# The sleep you're missing: Where you lost it and how to get it back





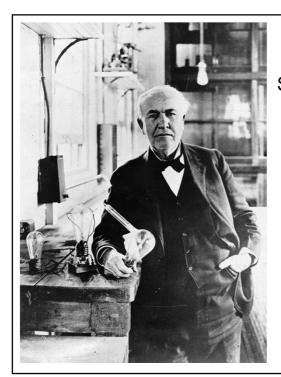




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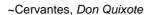




Sleep is an acquired habit. Cells don't sleep. Fish swim in the water all night. Even a horse doesn't sleep. A man doesn't need any sleep.

-Thomas Edison

Now, blessings light on him that first invented sleep! It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak; it is meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, heat for the cold, and cold for the hot. It is the current coin that purchases all the pleasures of the world cheap, and the balance that sets the king and the shepherd, the fool and the wise man, even.





#### Our culture of Somnorexia





As a society, we get 20% less sleep than our ancestors only 100 years ago.



#### How much sleep are you missing?

Newborns/Infants	0 - 2 months: 2 - 12 months:	15-18 hours 14-15 hours	
Toddlers/Children	12 mo - 18 mo: 18 mo - 3 years: 3 - 5 years: 5 - 12 years:	13-15 hours 12-14 hours 11-13 hours 10-11 hours	
Adolescents	On Average:	9.25 hours	
Adults	On Average:	7-9 hours	

- Science of Sleep

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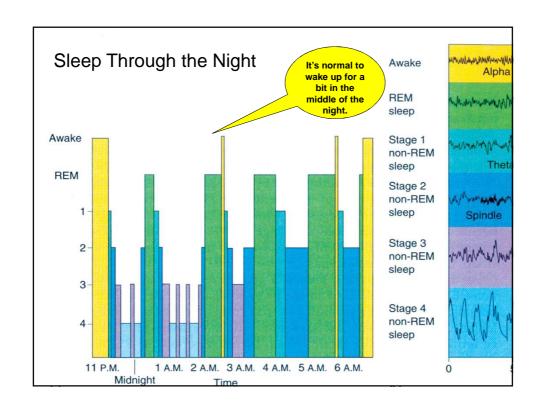
### Outline



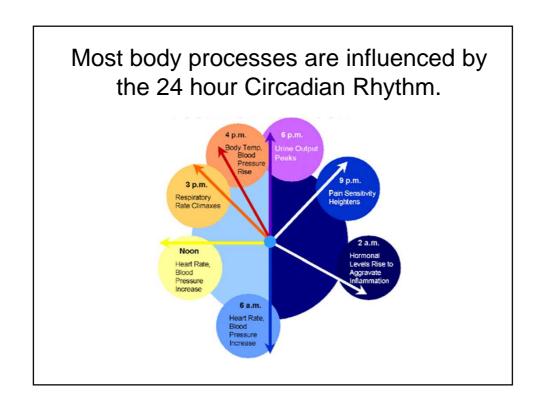
# SCIENCE OF SLEEP

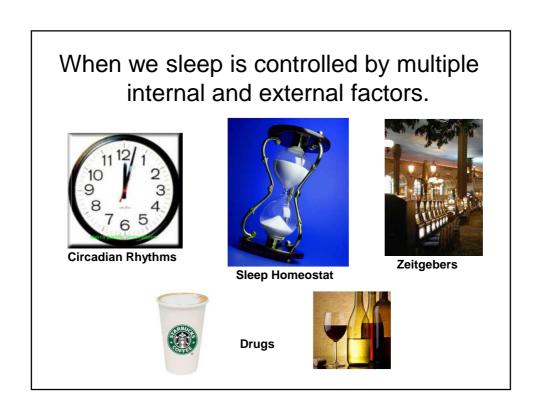
### Sleep Stages

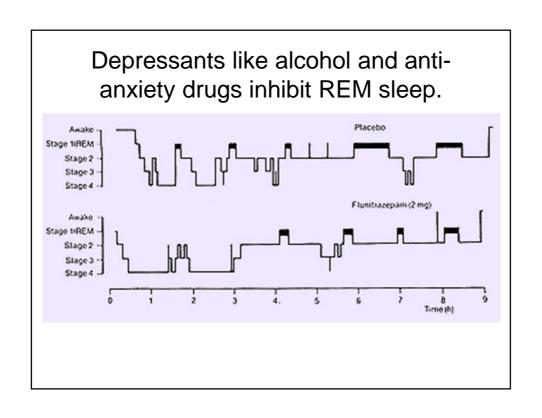
	Awake	NREM	REM
EEG	Fast, asynch	Slow, synch	Fast, async
Sensation	Vivid, external	Dull, Absent	Vivid, internal
Thought	Voluntary	Idle	Vivid, illogical
Movement	Voluntary	Rare, involuntary	Muscle paralysis
Eye moves	Often	Rare	Often

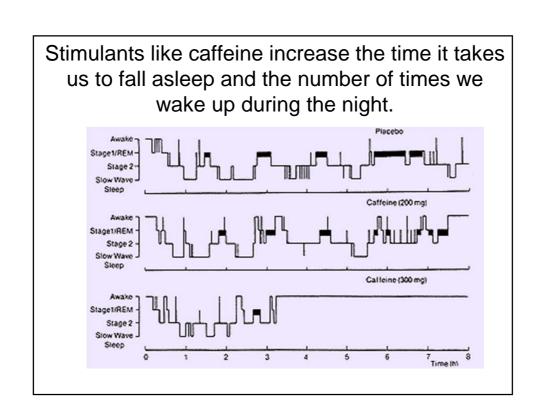


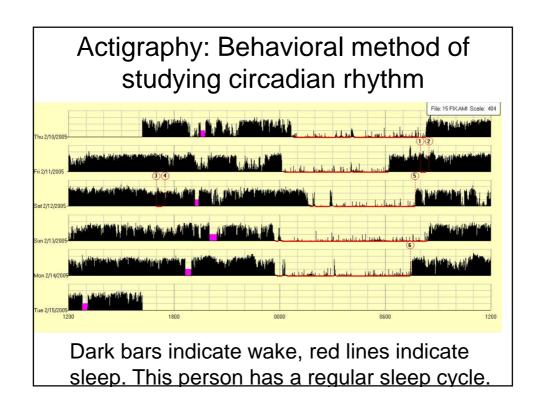


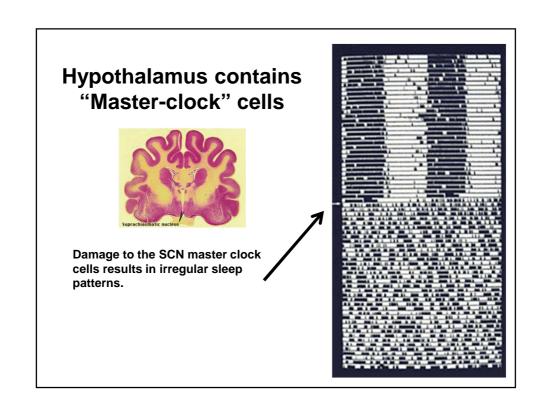


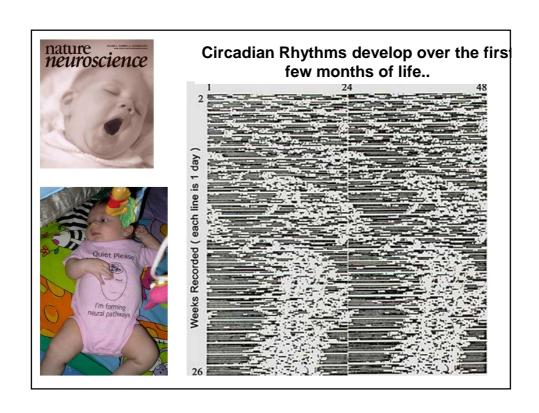


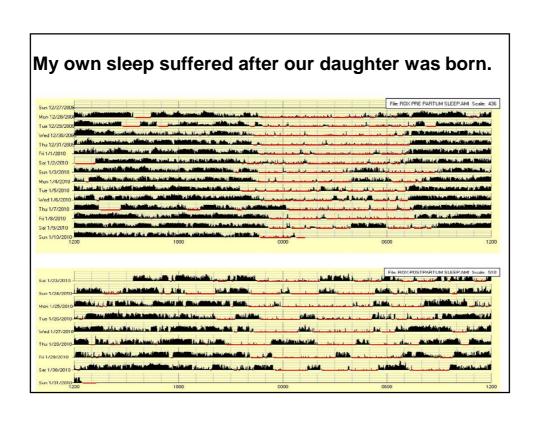


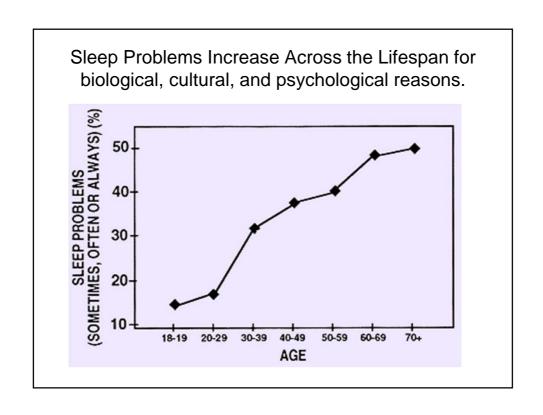












# SLEEP FOR HEALTH

#### Sleep deprivation leads to many negative consequences. **Decreased** Increased Insulin Resistance job performance **Depression** Inc. Risk-Taking **Increased BP Behavior** Increased **Anxiety** Increased Increased Weight Gain **Accident Risk** Irritability Increased **Decreased Increased Cancer Reaction Time Immunity Risk**

# Sleep deprivation has immediate behavioral effects

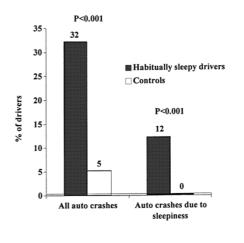
- Microsleep
- Poor decision making
- Difficulty communicating
- Forgetfulness
- Fixation
- Lethargy
- Bad mood
- Paranoia



# Sleeping Behind the wheel is particularly dangerous for sleepy drivers.

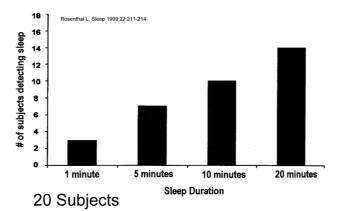


People who drive after being awake for 17 to 19 hours performed worse than those with a blood alcohol level of .05.



Masa et al. 2000

## Most people don't realize they're asleep even after 5 minutes of sleep.



**Figure 1.—**The number of subjects accurately detecting sleep during each nap length tallied and analyzed for differences in sleep detection as a function of sleep length shows an increase in the number of individuals correctly detecting sleep as a function of the duration of sleep.

# Sleep deprivation compromises the Immune System

- Sleep deprivation is correlated with a significant reduction in cellular immunity (reductions in T-cells)
- Men who received just four hours of sleep a night for four straight nights after receiving a flu shot produced half the antibodies as the control group (Weintraub, 2004)
- In lab rats, total sleep deprivation for four weeks can cause death by infection (Stapleton, 2001)



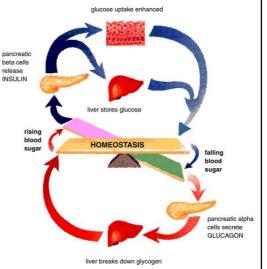
# Sleep deprivation taxes the Cardiovascular System

- Sleep deprivation increases concentrations of cytokines & C-reactive proteins
- ■This inflammation can damage the inner walls of the arteries, leading to possible stroke or heart disease
- Blood pressure and heart rate are higher following sleep deprived nights
- Men who sleep 5 hours or less a night have 2x as many heart attacks as men who sleep 8 hours or more



# Sleep Deprivation is associated with blood sugar management problems.

- Chronic sleep deprivation leads to insulin resistance
- This resistance can result in high blood glucose concentrations, leading to diabetes
- Men who sleep 4 hours a night for 6 straight nights lose 30% of their ability to respond to insulin



Gottlieb et al, 2005

# Sleep Deprivation enhances hunger and cravings for junk food.

- Healthy young men were forced to sleep 4 hours a night or 9 hours a night for 4 days straight.
- Short sleepers had a 18% drop in leptin, the fat satiety signal (equivalent drop to subtracting 1100 calorie a day diet).
- 25% Increase in hunger, 45% in appetite for junk foods



(Van Cauter, 2004)

## **SLEEP THEIVES**

#### #1 Insomnia

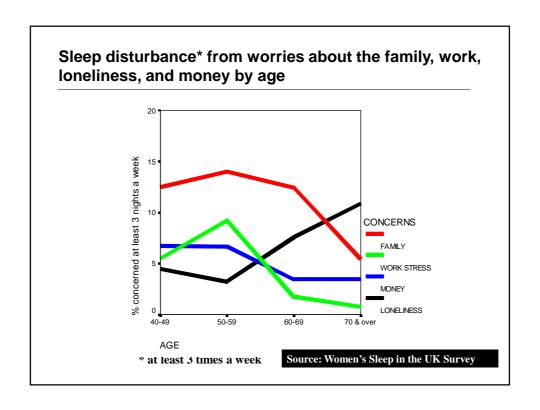
#### **Symptoms**

- Inability to sleep despite being tired
- Waking up frequently throughout the night and having trouble going back to sleep
- Waking up too early in the morning
- Sleep that is not refreshing
- Excessive daytime sleepiness

#### **Potential Triggers**

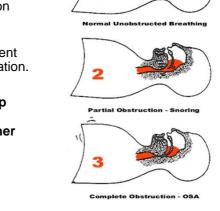
- Stress
- Environmental noise
- Extreme temperatures
- Change in environment
- Jet lag
- · Medication side effects



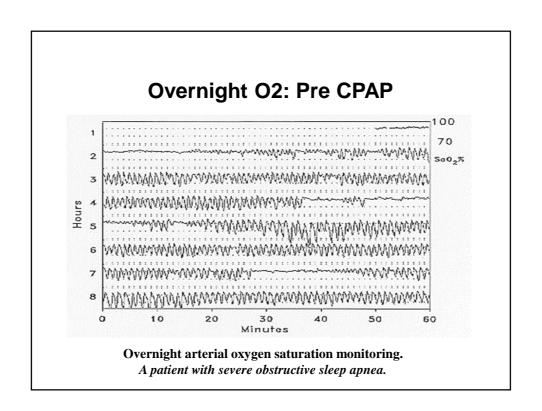


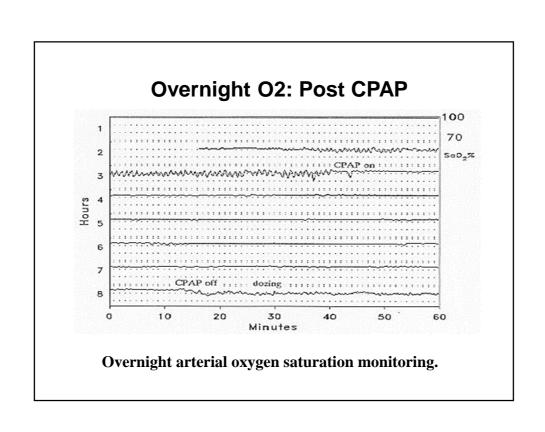
#### #2 Sleep Disordered Breathing

- Presents with loud snoring, morning headaches, and dry mouth on awakening.
- Profoundly associated with hypertension independent of all other risk factors.
- Six time increased motor vehicle accident rate as compared to the general population.
- Most common disorder seen at sleep centers and is responsible for more mortality and morbidity than any other sleep disorder.









### **#3 Restless Legs Syndrome**

- Characterized by an irresistible urge to move legs
- Caused by an unpleasant and uncomfortable "creepy crawly" sensation in the legs during sleep onset, inactivity and relaxation
- Kicking relieves sensation immediately
- Results in sleep onset insomnia & excessive movements during sleep

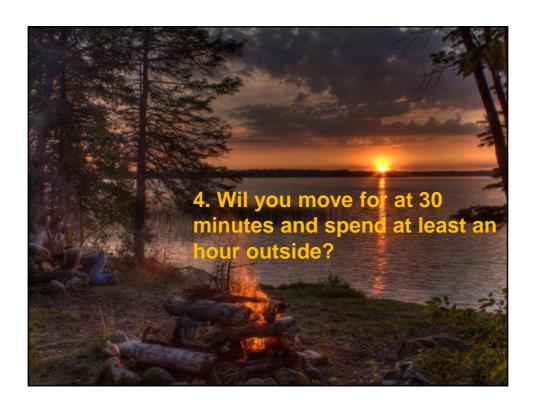
## **SLEEP SOLUTIONS**

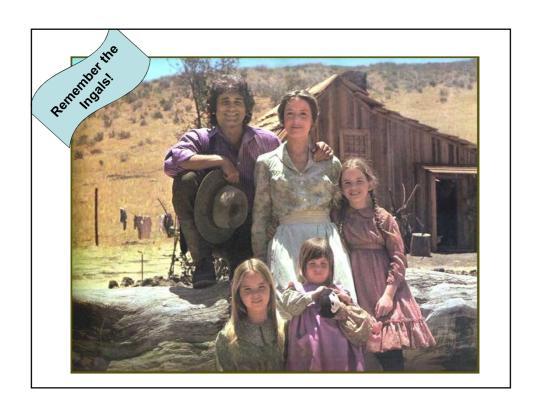


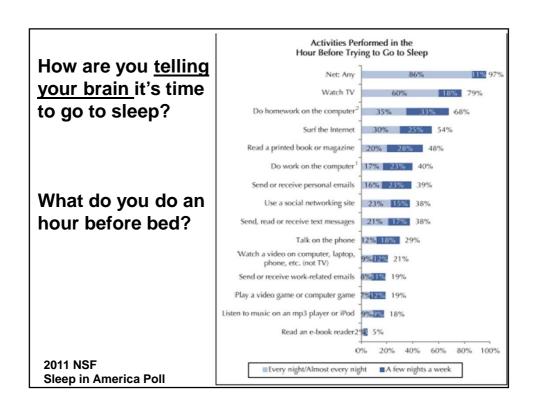
How to get back the sleep you've been missing

# Four essential questions for improving sleep

- 1. Are you motivated to improve your sleep?
- 2. Do you have a treatable condition that is interfering with your sleep?
- 3. What are your zeitgebers?













#### **SLEEP SQUAD SLEEP SAVERS**



- 1. Create a sleeping environment is cool, dark, simple and comfortable with minimal electronic devices.
- 2. Be intentional about your sleep and consistent with your sleep schedule; keep a sleep journal, fitbit, or sleep cycle app.
- 3. Avoid caffeine 6 8 hours and alcohol 3 hours before bed.
- 4. Make sure your brain knows when it's day (lights & physical activity) and when it's night (darkness & calm).
- 5. Unplug an hour before sleep.



