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# The Complexities of Managing Patients with Sleep-Wake Disorders: The Need to Treat the Whole Patient

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Patients with sleep-wake disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea and circadian rhythm sleep disorders, such as shift work disorder and jetlag disorder, are complex in their presentation and pose significant therapeutic challenges. Sleepwake disorder patients often present with the symptom of excessive sleepiness and although highly prevalent and detrimental to the patient, society, and the healthcare system, excessive sleepiness remains under-recognized as well as not appropriately managed. Both patients and physicians often view sleepiness as a normal phenomenon; patients may not mention it, and if they do, physicians may not view it as a serious symptom in need of further attention. In part, the difficulty may arise from the fact that patients often do not complain of excessive sleepiness but instead may use terms like fatigue, tired, and lack of energy that may not raise clinical concern or may lead to misdiagnosis (e.g., depression) and inappropriate treatment. In some cases, patients may report problems with their memory or concentration, or automobile crashes. In fact, patients often do not mention anything at all unless some consequence has ensued, like an automobile crash. In this neuroscienceCME Live and On Demand activity, the expert faculty will examine the challenges of sleep-wake disorders from the primary care and sleep specialist perspective with the goal of providing tools for improved recognition, assessment and coordinated care of the whole patient.

Rakel RE. Clinical and societal consequences of obstructive sleep apnea and excessive daytime sleepiness. Postgrad Med 2009;121:86-95.

#### **ACTIVITY GOAL**

To identify and accurately diagnose sleep-wake disorders and improve the continuum of care between primary care and sleep specialists.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:

- Increase the percentage of patient visits during which sleep patterns are evaluated with a screening tool to improve the recognition of sleep-wake disorder symptoms.
- Utilize diagnostic tools and instruments to improve the accuracy of differential diagnosis of comorbid sleep-wake disorders including obstructive sleep apnea and circadian rhythm sleep disorders such as shift work sleep disorder
- Integrate a local network of primary care providers and sleep specialists into patient care to improve ongoing communication among providers regarding the overall management of patients with sleep-wake disorders.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, certified case managers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals interested in sleep-wake medicine.

# **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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