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# **Combating the Consequences** of Excessive Sleepiness

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#### STATEMENT OF NEED

Excessive sleepiness is an intense compulsion to sleep during waking hours. This symptom can manifest while at rest, but also during times when a degree of activity and attention are needed, such as while driving. Excessive sleepiness can be a result of sleep deprivation or fragmentation, and its etiology is associated with disorders such as narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea, circadian rhythm sleep disorders, and depression.<sup>1</sup>

Clinical sleep deprivation/fragmentation studies highlight the cognitive, functional, and physiological impact of excessive sleepiness. Consequent deficits include decreased alertness, learning and memory problems, and psychomotor impairment.<sup>2</sup> These impairments can decrease productivity and increase the propensity for errors and accidents. The symptom of excessive sleepiness may exacerbate mood disorders, and is associated with increased insulin resistance, pain sensitivity, and weight gain.

Management of excessive sleepiness can encompass both non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic strategies. Nonpharmacologic measures include patient education on sleep/wake hygiene, the appropriate use of napping, and light management. Caffeine, psychostimulants, or novel wake-promoting agents can also be utilized to help overcome excessive sleepiness.<sup>3</sup> In this live, evidence-based, neuroscienceCMETV activity, the experts will explore the symptom of excessive sleepiness and how its consequences may impact patient outcomes.

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#### ACTIVITY GOAL

To explore the etiology and occurrence of excessive sleepiness, examine the resultant cognitive and medical consequences, and identify strategies for management of this symptom.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:
- Describe the symptomatology and etiology of excessive sleepiness.
- Identify consequences of untreated excessive sleepiness including cognitive deficits, physical decrements, and increased propensity for errors and accidents.
- Formulate a treatment plan that can improve the outcome of patients who suffer from excessive sleepiness associated with a variety of disorders.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, certified case managers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals interested in optimizing outcomes in patients with sleep/wake disorders.

#### COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

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