

# Emerging Nursing Roles in Collaborative Management of Sleep Disordered Breathing and Obstructive Sleep Apnoea

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# Sleep perchance to ....

- *“Sleep that knits up the raveled sleeve of care,  
The death of each day's life, sore labor's bath,  
Balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course,  
Chief nourisher in life's feast.*

William Shakespeare, Macbeth Act 2. Scene 2

# Key Function of Sleep

- Consolidates memory
- Helps regulate immune function
- Cerebral restoration
- Body and vascular/ tissue restoration

# Sleep Disordered Breathing : Problems and clinical patient presentation

- Noisy sleep snoring, gasping, grunting
- Broken sleep, partial awakenings (sleep arousals)
- Bed-partner sleep disturbance
- Sleep Bruxism movement
- Restless Leg Movement (RLM )
- Gastric Esophageal Reflux Disorder GERD



# Who's at Risk of Sleep Disordered Breathing ?

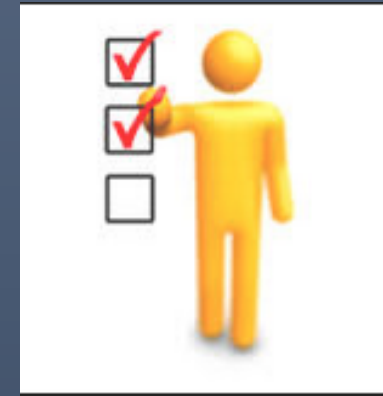
- Current prevalence

- 5-10-17% Sleep apnea
- 40-50% Snoring
- 30% in Sleep bruxism (8%)



- Screening

- Epworth sleepiness scale (ESS) Questionnaire
- STOP-BANG questionnaire
- Berlin questionnaire



- Disruption

- Bed-partner / Observer reporting






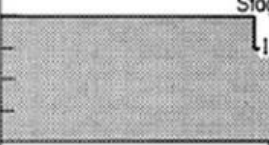

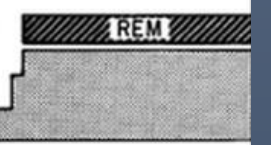

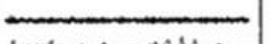

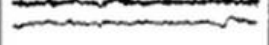
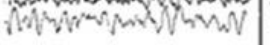

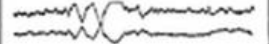
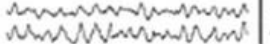

# Spectrum and Severity of Most Common Obstructive Upper Airway Breathing Disorders

- Snoring → Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome (UARS)
- UARS → Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Mild (OSA)
- OSA Mild → Moderate → Severe
- Simultaneous → Sleep Bruxism / RLM / GORD

# SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING or OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA?

- A Sleep Disordered Breathing (SDA) complaint
  - APNEA = a reduction in airflow of >90% from baseline and lasting >10 seconds
  - HYPOPNEA = a reduction in airflow of 30-50% from baseline and lasting >10 seconds followed by arterial desaturation > 4 or 3%
  - Frequency of events determines severity of condition, which results in brief arousals from sleep
  - 3 Types of Sleep Apnoea
    - Central
    - **Obstructive** (*Most common*)
    - Mixed
- International Classification of Sleep Disorders 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition American academy of Sleep Medicine 2010

# SLEEP : Stages and Sleep Study Diagnostics

	WAKE	NREM SLEEP	REM SLEEP
<i>Behavior</i>			
<i>Polygraph</i>	Awake 	Stages 	
EMG			
EEG			
EOG			
<i>Sensation and Perception</i>	Vivid, Externally Generated	Dull or Absent	Vivid, Internally Generated
<i>Thought</i>	Logical Progressive	Logical Perseverative	Illogical Bizarre
<i>Movement</i>	Continuous Voluntary	Episodic Involuntary	Commanded but Inhibited

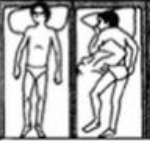


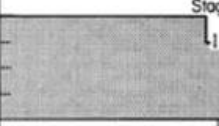
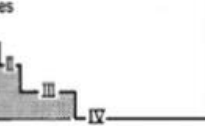
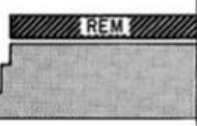
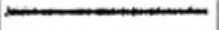



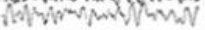
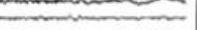
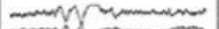


Polysomnography ( PSG)

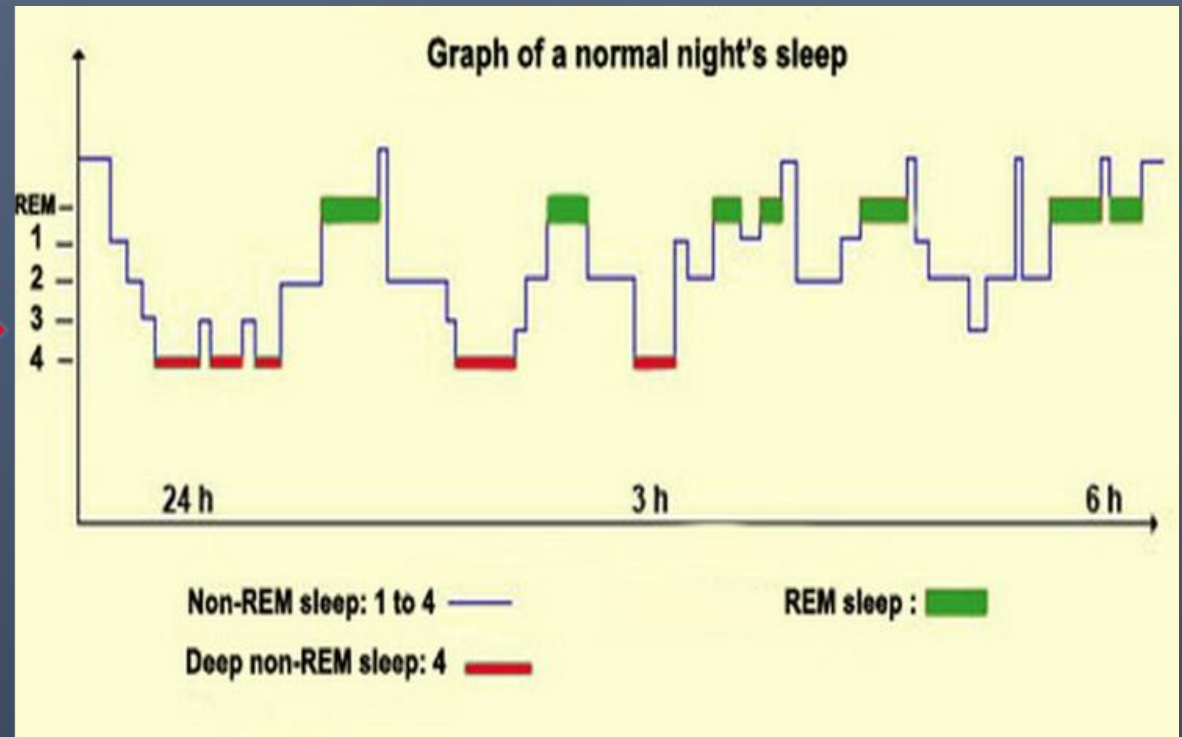
Out of centre sleep test  
(OCST)

Track events within sleep  
90 minute cycles



# Sleep Cycles Construct : NREM / REM Sleep

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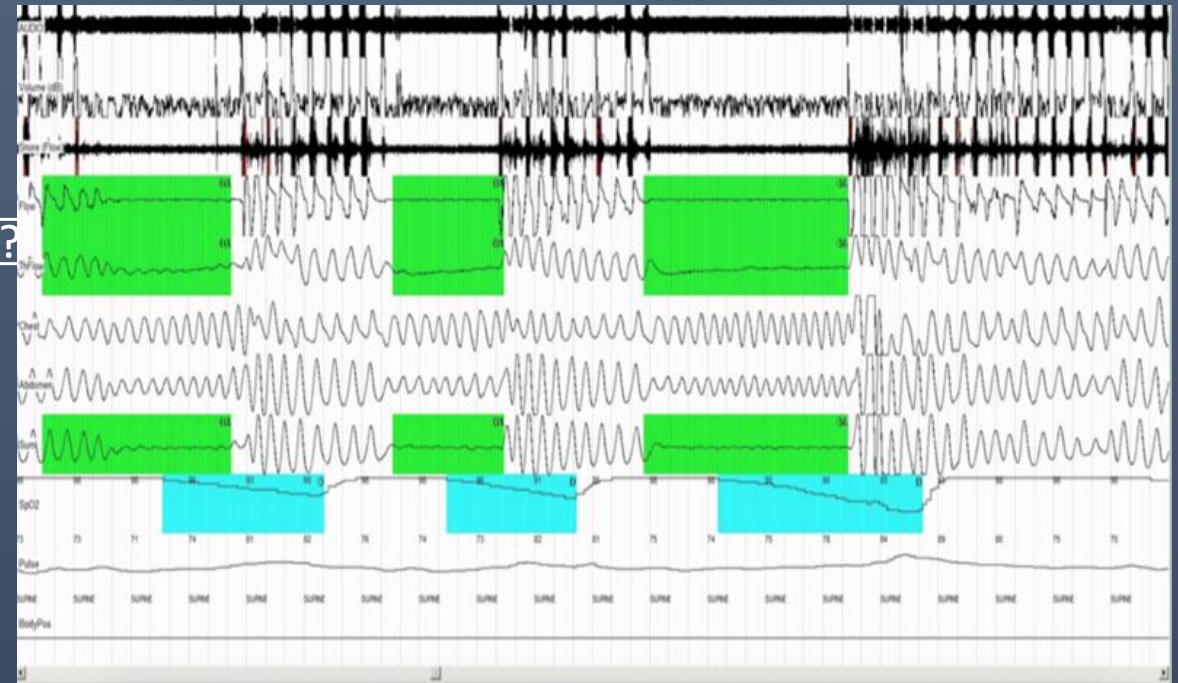


MIT Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science

Hypnogram showing 5-6 90 Minute NREM-REM Cycles per night

# SLEEP STUDY Records and Scores Sleep Disordered Breathing Repetitive Events

- **AHI** = Apnea Hypopnea Index
  - 5 > 15 > 30 Events/hr Mild > Moderate > Severe
- **RDI** = Respiratory Disturbance Index
  - 10 > 20 > 40 Events/hr Mild > Moderate > Severe
- **ODI** = Oxygen Desaturation Index
  - No. of times below baseline/hr
- **Differential Diagnosis**



# Classifying Sleep Disordered Breathing

- **DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS**

- **Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)** , Central Sleep Apnea (CSA), Mixed Sleep Apnea, or Hypopnea events resulting in sleep fragmentation.

- **APNEA**

- 90% or reduction of airflow >10 seconds due to complete collapse of the airway

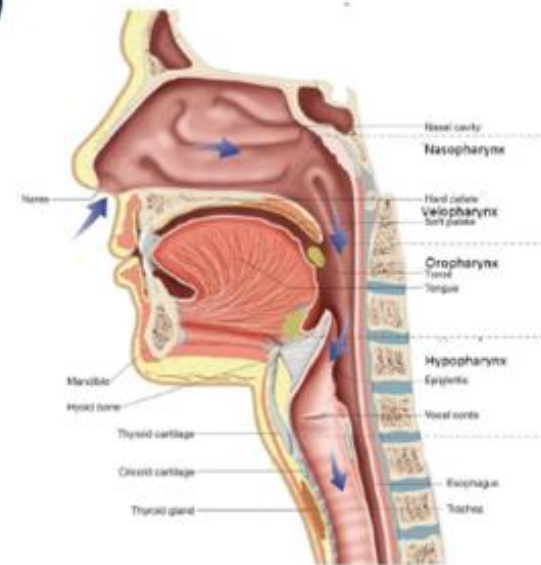
- **HYPOPNEA**

- Reduction of pressure airflow between 30-50% for >10 seconds with oxygen desaturation of > 4 or 3 % respectively with continued respiratory effort and possible sleep arousal

# Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) Anatomy

## Anatomic factors affecting airway

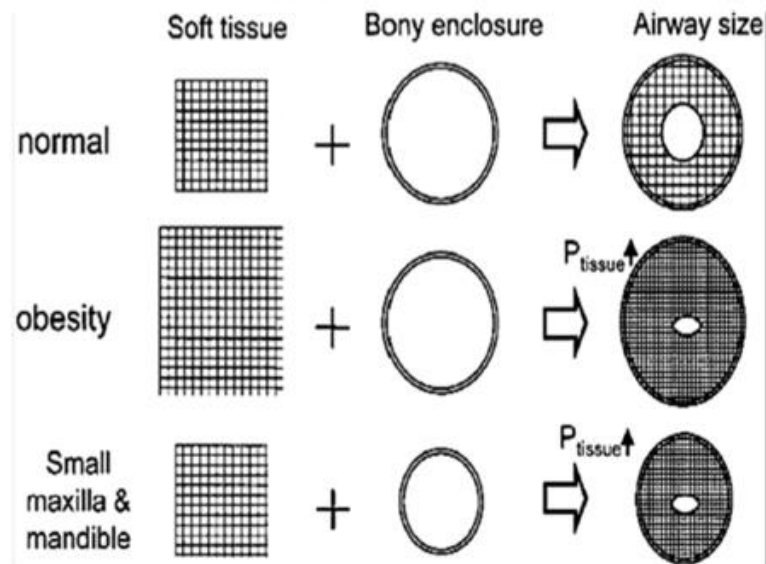
- Large tongue (scalloping)
- Long soft palate
- Tonsils or adenoids
- Retrognathia
- Large neck (fat bagel)
- Obesity
- Retro-positioned maxilla
- Inferiorly positioned hyoid bone



# Airway Anatomy and Airflow

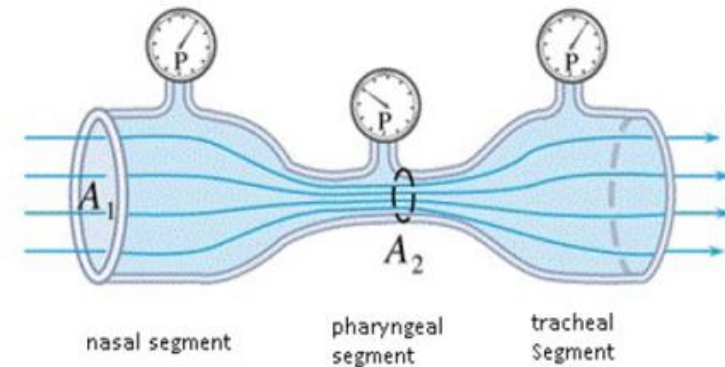
## *Anatomical Imbalance*

The interaction between upper airway soft tissue structures and craniofacial structures



Watanabe, et al. *AJCCM* 165:260, 2002

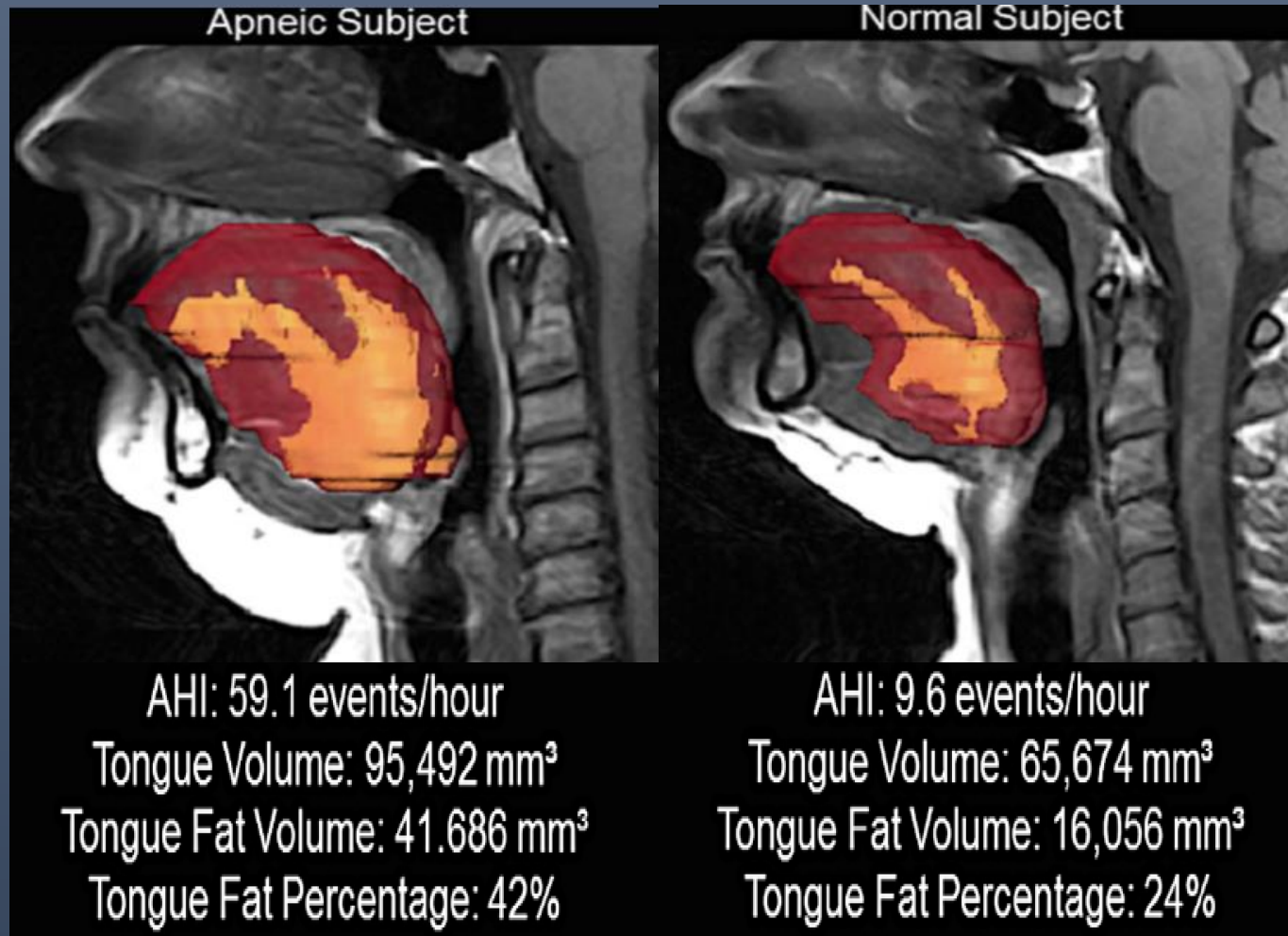
## Starling Resistor Model : Tissue Collapse



Decreased Diameter --> Increased Velocity  
Increased Velocity --> Decreased Pressure



# Tongue Fat Significance



Tongue fat distribution in apneics is increased in specific locations of the tongue (greater in the retro-glossal region)

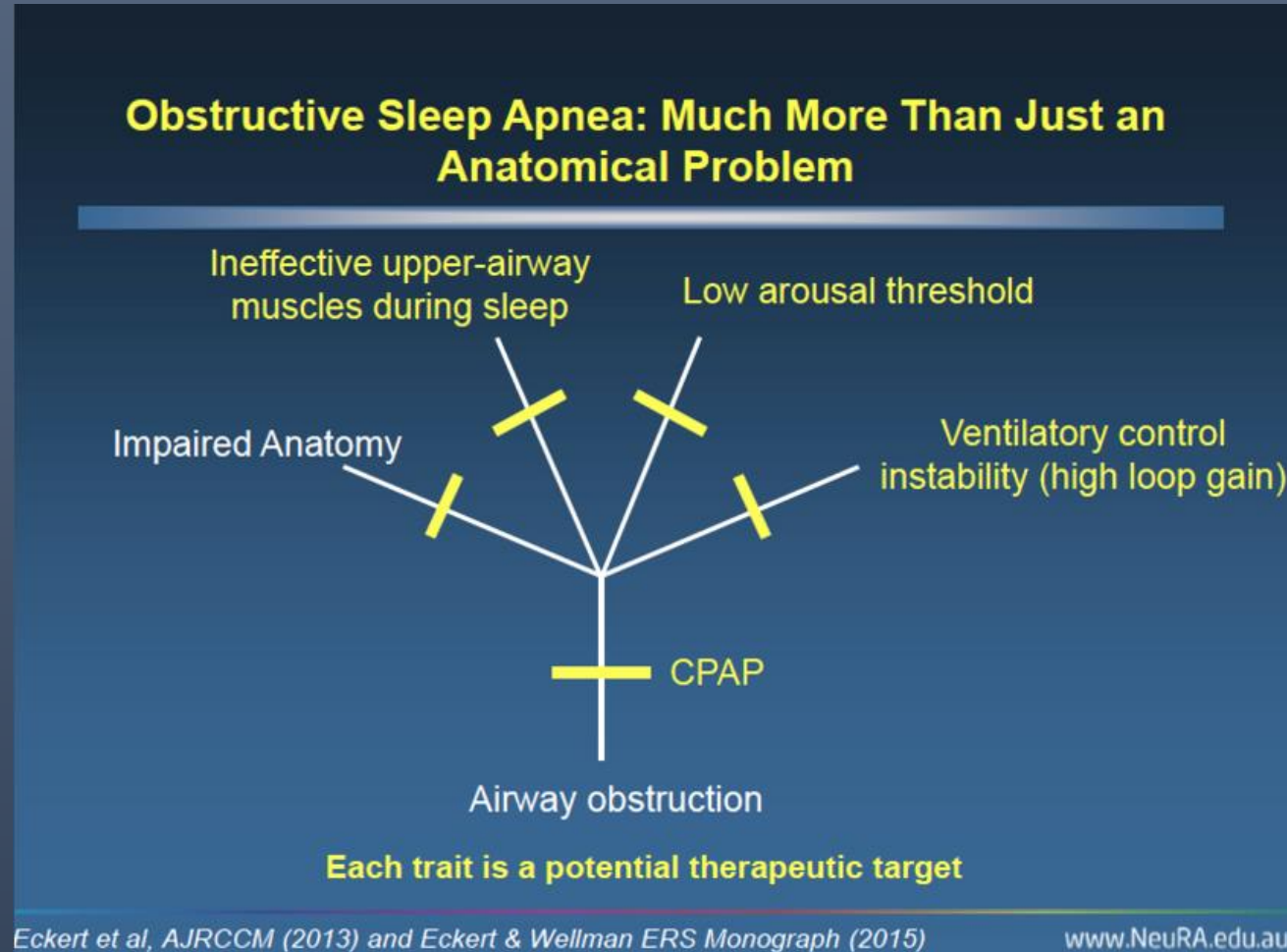
- Tongue size (scalloped tongue forms) and tongue fat are correlated with AHI.

2-10% Weight gain/loss significant effects on tongue fat

Lower and more posterior hyoid bone position significant predictor

*(Kim et al, Sleep 37;1639-1648, 2014)*

# OSA : A MULTIFACTORIAL ETIOLOGY



# Obstructive Sleep Apnea Comorbidities

- **Increased risk:**
  - Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease
  - Cardiac Arrhythmias
  - Immune System Compromise
  - Irritability Mood Disorder, Depression
  - Learning, Memory Problems
- **Association:**
  - Metabolic Disorders (Type 2 Diabetes)
  - Sleep Bruxism (Dental Damage, Jaw Dysfunction & Morning Headaches)
  - Gastric Esophageal Disease (GERD)



# OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA (OSA) : Review

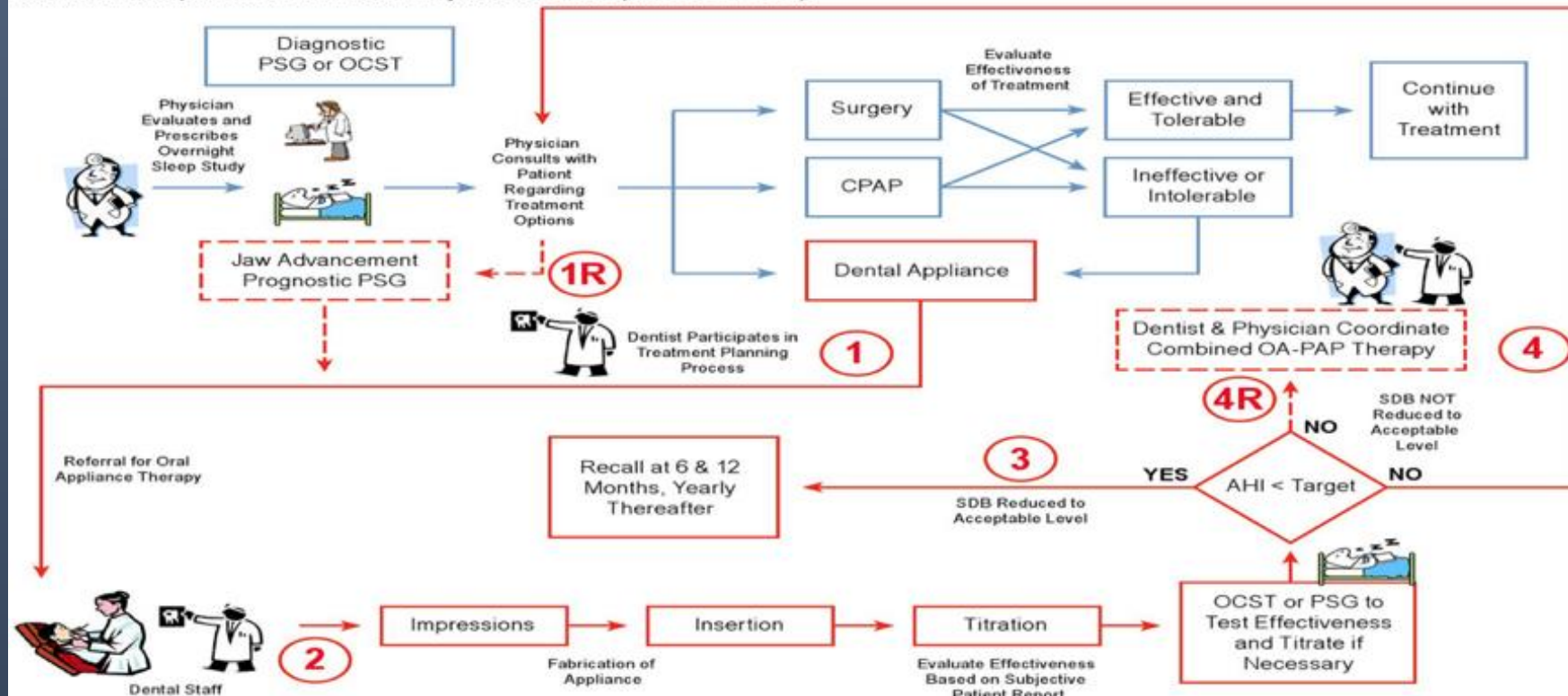
- **Obstructive sleep apnea is highly prevalent** in the general population worldwide, especially in its mild form.
  - Clinical manifestations correlate poorly with disease severity measured by the apnea–hypopnea index (AHI), which complicates diagnosis.
- **Full Polysomnography (PSG )** might be more appropriate to assess suspected mild cases.
  - Limited ambulatory OCST diagnostic systems are least accurate in mild disease.
- **Superior efficacy of CPAP in reducing AHI.**
  - *Offset by greater tolerance of oral appliances, especially in mild disease.*
- **Severe OSA is associated with adverse health consequences**, including cardio/metabolic comorbidities.
  - The association with mild disease is unclear.

# COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT MODEL

## Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine *Official Publication of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine*

**Schematic diagram of the proposed care-under-one-roof model for integrating dental sleep medicine and sleep medicine within the university-based sleep disorders center**

Research components are indicated by dashed lines (see 1R and 4R).

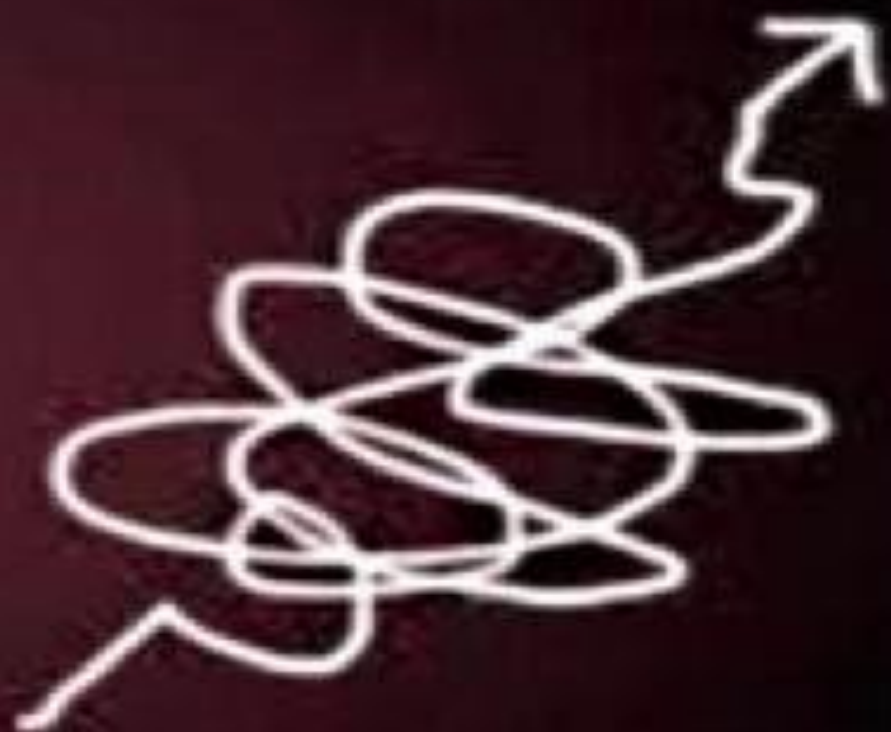


# SUCCESS



WHAT PEOPLE THINK  
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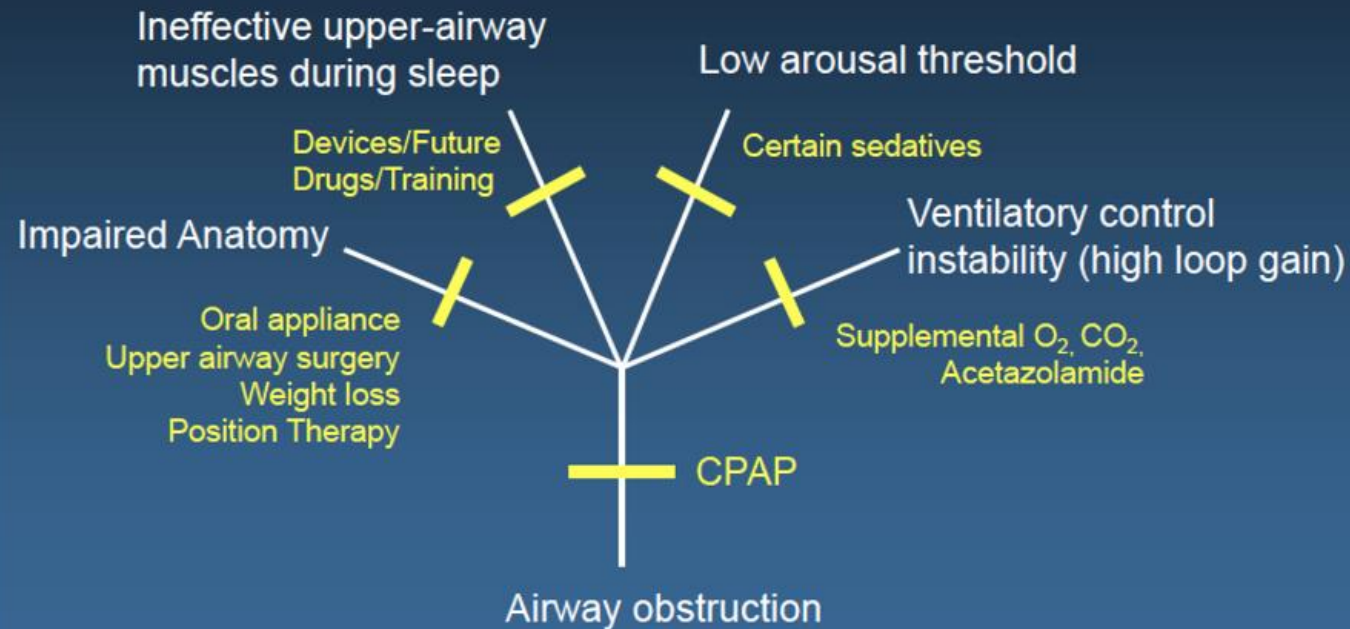
WHAT IT REALLY  
LOOKS LIKE

# Nurse Practitioner Role in co-ordination of complex service delivery interactions

- Team lead by sleep physician
- Co-ordination with respiratory physician ( to include pulmonologist)
- ENT/Otolaryngologist / Maxillofacial surgeon involvement
- Sleep laboratory respiratory technologist
- OCST (Home sleep test) provider
- Dental specialists
- Cognitive behavioural therapy provider service
- Nutritionist, weight management support

# Targeting Collaborative Therapies

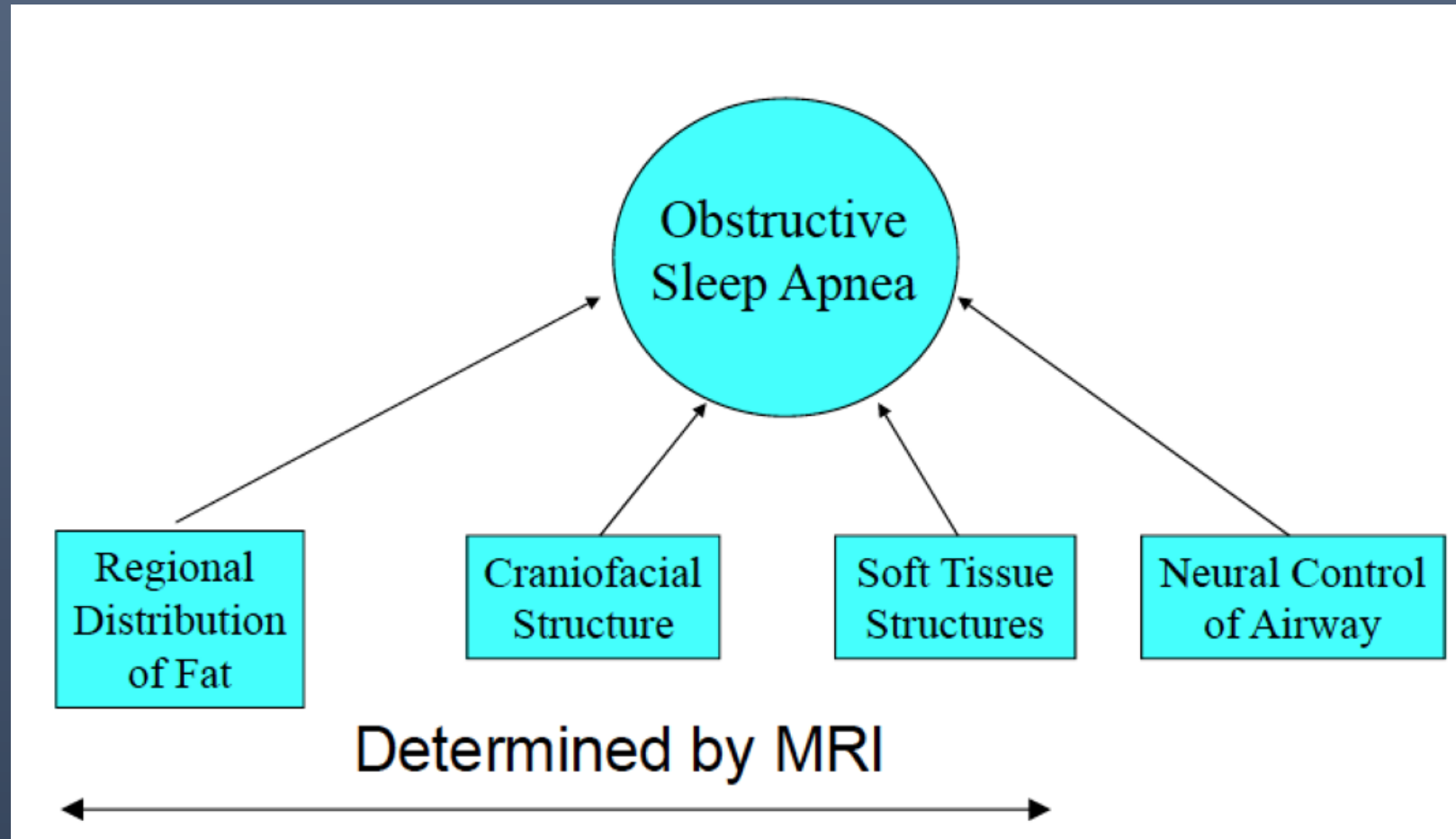
## Novel Approaches to Treat OSA: Towards Targeted Therapies for Sleep-Disordered Breathing



**PALM Scale: >50% of OSA patients could potentially be treated without CPAP using a single, or a combination of therapies, directed at the abnormal trait(s)**



# Phenotype Perspectives in OSA Treatment Approaches



# Comprehensive OSA Management Approach

## CPAP

Continuous positive airways pressure

## Oral Appliances

Several types, dependent on clinical Presentation, patient anatomy and proposed device tolerance

## Positional aids

Encourage patient to avoid supine position and encourage left or right lateral sleeping position

## Weight : BMI Management

Multifactorial engagement with prevailing circumstances/presentation

## Surgical Options (Less common)

Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP)

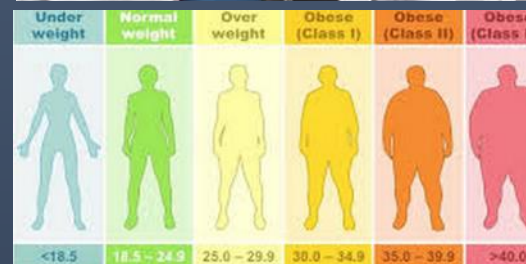
Radiofrequency volumetric tissue reduction (RFVTR)

Septoplasty and Turbinate Reduction

Glosseal resection

Orthognathic Surgery: Jaw resection

Weight loss surgical interventions: Bariatric surgery



M. Redman, C. Pooni (2012) J. Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surg.

# Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Management options

- **CPAP**

- 100% Efficacy 50% Tolerance

- **Oral Appliance Therapy (OAT)**

- Not as Effective, Not as Obtrusive
- Portable/ Quiet

- **Surgery**

- Most invasive

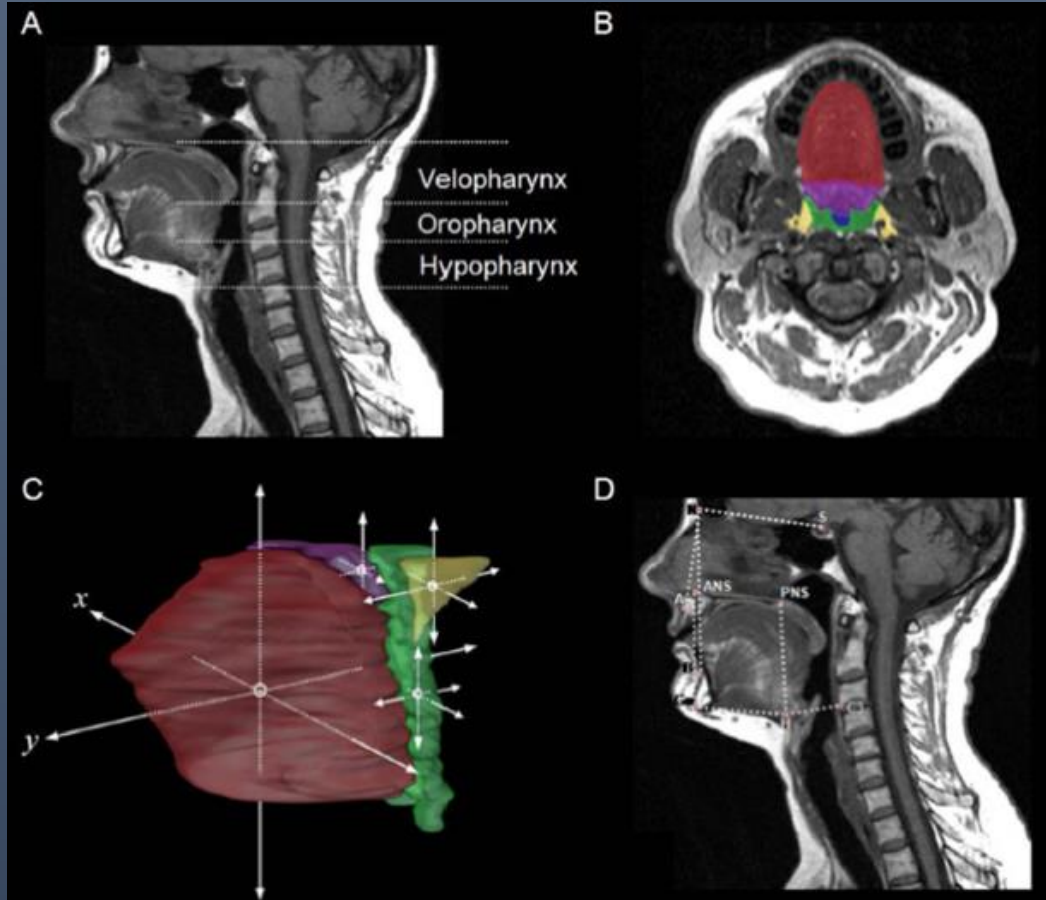


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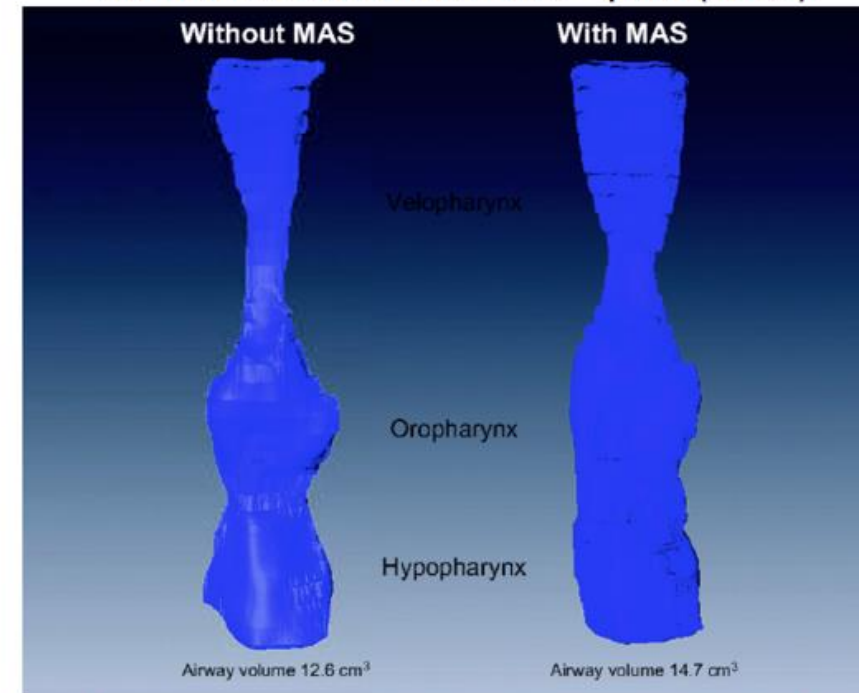




# Oral Appliance effectiveness at velopharyngeal level



Volumetric Reconstructions of the Upper Airway in a Responder Showing the Increase in Caliber of the Upper Airway With Mandibular Advancement Splint (MAS)



Chan et al. Thorax 2010;65:726-732

THORAX

Therapeutic Orthotic Functional Matrix

# How effective is therapy?

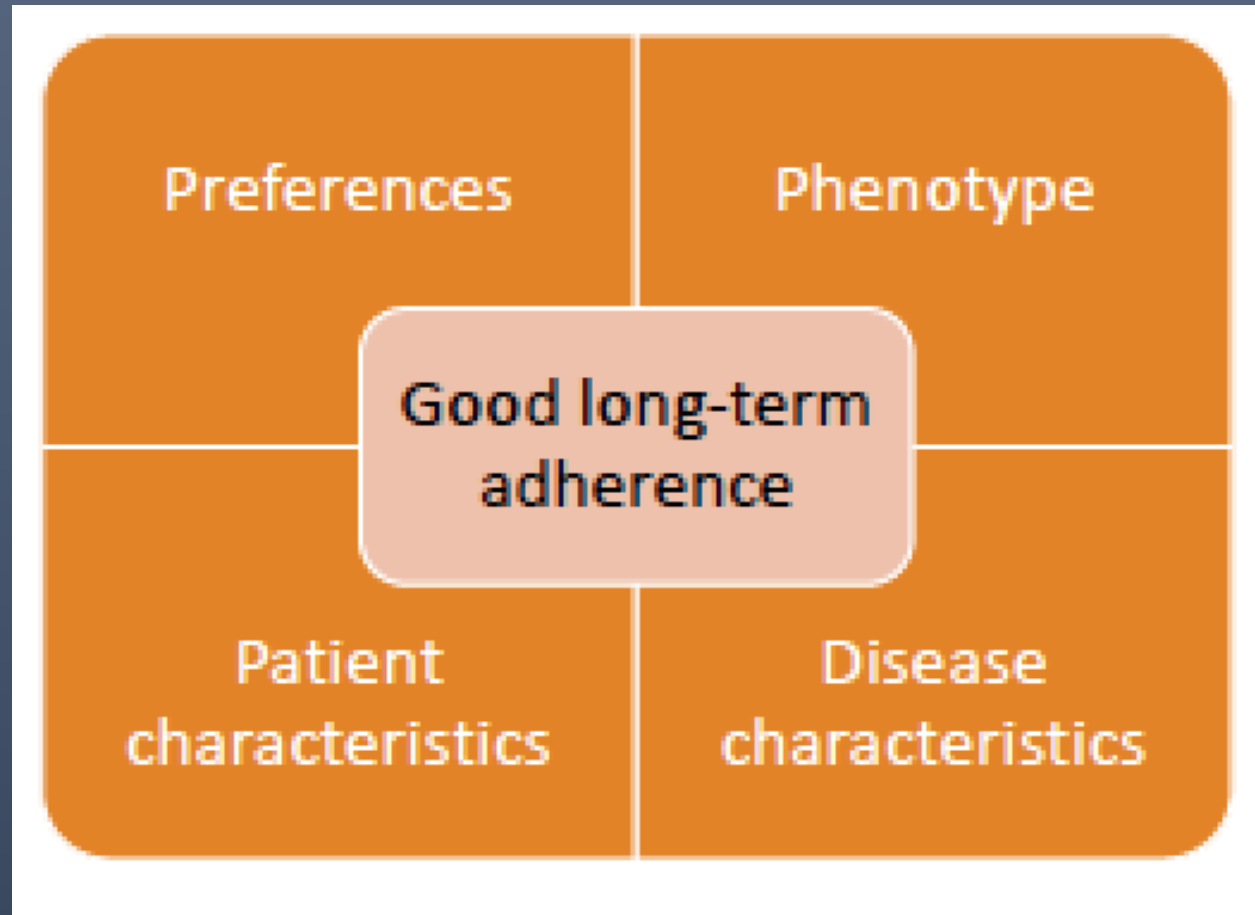
- Individual Variation & Tolerance
  - Snoring, OSA, Sleep Bruxism
- Evidence Based Effectiveness?
  - Comparative Crossover Studies
  - Cardiovascular / BP
  - Day-time sleepiness
  - QOL
- Adherence
  - Efficacy vs Effectiveness CPAP Vs OAT
  - Mean Disease alleviation (MDA) compared to alternative to alternative approaches



*TAP appliances*

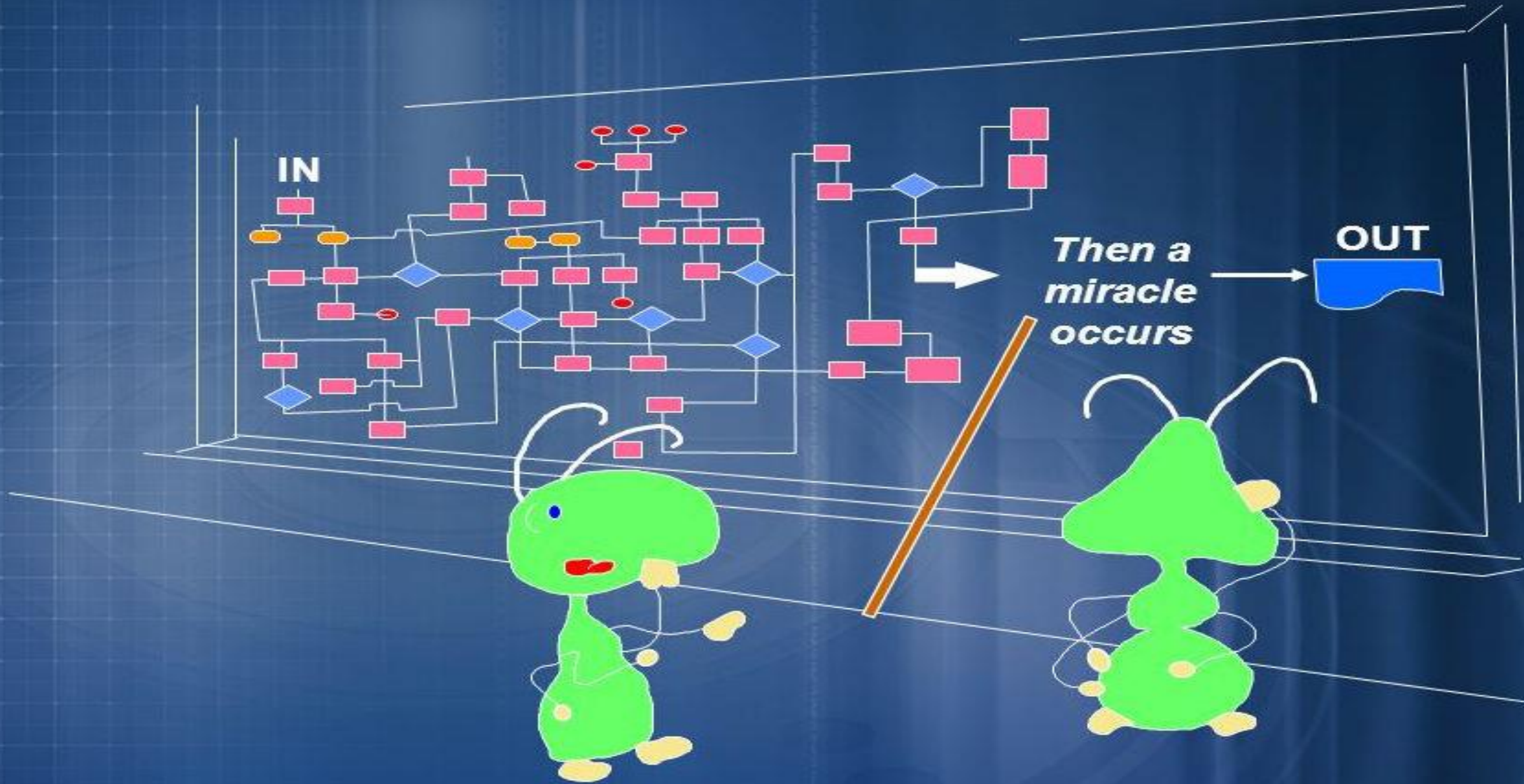
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# MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS IN OSA



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**“Good work ..... but I think we need just a little more detail right here”**

# Thank you!

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