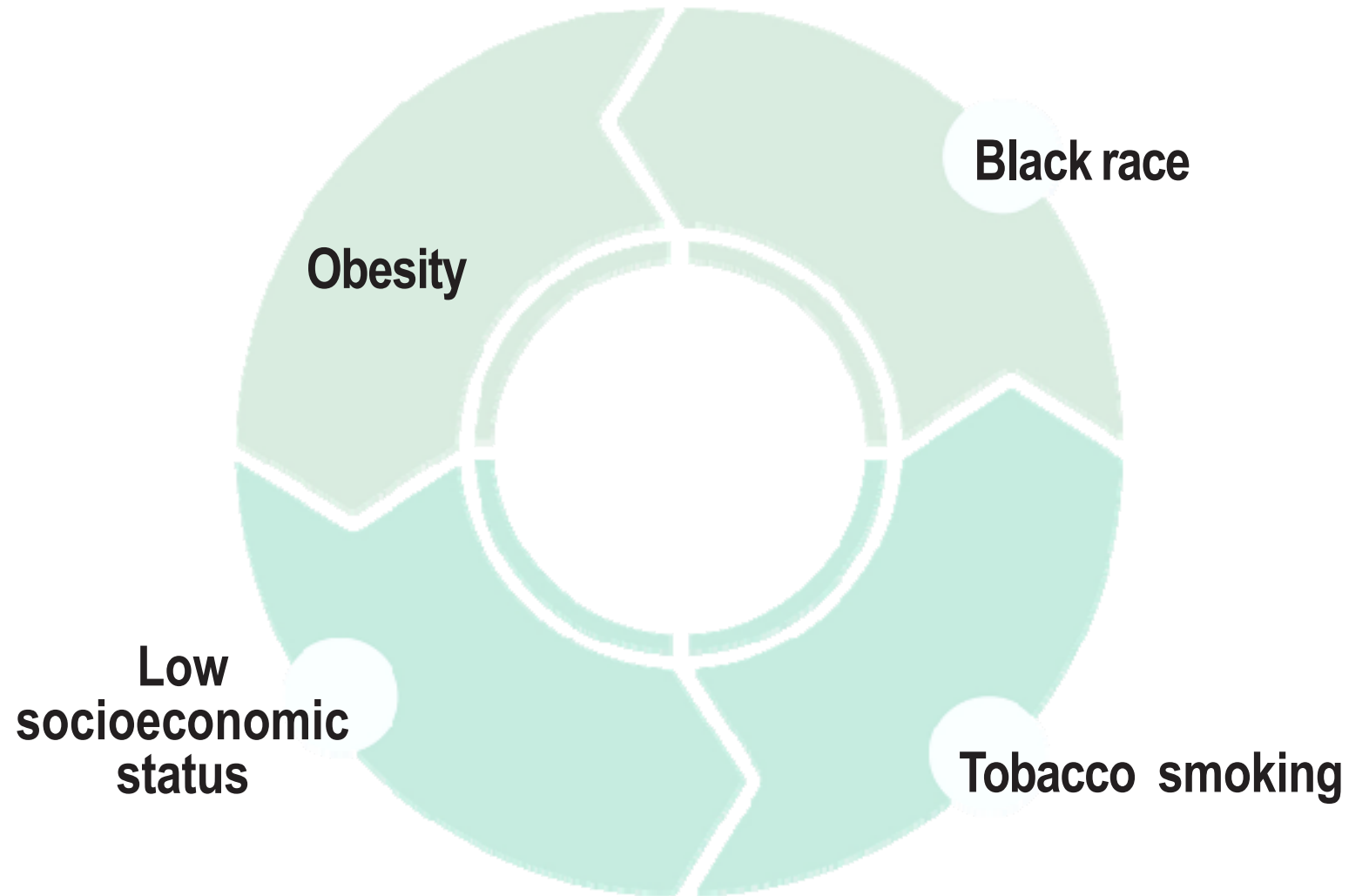
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High Risk and Low Compliance



Many risk factors for OSA and resultant CVD also increase the risk of poor CPAP adherence.



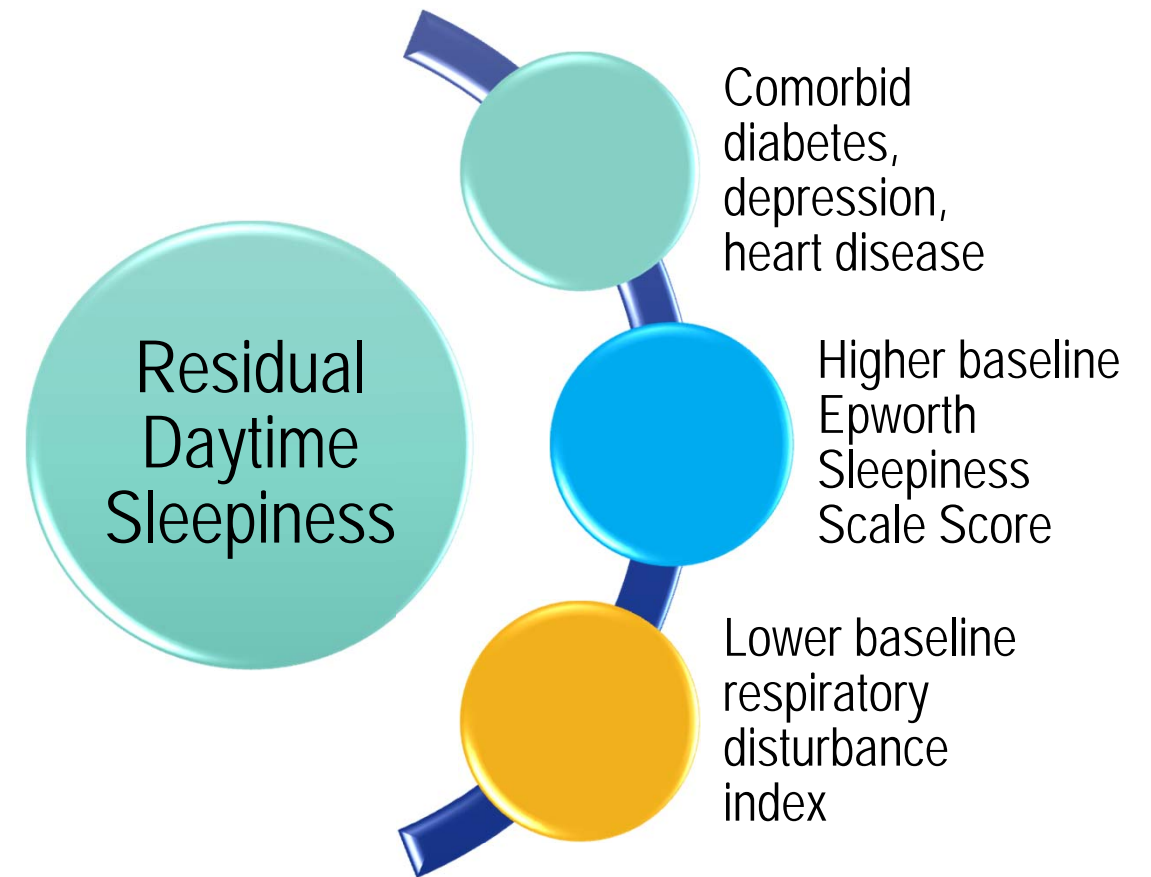


Persistent Daytime Sleepiness



- 10% of *optimally* treated patients with OSA continue to experience excessive daytime sleepiness.
- 55% of those with “good” compliance (more than 4 hours per day, at least 5 nights per week) continue to report excessive daytime sleepiness.

Factors in Persistent Sleepiness with Optimal CPAP Use





Multiple Causes for Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS)



In mild-to-moderate sleep apnea, daytime sleepiness may be caused by other sleep disorders not addressed by CPAP usage.

Periodic limb movement

Chronic sleep deprivation

Undiagnosed narcolepsy

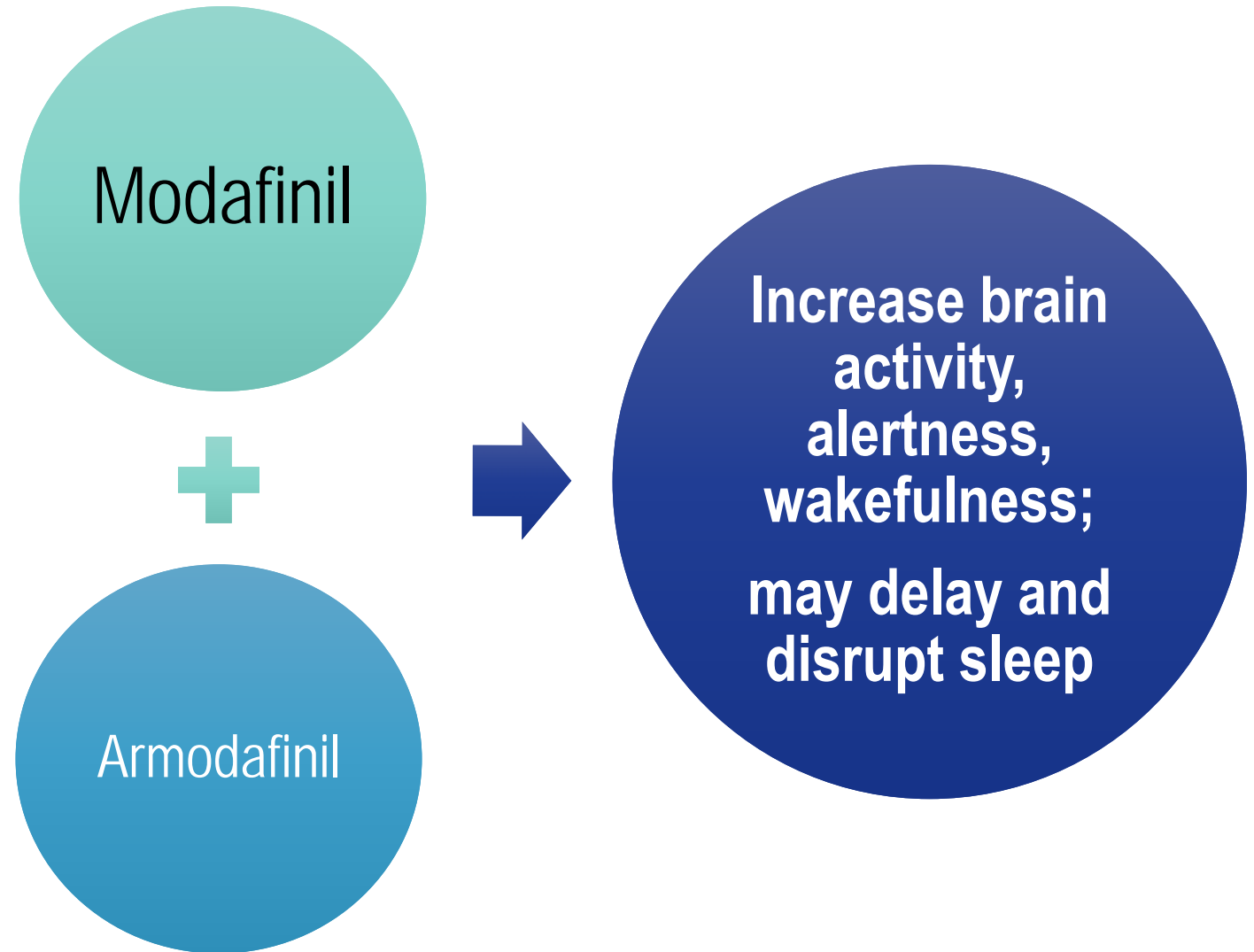
Idiopathic hypersomnolence



Pharmacological Treatment of EDS in OSA



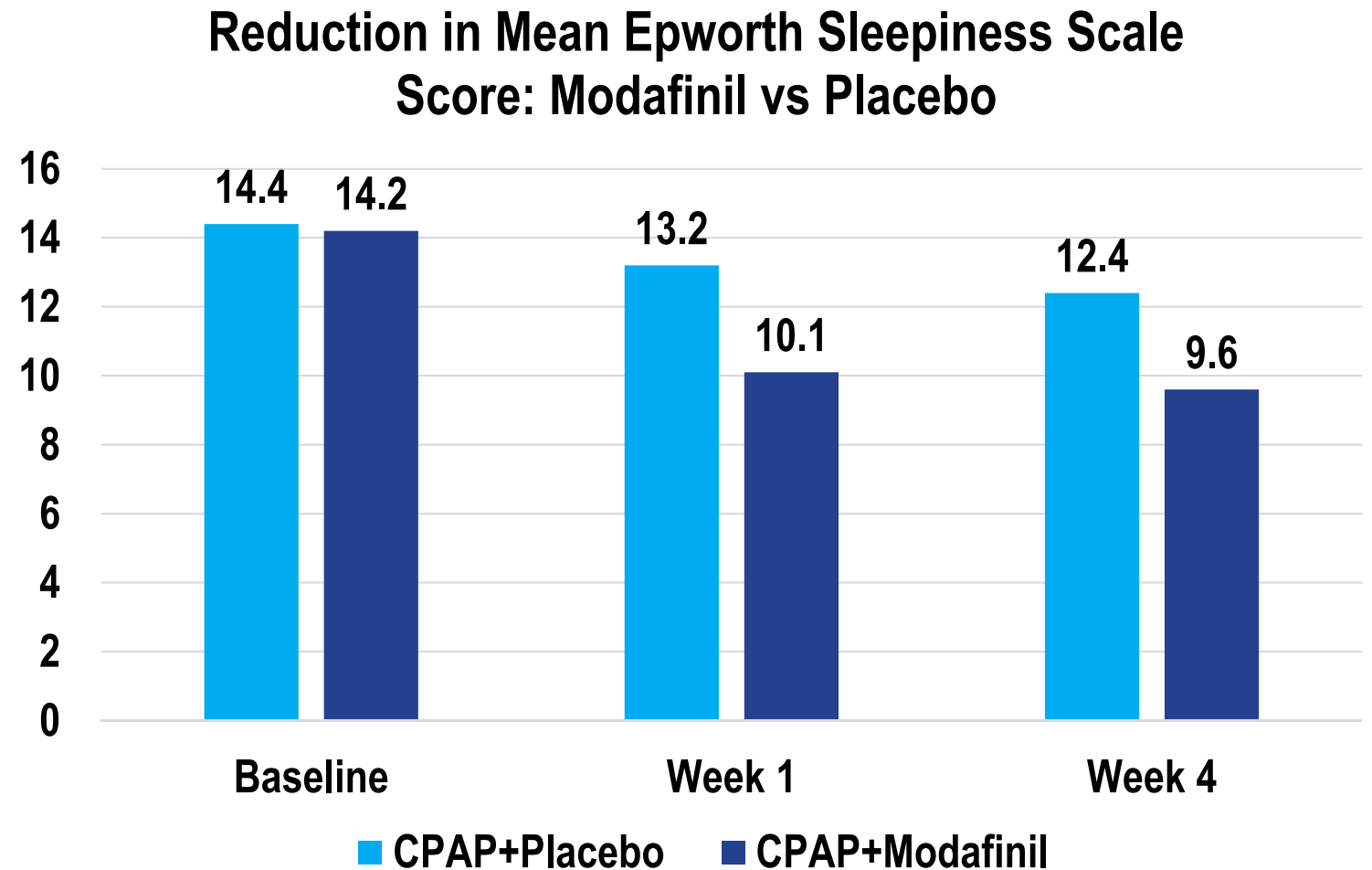
Two FDA-approved stimulant medications for residual sleepiness despite optimal CPAP use are recommended by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine—modafinil and armodafinil.





Modafinil: Residual Excessive Daytime Sleepiness

Modafinil and its R-enantiomer armodafinil reduce sleepiness 2.8 points more than placebo in patients with EDS despite CPAP use.





Risks of Modafinil and Armodafinil



Risks associated with modafinil/armodafinil caused the FDA to classify them as controlled substances and the European Medicines Agency to reverse their approval for use in OSA.

Linked to life-threatening skin reactions

Adverse psychiatric reactions—suicidal thoughts, depression, psychosis

Cardiovascular adverse reactions—hypertension, irregular heart beat

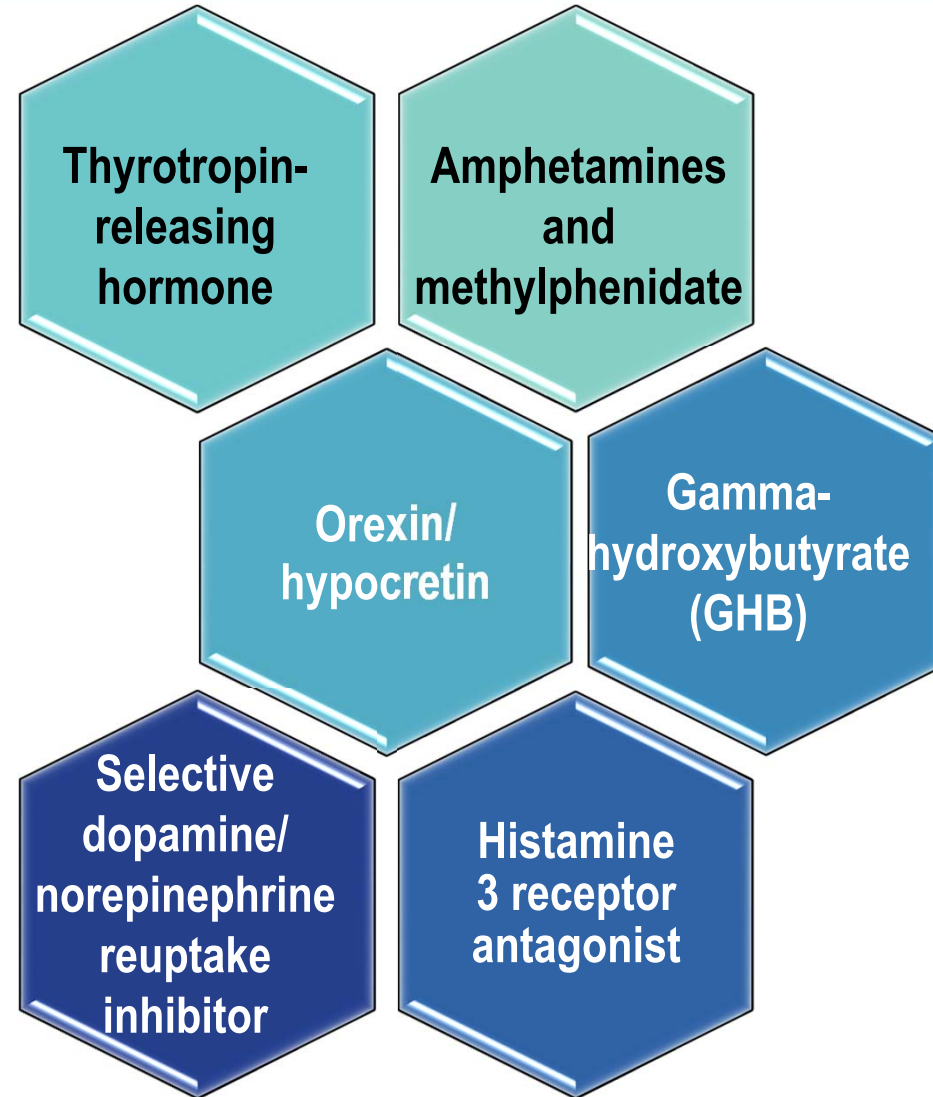
Schedule IV controlled substances based on potential for abuse and addiction



Investigational Agents for EDS in OSA



A number of new agents and some existing agents are in clinical development to address excessive daytime sleepiness in OSA.





Phase III Investigational Therapies For Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS)



Solriamfetol

- Selective dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
- In Phase III trials for EDS in OSA
- Unlike CNS stimulants, does not promote hyperactivity, disrupt sleep or cause rebound hypersomnia
- Low risk of abuse



Pitolisant:

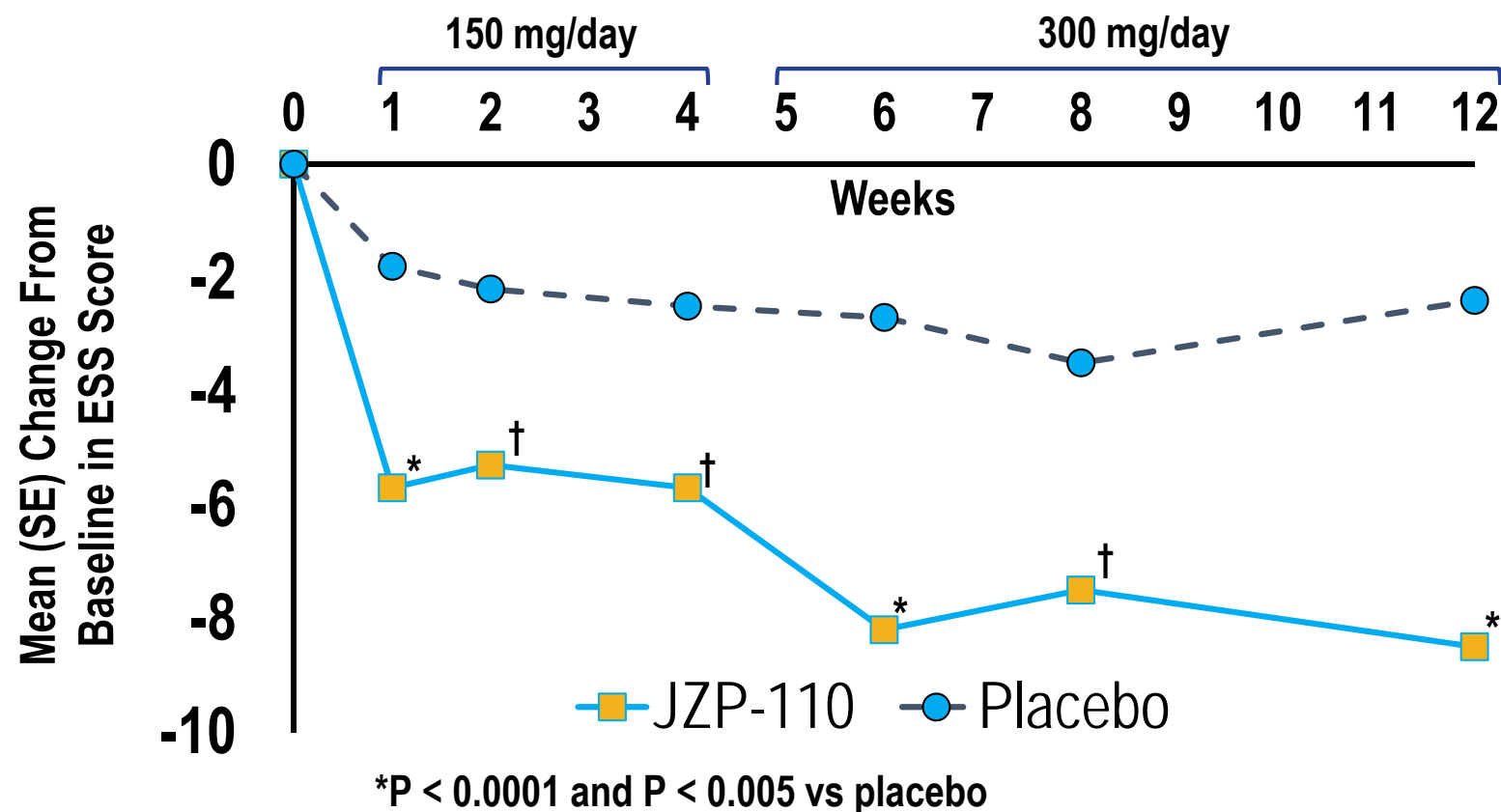
- Selective inverse agonist of the histamine H3 receptor
- In Phase III trials for treatment of hypersomnia



Solriamfetol: Excessive Daytime Sleepiness

- Solriamfetol (JZP-110) reduced patients' Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) score by more than 8 points at week 12.
- ESS asks patients to assess their likelihood of dozing off in eight common situations such as watching TV or traveling in a car. Scaled from 0-24, a score above 10 is considered excessive daytime sleepiness.

Reduction in Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) Score: Solriamfetol and Placebo



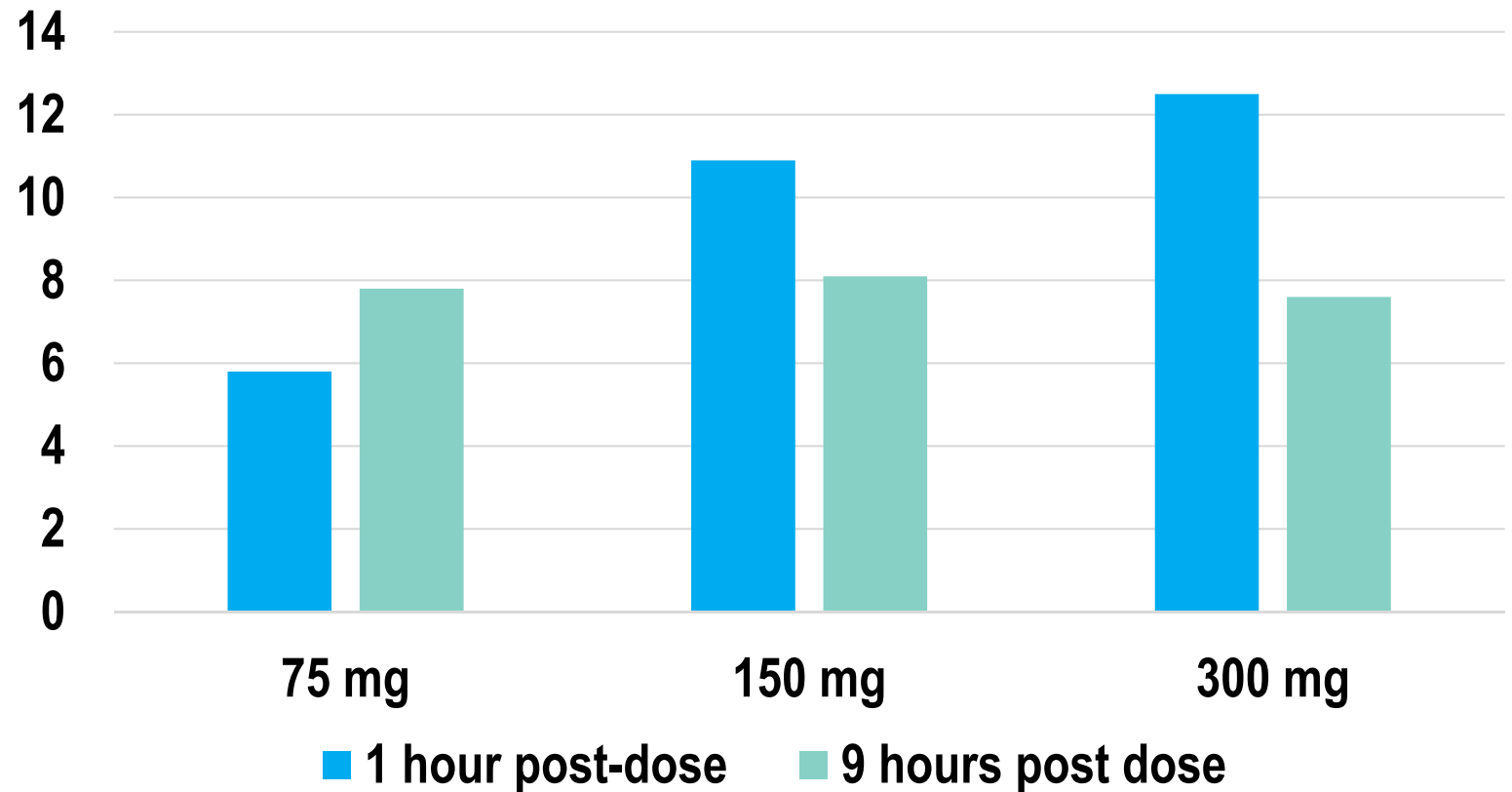


Solriamfetol: Long-lasting Increase in Daily Wakefulness



- Solriamfetol extended sleep latency by more than 11 minutes on Maintenance of Wakefulness Test at 150 mg and 300 mg doses.
- Increased wakefulness continued for more than 9 hours.

Durable Increase in Mean Maintenance of Wakefulness Test

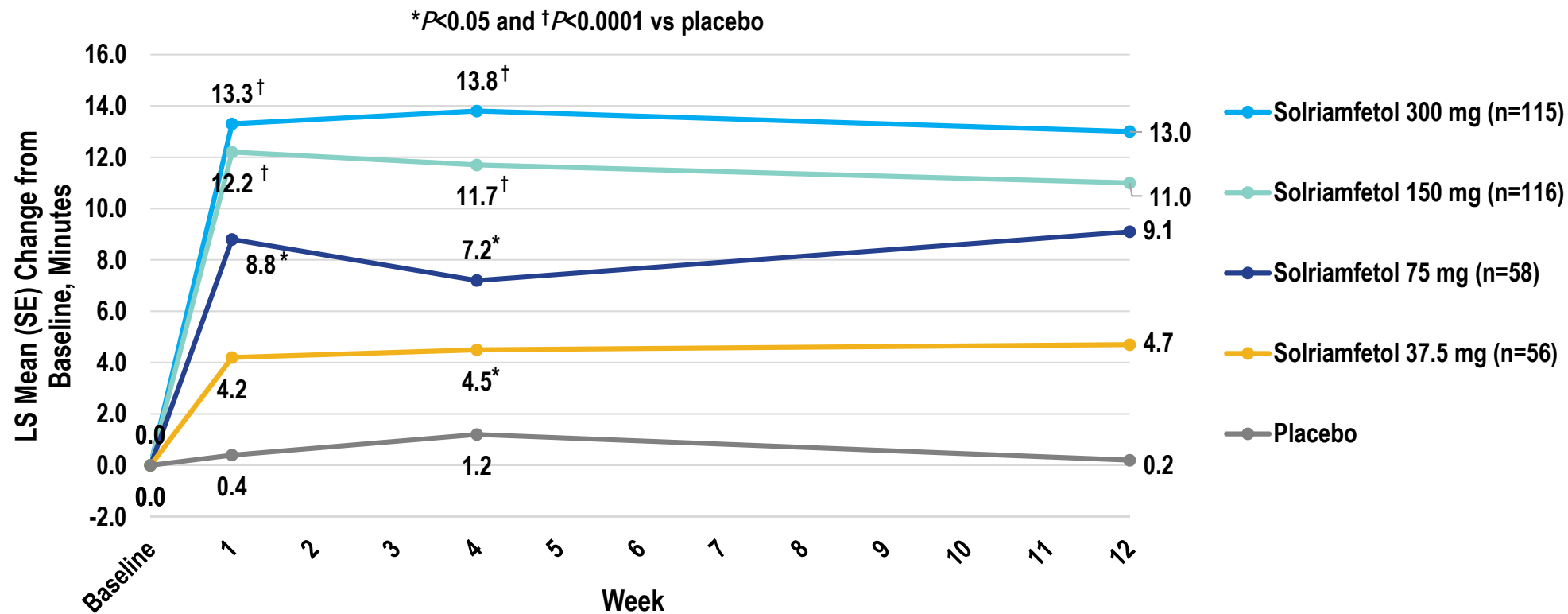




Solriamfetol: Consistent Increased Sleep Latency

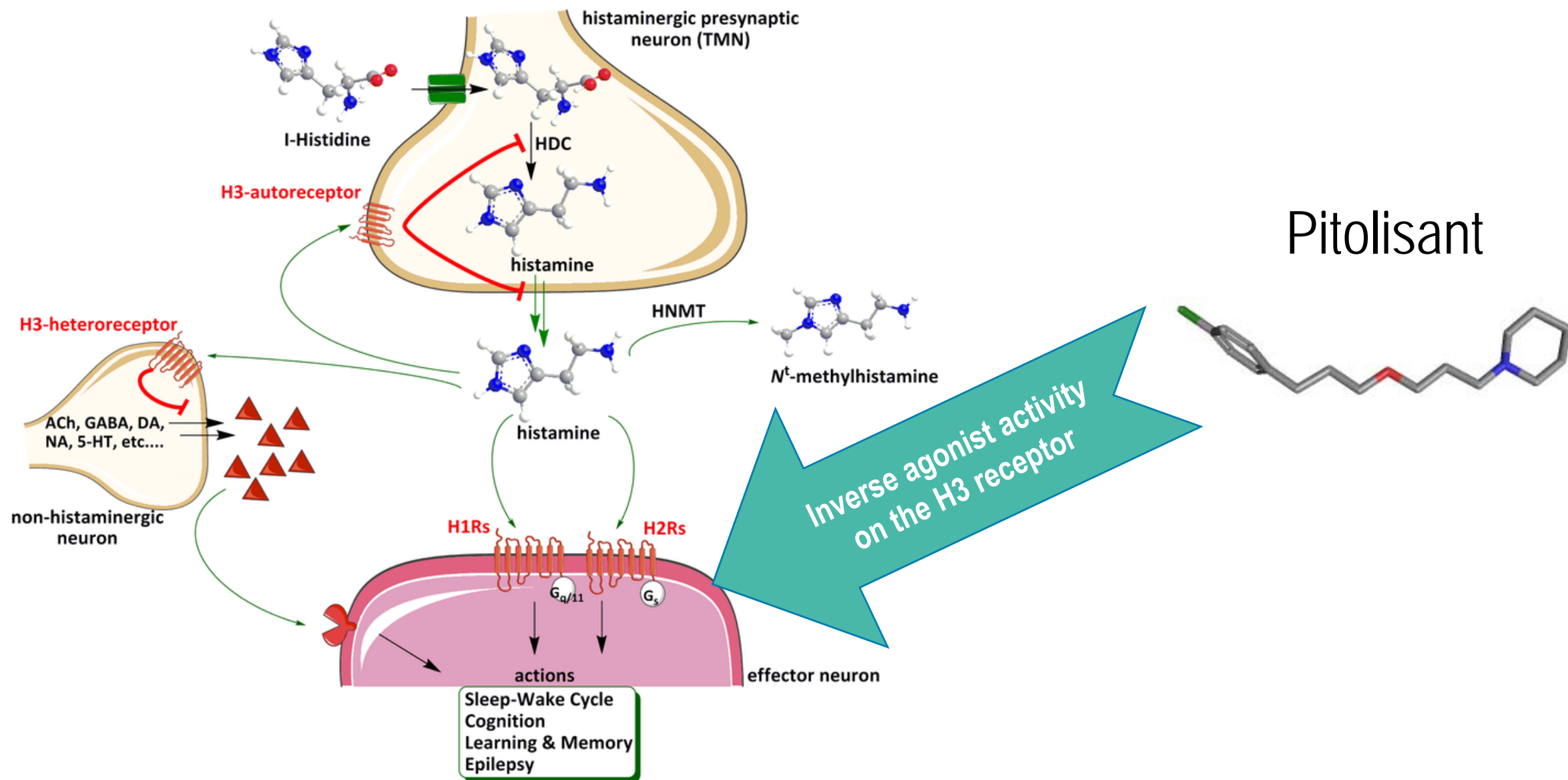
Solriamfetol provided consistent, significant increase in sleep latency over 12 weeks.

Increase in Sleep Latency Over 12 Weeks: Solriamfetol vs. Placebo





Pitolisant Mechanism of Action

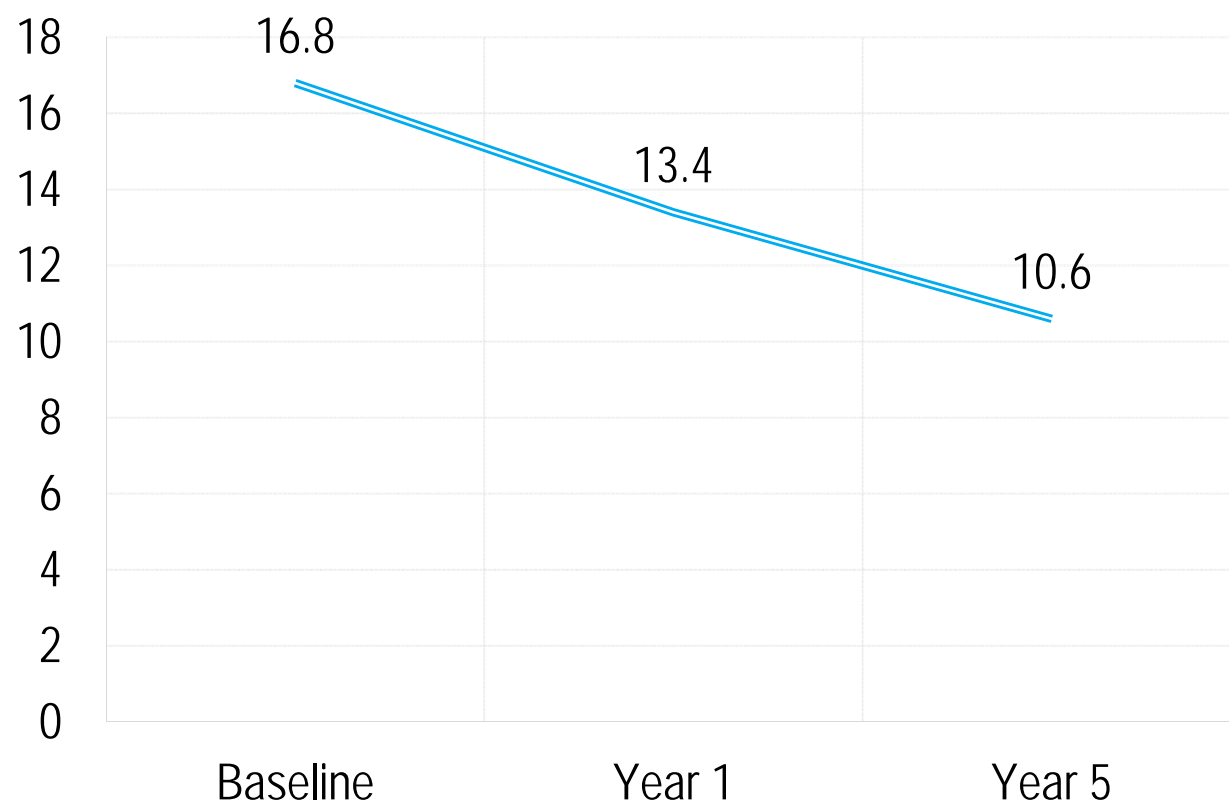




HARMONY III Trial: Pitolisant



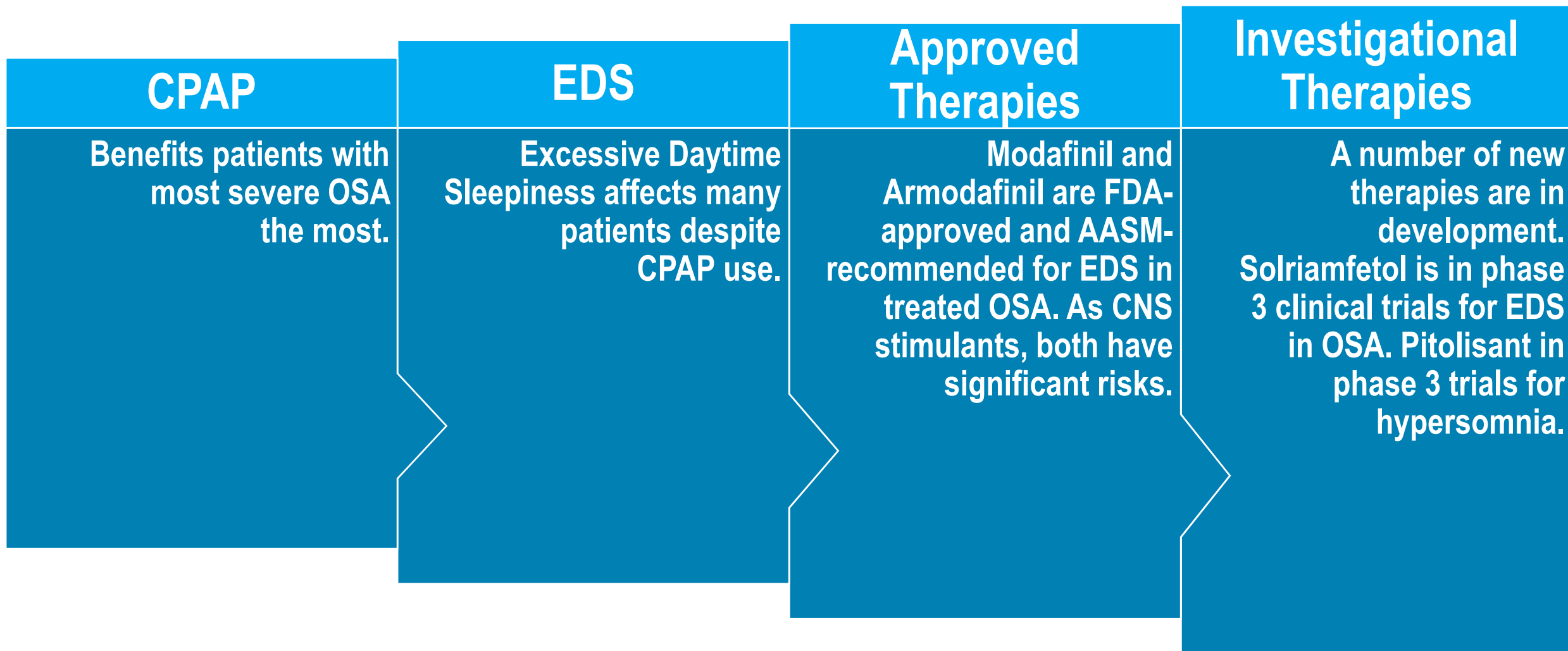
Epworth Sleepiness Scale



Pitolisant reduced excessive daytime sleepiness more than 3 points at one year and about 6 points at five years.



Summary





OSA Benefit Design and Care Coordination Strategies for Optimal Outcomes

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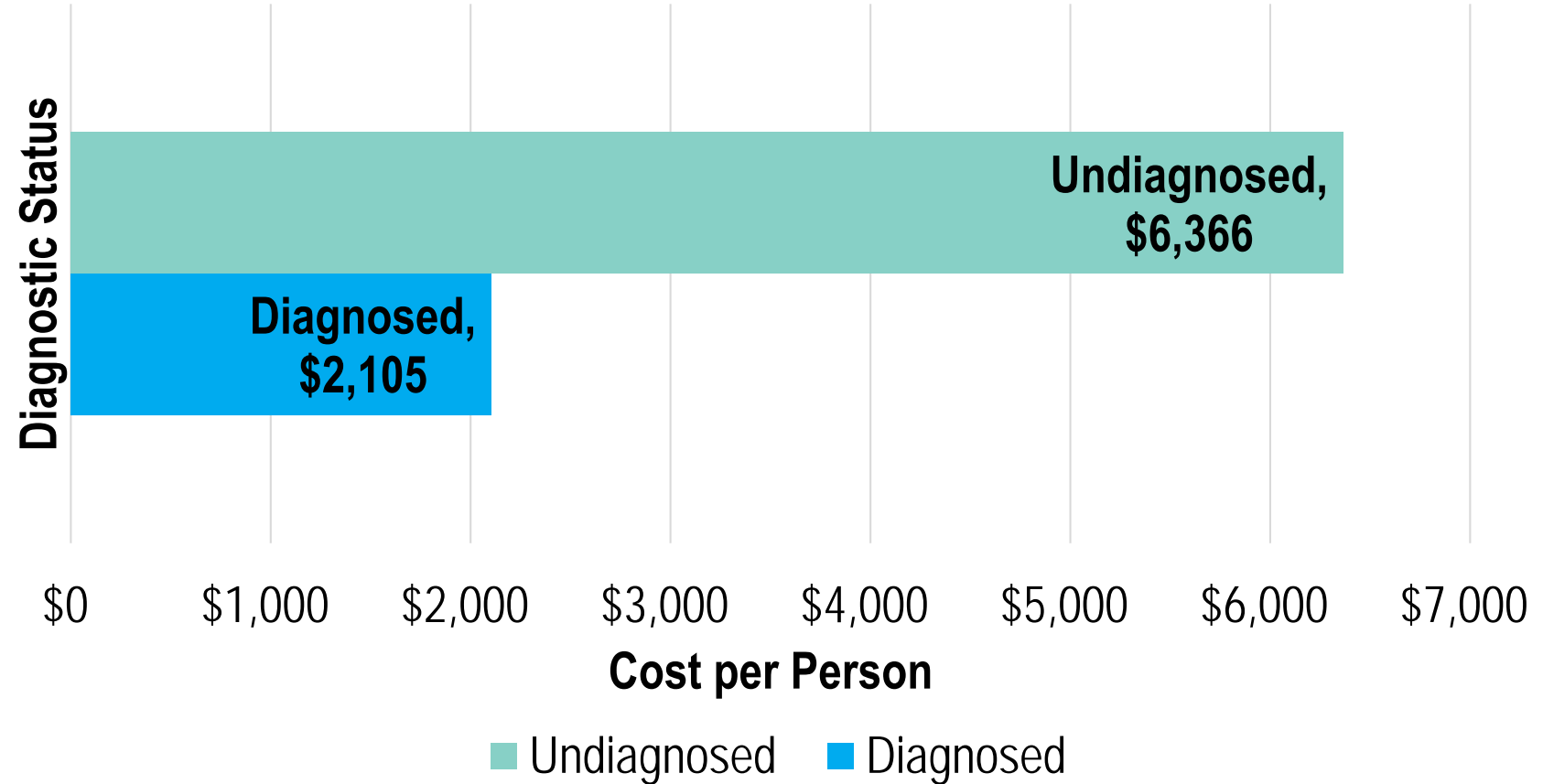


The Cost of Undiagnosed OSA by Member

3x

Members with undiagnosed OSA have triple the medical costs of those who have received diagnoses.

Per Person Cost of OSA by Diagnostic Status



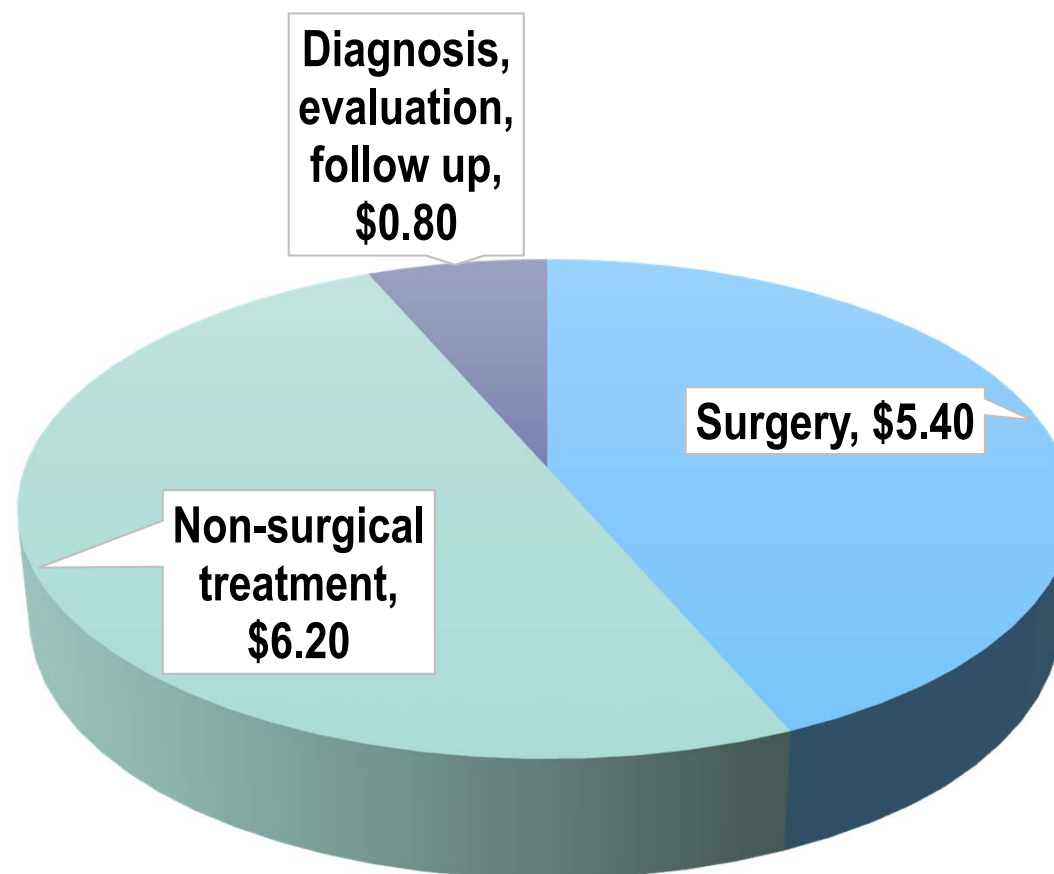


The Cost of Care



- Diagnosis, evaluation and follow up account for just 6% of total OSA treatment costs.
- Total treatment costs are approximately \$12.4 billion annually.

Annual OSA Treatment Costs (in billions)





Savings Associated With OSA Treatment

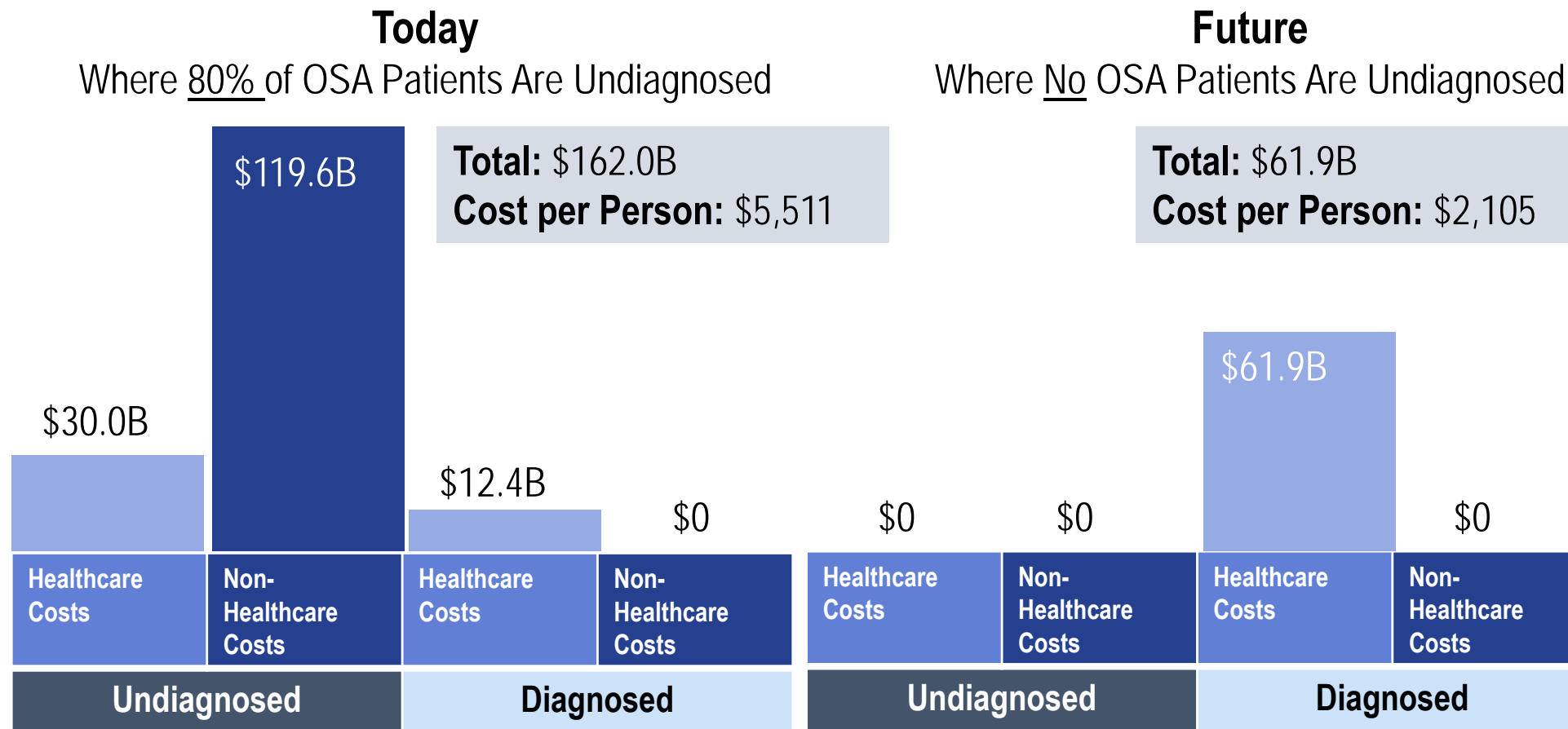


\$100.1 billion

- Annual savings for payers and purchasers if every American with OSA were diagnosed and treated.
- Treatment costs would be more than offset by reduced healthcare utilization, management of comorbidities, increased productivity, and reduced accident-related costs.



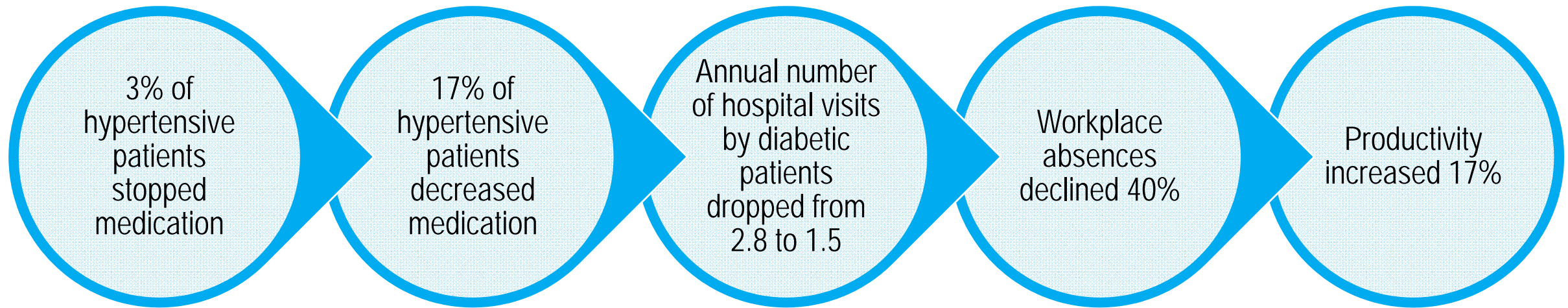
How Treatment Reduces Costs





OSA Treatment Improves Comorbidities

- OSA treatment can reduce burden of hypertension and T2DM.
- Among 506 US patients actively receiving treatment for OSA:





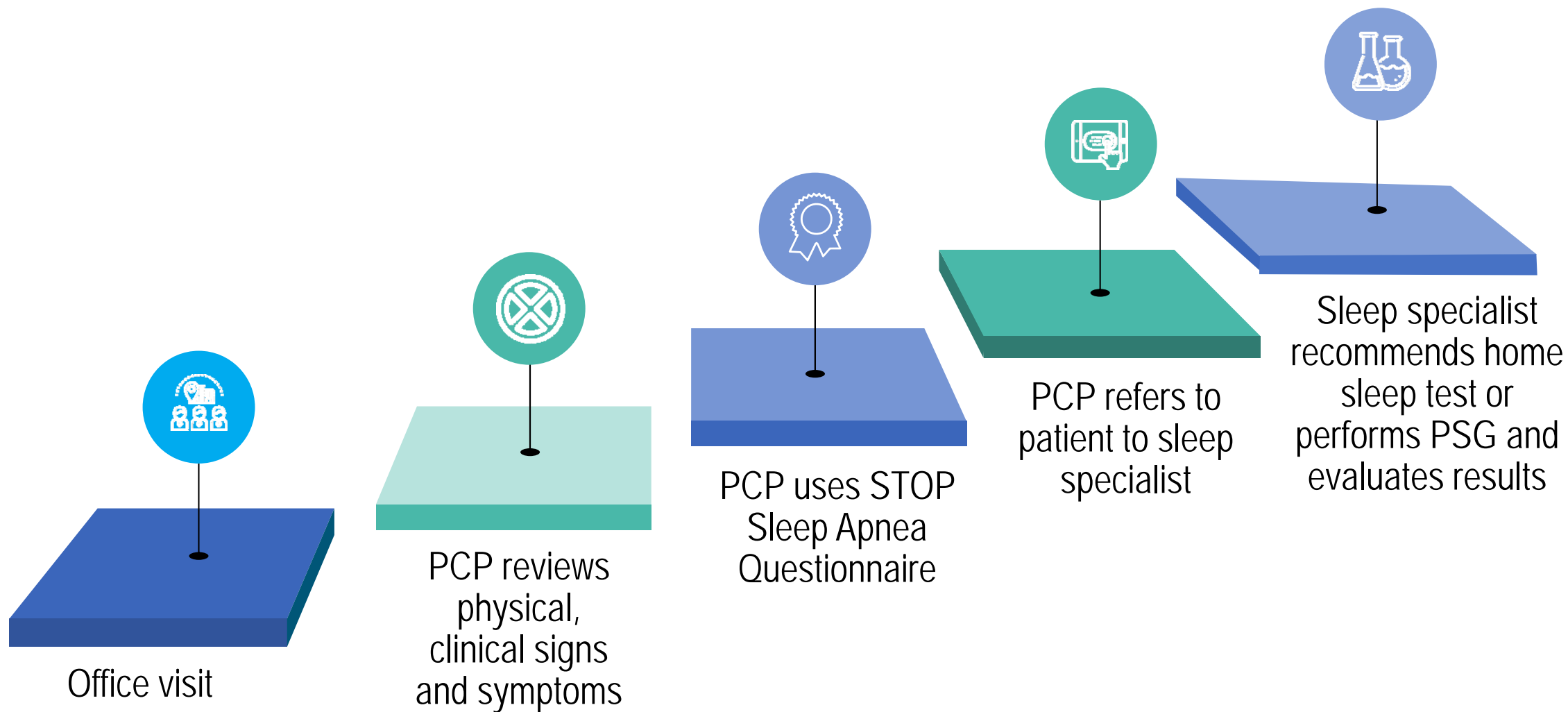
Employers Invest in OSA



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Path from Initial Visit to Treatment





Health Plan Case Management Services



Case management services may coordinate referral process and ensure patients go to the appropriate specialists.





Pharmacy Benefit Design



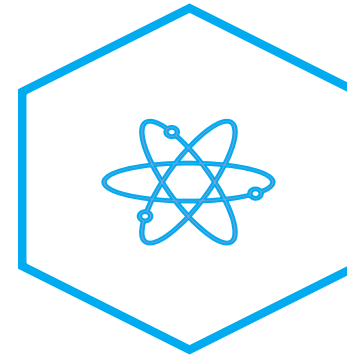
- OSA typically managed under the medical benefit with CPAP and surgery being the most common therapeutic interventions.
- Benefit design and coverage criteria should reflect recommendations of evidence-based guidelines:



Formulary
Positioning



Utilization
management
interventions



Benefit design
arrangements

- Provide inclusive coverage with reasonable cost-sharing based on formulary tiering to avoid adversely impacting therapeutic adherence.
- Plans should recognize complexity of OSA treatment and its benefits.



Sample OSA Pharmacy Benefit Design



Current treatment guidelines advocating modafinil and armodafinil for EDS in OSA

Evaluate available and investigational therapies for EDS based on safety, efficacy and cost

✓ Benefit design and coverage criteria:

- ✓ - Inclusive coverage
- ✓ - Promote access to agents with different MOAs to optimize outcomes in diverse populations
- ✓ - Tiering/cost-sharing
- ✓ - Utilization management



Potential Factors in OSA Formulary Decisions



HEDIS = Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set; JCAHO = Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations;
NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance; PBM = pharmacy benefit manager.
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. Format for formulary submissions. Version 2.0.



Summary



Patients with undiagnosed OSA have three times the healthcare costs of patients with OSA who receive treatment.

Diagnosing and treating all patients with OSA would save more than \$100 billion per year.

Employers increasingly value and invest in OSA diagnosis and treatment programs.

Pharmacy benefit design should balance:

- Treatment guidelines
- Safety, cost, and efficacy of investigational agents for EDS
- Inclusive coverage
- Access to multiple mechanisms of action for diverse populations
- Implementation of utilization management interventions