HEALTHY SLEEP AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY FOR INSOMNIA

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AGENDA

• What is sleep and why do we need it?
• How much sleep do we need-changes across the lifespan
• Relationship between sleep and mental health conditions
• Definition and prevalence of insomnia
• Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia
DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF SLEEP

• How would you define sleep?
• Sleep is a naturally recurring state of mind and body, characterized by altered consciousness, relatively inhibited sensory activity, inhibition of nearly all voluntary muscles, and reduced interactions with surroundings
• What do you think the purpose of sleep is?
FUNCTION OF SLEEP

Help restore immune, nervous, skeletal, and muscular systems
Maintain mood, memory, and cognitive functioning
During sleep, the body moves through **five** different stages.

Over the course of the night, cycle **four to six** times, spending an average of **90** minutes in each stage.

2 Types: NREM (non-rapid eye movement) sleep and REM (rapid eye movement).

Each stage of sleep serves a unique restorative function.
STAGES OF SLEEP

• **NREM Stage one** - transitional phase, floating in and out of consciousness, partially awake while your mind begins to drift off, muscles jerk, falling sensation jolts you back into consciousness

• **NREM Stage two** – light stage, heart rate begins to slow, core temperature drops and brain waves slow with the occasional burst of waves (sleep spindles); alternating periods of muscle tone and relaxation; 50% of the time spent asleep is stage 2

• **NREM stage 3** – deep sleep; hard to wake up from (disoriented and groggy); slow wave sleep (SWS-delta waves), blood pressure drops and breathing becomes deeper, slower, and more rhythmic; body becomes immobile but can function (nightmares, bedwetting and sleepwalking); rejuvenating hormones released from growth & appetite control

• REM (rapid eye movement) Sleep—about 20% of sleep (infants 50%); mind energizes itself and body is immobile; breathing becomes shallow & irregular, heart rate & blood pressure rise; dreaming & heightened brain waves (similar to wakefulness); revitalizes the brain, supports sharp and alert daytime function
SLEEP OVER THE HUMAN LIFESPAN

How much sleep do you think most adults need?

How do you think sleep changes over the human lifespan?
How do you think sleep affects mental health and how does mental health affect sleep?

Sleep problems, insomnia in particular, are commonly experienced by those with mood and anxiety disorders.

Insomnia can be either a risk factor for or symptom of mental health conditions.

Treating insomnia can improve symptoms of mood and anxiety disorders.
WHAT IS INSOMNIA AND HOW DO YOU TREAT IT?

- Definition of insomnia
- Prevalence of insomnia
- 4-Factor model of insomnia
- Overview of cognitive and behavioral treatment strategies for insomnia
DSM-V DEFINITION OF INSOMNIA

• “Dissatisfaction with sleep quality or quantify characterized by difficulty initiating sleep, maintaining sleep, or early morning awakenings that cause significant distress or impairment in daytime functioning and occur at least three nights per week for at least 3 months despite adequate opportunity for sleep.”
PREVALENCE OF INSOMNIA

5% - 35% of population has insomnia at some point in their lives
10% - 15% have persistent insomnia
WHAT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS DO YOU THINK ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INSOMNIA?

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Hypertension
- Type II diabetes
- Increased alcohol and substance use
- Increased health care use
- Non-motor vehicle accidents
- Chronic pain
4 FACTOR MODEL

- Conditioned Arousal
- Perpetuating
- Precipitating
- Predisposing

Target for CBT TX of Insomnia

Threshold

Perlis modification of Spielman model
PREDISPOSING FACTORS

- Hyperarousability trait
- Female gender
- Aging
- Family history of insomnia
- Personal history of insomnia
- Presence of a psychiatric disorder
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PRECIPITATING FACTORS

- Increased stress
- Changes in work schedule (night shift)
- Traumatic events
- Physical health problems
- Mental health problems

Night Shift Nurses...
Because anybody who goes to sleep on the same day they woke up is a quitter.
Perlis modification of Spielman model
Unrealistic sleep requirement expectations
Faulty appraisals of sleep difficulties
Misattributions of daytime impairments
Misconceptions about the causes of insomnia

PERPETUATING FACTORS

FAULTY BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES ABOUT SLEEP
- Excessive amount of time spent in bed
- Irregular sleep wake schedule
- Napping
- Engaging in sleep-interfering activities in the bedroom
- Using substances for sleep and/or wake

MALADAPTIVE SLEEP BEHAVIORS
4 FACTOR MODEL

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Threshold

Pre-Morbid  Acute  Early  Chronic  Acute Tx  + Response

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CONDITIONED AROUSAL

Learned expectation to be awake in bed
Target of treatment with hypnotic medications
Very difficult to modify directly though this is where most patients and providers concentrate their efforts
OVERVIEW OF CBT STRATEGIES FOR INSOMNIA

• Sleep Restriction (Sleep Efficiency Therapy or Sleep Compression Therapy)
• Stimulus Control
• Sleep Hygiene
• Challenge cognitive distortions about sleep
MONITORING SLEEP PATTERNS

• First fundamental element of CBT-I is keeping a comprehensive sleep log

• The goal of keeping sleep logs is to:
  • identify types of insomnia
  • total sleep ability
  • identify factors that may contribute to maintenance of insomnia
SLEEP RESTRICTION THERAPY

- Restrict time in bed to the number of hours of sleep ($\geq 5$)
- Anchor sleep schedule to wake time
  - Keep rigid bed and rise times
- Review strategies for staying awake
- Sleep will probably be less before it is more
- Goal is to consolidate sleep
  - Sleep deprivation will actually help
- Gradually extend sleep opportunity (15 min/week as sleep improves)
SLEEP DEBT MODEL

Model

Process $S$

Time of day

Normal Day-Night

Daytime Nap

Sleep Deprivation
STIMULUS CONTROL

Do nothing in bed but sleep* AND sleep nowhere but the bed

*and sex
STIMULUS CONTROL

- Go to bed only when you are sleepy
- Do not use your bed or bedroom for anything other than sleep (or sex)
- If you are unable to fall asleep after about 15-20 minutes, leave the bed and bedroom
  - Hide the clock
  - Repeat as necessary
- Wake up at a regular time regardless of how well or how long you slept
- Avoid taking naps
GENERAL TIPS FOR HAVING HEALTHY SLEEP HYGIENE

- Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day (even on the weekends!)
- Avoid caffeine consumption (e.g., coffee, soft drinks, chocolate) starting in the late afternoon
- Expose yourself to bright light in the morning – sunlight helps the biological clock to reset itself each day
- Make sure your bedroom is conducive to sleep – it should be dark, quiet, comfortable, and cool
- Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillow
- Don’t go to bed feeling hungry, but also don’t eat a heavy meal right before bed
- Develop a relaxing routine before bedtime – ideas include bathing, music, and reading
- Reserve your bedroom for sleeping only – keep cell phones, computers, televisions and video games out of your bedroom
- Exercise regularly during the day
- Don’t have pets in your bedroom

CHALLENGE DYSFUNCTIONAL BELIEFS ABOUT SLEEP AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR SLEEP

• Everyone needs 8 hours of sleep
• Older people need less sleep
• If I do not sleep, catastrophic things will happen
• If I do not fall asleep by X o’clock, I will never fall asleep
• There is nothing I can do to have a good night of sleep
• I should just try harder to fall asleep
SUMMARY OF STRATEGIES TO TREAT INSOMNIA

- Monitor average total sleep ability and set matching sleep schedule (extend slowly once symptoms of insomnia start to improve)
- Practice stimulus control
- Practice good sleep hygiene
- Challenge dysfunctional beliefs associated with sleep
THANK YOU!

• Please feel free to contact me at kyledavisphd@gmail.com with any questions!