

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO OBESITY HYPOVENTILATION SYNDROME IN THE SURGICAL SETTING



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Agenda

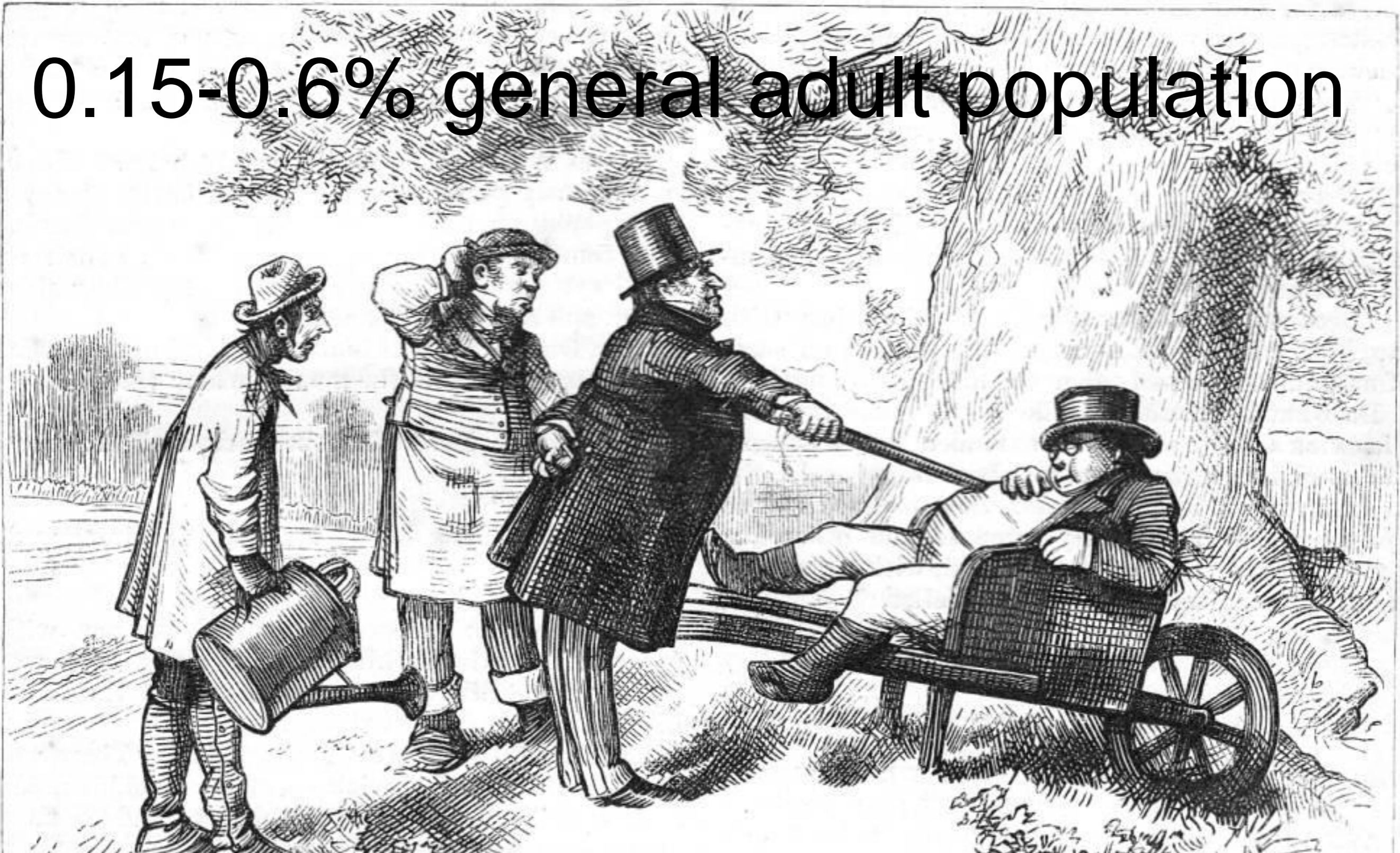
Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

- **Prevalence of OHS**
- **Definition, clinical presentation**
- **Comparison OSA and OHS**
- **Complications and outcomes**
- **Mainstay of therapy: CPAP or BIPAP**

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome Prevalence

(Masa Eur Respir Rev 2019, Balachandran Sleep Med Clin 2014)

0.15-0.6% general adult population



Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

Prevalence in patients awaiting bariatric surgery

Overall prevalence 8% (7-22%)
In patients with known OSA 11%

Lecube A, et al. *Obes Surg* 2010; 20:454

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome



Definition



Obesity (BMI > 30 kg/m²)

Hypoxemia (< 70 PaO₂, nadir SpO₂ < 80 %)

Hypercapnia (daytime > 45 PaCO₂)

Serum bicarbonate >27 mmol/L

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (90%)

Absence of other causes of hypoventilation

Bingol et al. Respire Care 2015; 60: 666

Chau E, et al. Anesthesiology 2012; 117: 188

Malignant Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

Definition

Obesity (BMI > 40 kg/m²)

Hypoxemia (< 70 PaO₂, nadir SpO₂ < 80 %)

Hypercapnia (daytime ≥ 45 PaCO₂)

Serum bicarbonate ≥ 27 mmol/L

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Metabolic syndrome (central obesity, HTN, HLP, insulin resistance)

Multiorgan dysfunction related to obesity (e.g pulmonary hypertension)

Mario et al. J Intensive Care Med 2012; 28:124

Masa et al. Eur Respir Rev 2019; 28:180097

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Clinical Presentation



excessive
daytime
sleepiness

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

Clinical Presentation



Fatigue

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

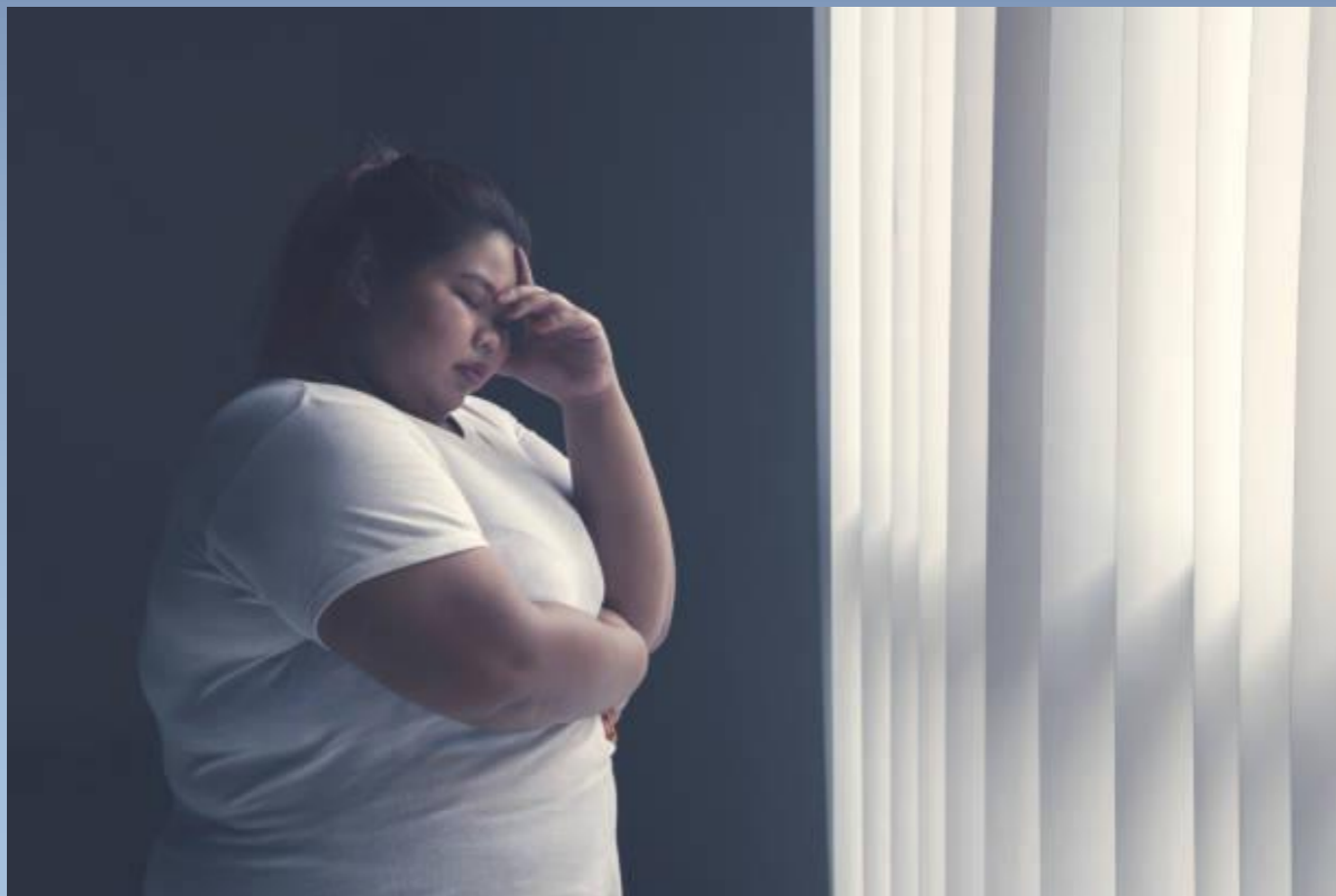
Clinical Presentation



nocturnal
choking
episodes

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Clinical Presentation



morning
headaches

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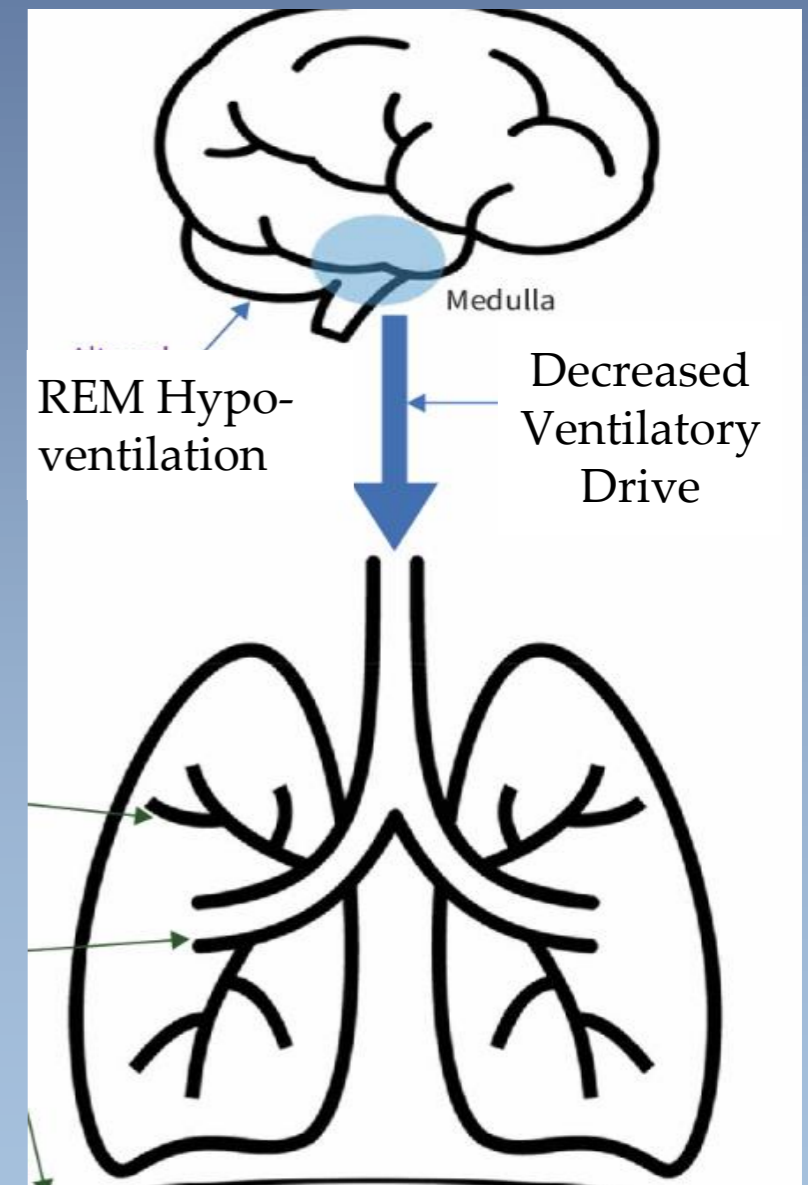
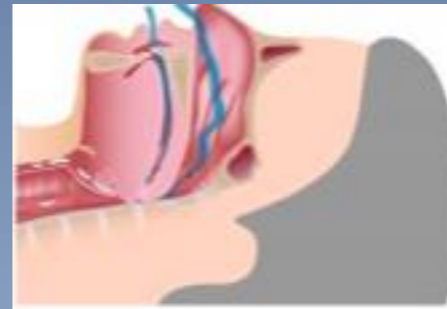
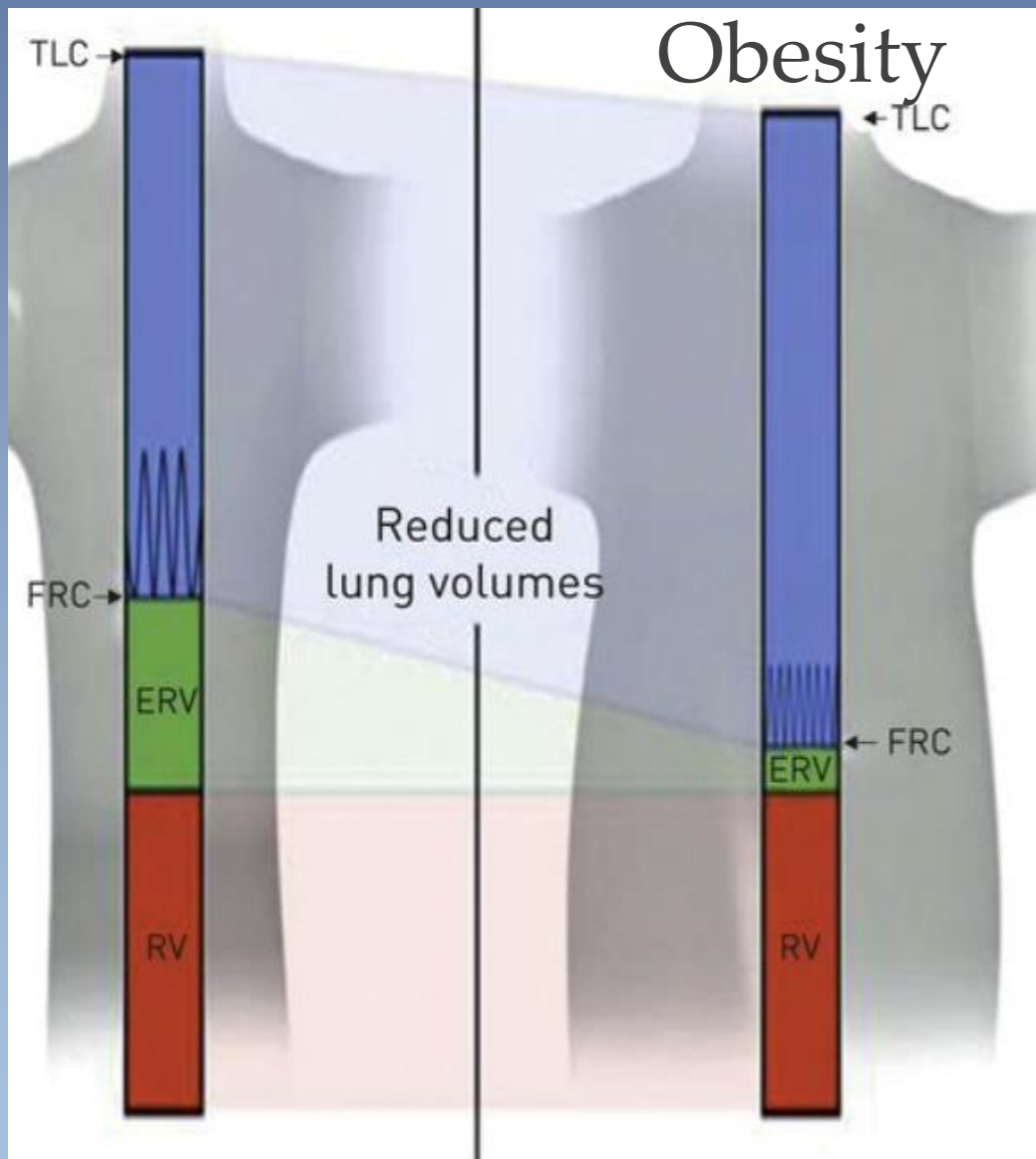
Clinical Presentation



Depression

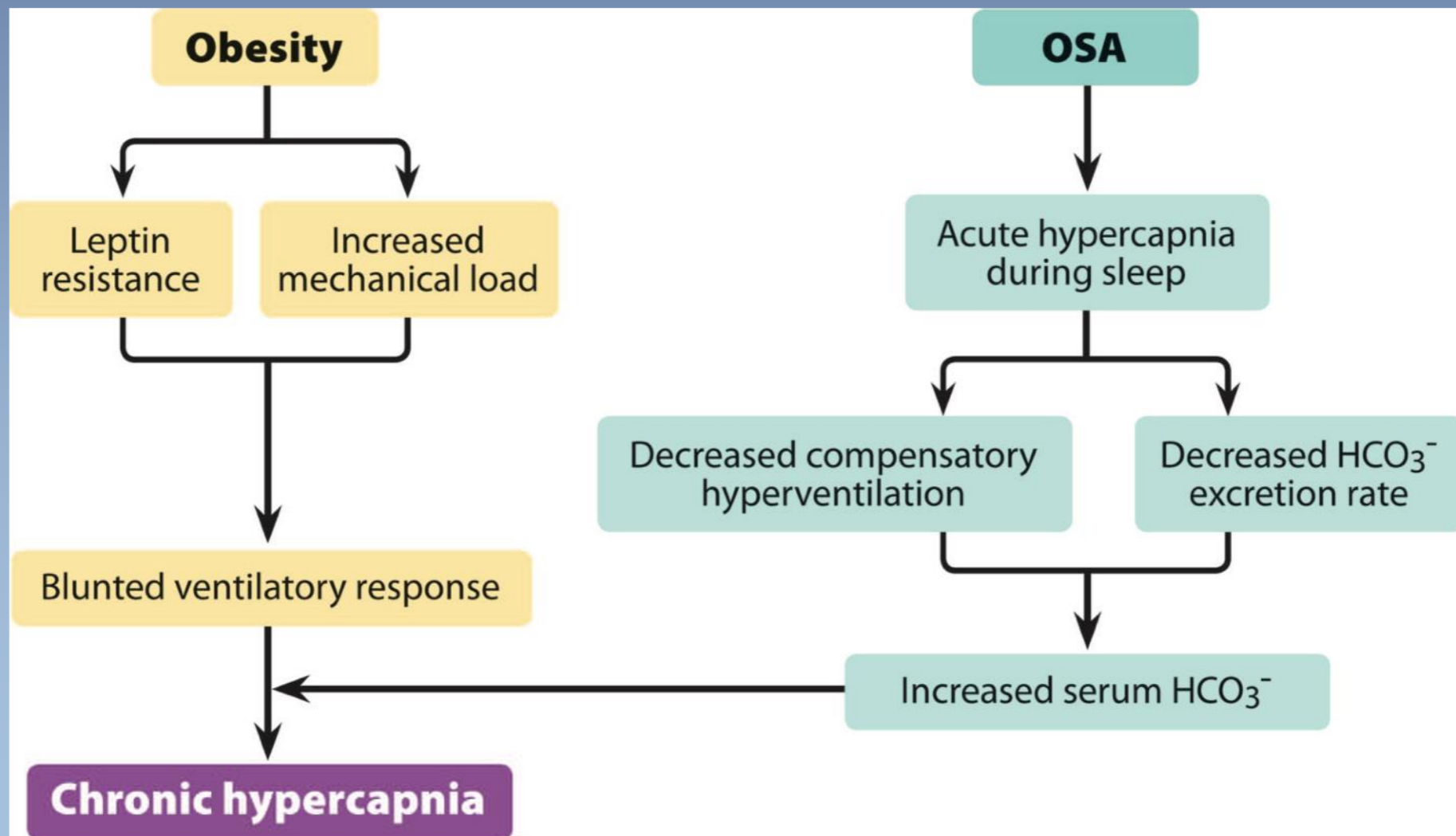
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Pathophysiology

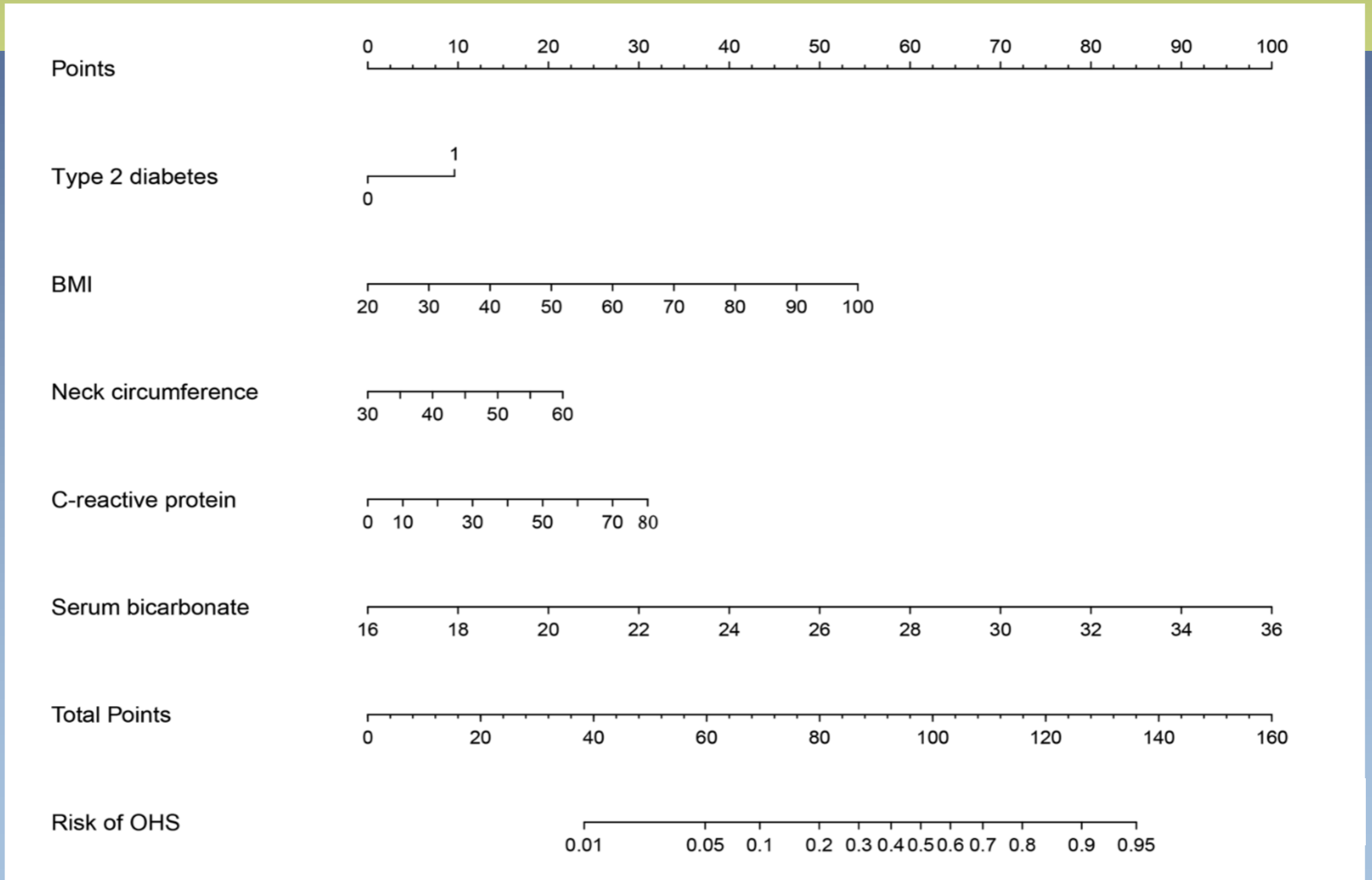


Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

Pathophysiology



Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome Prediction



Comparison Obese Patients with Eucapnia and OHS

Parameters*	OHS (Mean ± SD)	Eucapnic obesity (Mean ± SD)	P Value
N	741	2,972	—
Age (yr)	50.1 ± 9.3	51.3 ± 8.5	<0.0001
Male (%)	70.5	78.6	N/A
Female (%)	29.5	21.4	N/A
BMI (kg/m ²)	39.6 ± 7.7	33.4 ± 5.9	<0.0001
Neck circumference (cm)	47 ± 6	44 ± 5	0.01
Waist-to-hip ratio	1.0 ± 0.06	0.9 ± 0.1	<0.0001
Gas exchange	—	—	—
Pao ₂ (mmHg)	66.8 ± 8.7	78.7 ± 8.0	<0.0001
Paco ₂ (mmHg)	49.8 ± 6.4	39.7 ± 2.7	<0.0001
HCO ₃ ⁻ (mM)	30.9 ± 3.8	25.9 ± 3.4	<0.0001
Pulmonary function	—	—	—
FEV ₁ (% pred)	71.0 ± 13.1	87.8 ± 13.2	<0.0001
FVC (% pred)	80.3 ± 12.4	92.8 ± 10.4	<0.0001
FEV ₁ /FVC	79.4 ± 7.2	80.7 ± 5.3	<0.0001
FRC (% pred)	80.8 ± 7.3	83.5 ± 3.6	0.0156
TLC (% pred)	77 ± 14.7	95 ± 11.5	<0.0001
Sleep-disordered breathing	—	—	—
AHI (events/h)	66.4 ± 21.6	47.5 ± 18.2	<0.0001
TST Spo ₂ <90% (%)	49.2 ± 31.8	17.1 ± 21.1	<0.0001
Min nocturnal Spo ₂ (%)	65.1 ± 10.4	74.5 ± 7.7	<0.0001
Central respiratory drive to CO ₂	—	—	—
CO ₂ sensitivity (l/min/mmHg)	1.2 ± 0.8	2.4 ± 1.5	<0.0001

Complications of OHS

compared to OSA



Heart failure	OR 9(2-35)
Angina pectoris and/or	OR 9(1-57)
Cor pulmonale	OR 9(1-57)

Complications of OHS

compared to OSA

Cardiometabolic comorbidities lead to increased mortality (24% at 1.5–2 years)

Pulmonary hypertension (> 40 mmHg)
52%

Masa et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2020;201:586

Jennum et al. Thorax 2011;66:560

Postoperative Complications of OHS

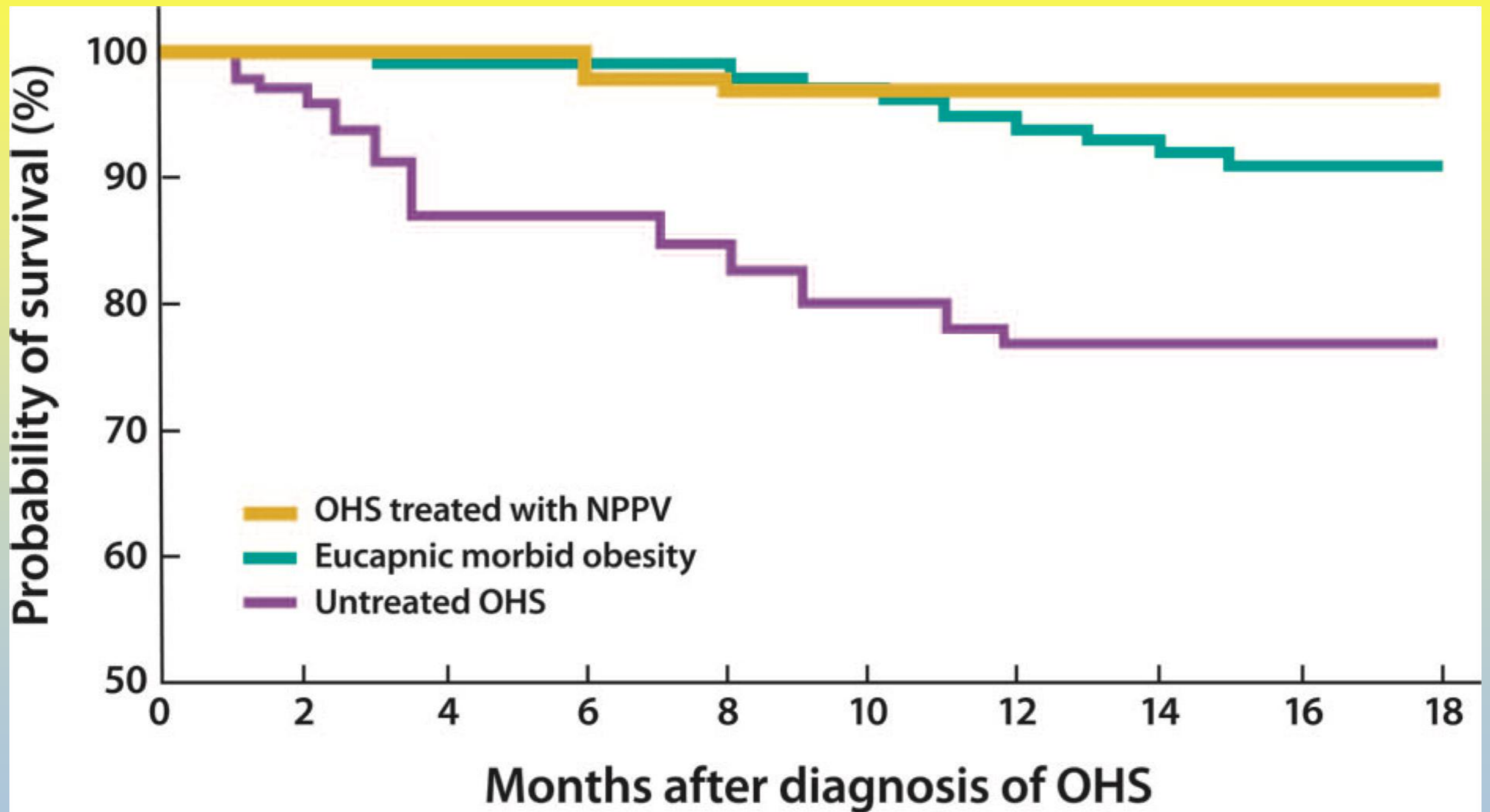
compared to OSA

- Postop. respirator. failure OR 11(4-32)
- Prolonged intubation OR 3.1(0.6-15)
- Postop. ICU transfer OR 10.9(4-32)

Positive Airway Pressure Therapy



PAP Therapy long term




Mokhlesi, et al. Proceedings Am Thor Soc 2008; 5: 218

Masa, et al. Lancet 2019; 393: 1721

PAP Therapy

improves:



Gas exchange (PaO_2 , PaCO_2)



Pulmonary function (FVC, FEV_1)



Sleep-disordered breathing (AHI decreases)



Pulmonary hypertension

Storre, et al. Chest 2006; 130: 815

Heinemann et al. Respir Med 2007;101:1219

Corall et al. Thorax 2018;73:361

PAP Therapy

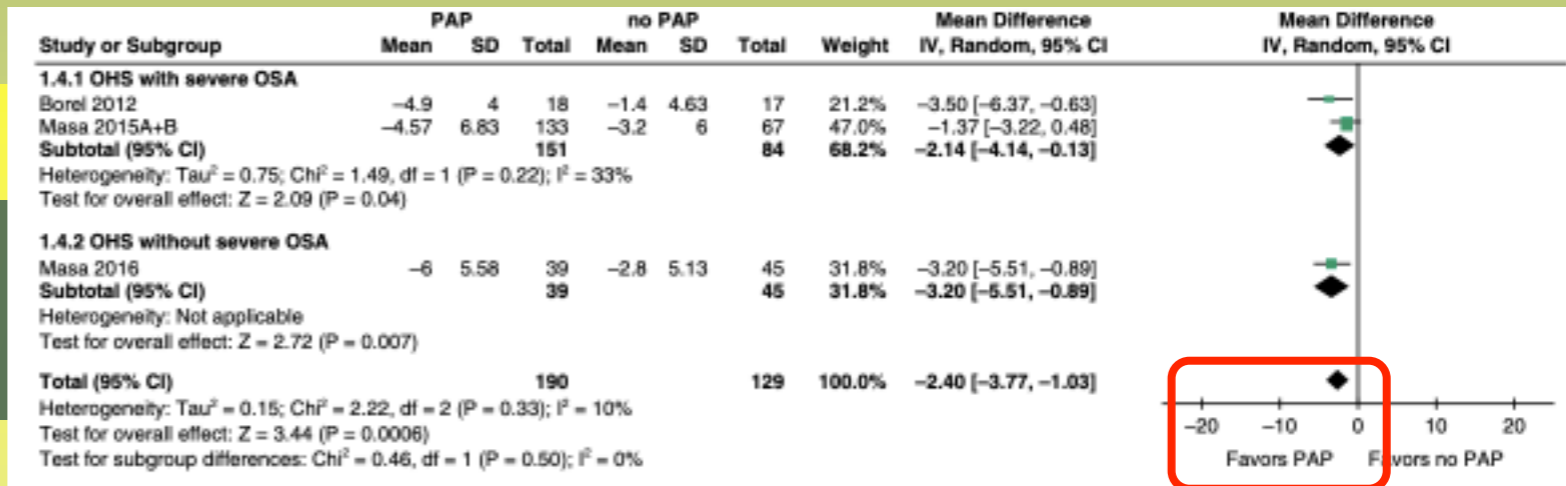
Afshar, et al. AnnalsATS 2020;
17:344

improves:

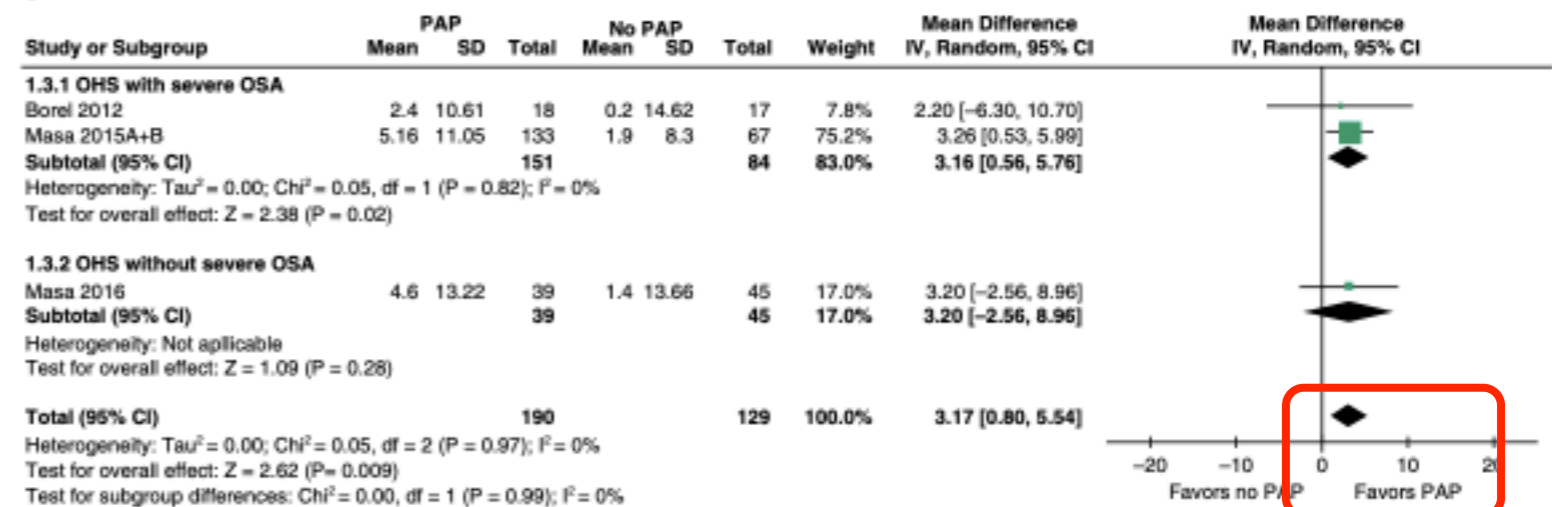
Awake hypercapnia

Awake hypoxemia

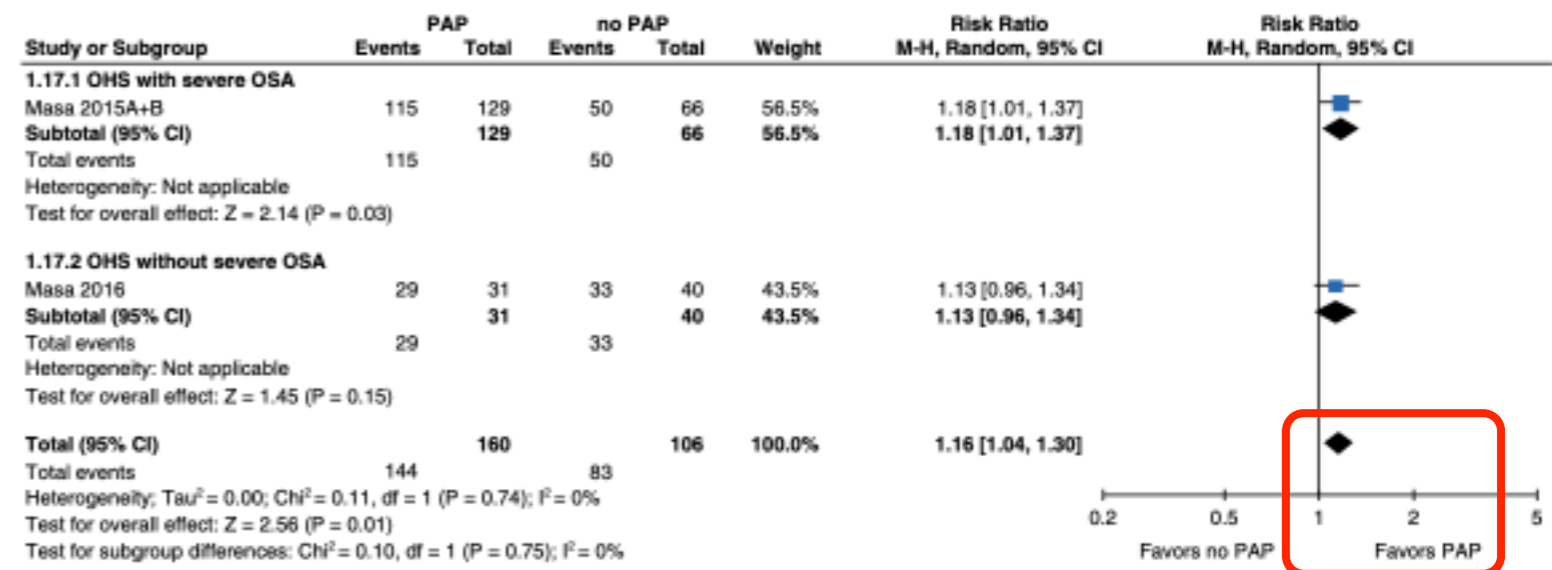
Resolution of the need
for supplemental
oxygen



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PAP Therapy short term

Author	Design	N	Type	Duration (Weeks)	Pao ₂ (mmHg)		Paco ₂ (mmHg)	
					Pretreatment	Posttreatment	Pretreatment	Posttreatment
Short-term Therapy								
Chouri-Pontarollo <i>et al.</i> 2007 ⁷⁰	Prospective	15	Bilevel PAP	<1	77.3 ± 6.8	74.3 ± 6.8	47.3 ± 2.3	41.3 ± 3‡
Perez de Llano <i>et al.</i> 2008 ⁷²	Prospective	13	Bilevel PAP	<1	49.9 ± 7.7	63.3 ± 10.6*	58.1 ± 5.9	44.3 ± 5.5*
		11	CPAP	<1	51.3 ± 6.7	68.9 ± 3.8*	59.6 ± 11	41.6 ± 4.5*
Perez de Llano <i>et al.</i> 2005 ⁶³	Retrospective	54	Bilevel PAP	1	45.8 ± 9.1	55.9 ± 5.6†	60.3 ± 9.9	50.4 ± 4.7†
Piper <i>et al.</i> 1994 ⁷³	Prospective	13	Bilevel PAP	1–3	50	66†	62	46‡
Lin 1994 ⁷¹	Prospective	30	CPAP	2	75 ± 5.2	90.7 ± 5.2*	47.2 ± 1.5	39 ± 3.00*
			CPAP	4	75 ± 5.2	90.7 ± 5.2*	47.2 ± 1.5	39 ± 3.00*
Long-term Therapy								
Mokhlesi <i>et al.</i> 2006 ⁸³	Retrospective	75	CPAP 80%/ Bi-level PAP 20%	4	59 ± 11	64 ± 11†	54 ± 7	49 ± 7†
Storre <i>et al.</i> 2006 ⁸²	Prospective Crossover	10	Bi-level PAP	6	73.3 ± 6.3	76.3 ± 12.4	47.4 ± 2.0	45.9 ± 3.7 ^{ns}
			Bi-level PAP + AVAPS	6	73.3 ± 6.3	72.8 ± 9.1	47.4 ± 2.0	42.0 ± 5.2*
Piper <i>et al.</i> 2008 ⁷⁸	Prospective	18	CPAP	12	N/A	N/A	52	46.2*
		18	Bilevel PAP	12	N/A	N/A	49	42.1*
Budweiser <i>et al.</i> 2007 ⁷⁶	Retrospective	126	Bilevel PAP	24	57.8 ± 11.5	65.6 ± 10.4†	55.5 ± 7.7	42.1 ± 5.5†
Priou <i>et al.</i> 2010 ⁷⁹	Retrospective	130	Bilevel PAP	24	63.5 ± 13	72.5 ± 9.4‡	55.9 ± 10.5	45.3 ± 5.3‡
Redolfi <i>et al.</i> 2007 ⁸⁰	Retrospective	6	Bi-level PAP	40	51.3 ± 6.7	75.0 ± 10.3§	55.5 ± 4.8	43.7 ± 1.2§
De Lucas-Ramos <i>et al.</i> 2004 ⁷⁷	Prospective	13	Bilevel PAP	48	55.9 ± 6.4	64 ± 8.6*	49.9 ± 3.67	40.3 ± 3.37*
Heinemann <i>et al.</i> 2007 ⁸⁴	Prospective	32	Bilevel PAP	52	50.1 ± 6.2	63.6 ± 9.3	51.9 ± 3.6	41.6 ± 6.2†
Berger <i>et al.</i> 2001 ⁷⁵	Retrospective	8	CPAP	56 ± 76	N/A	N/A	56 ± 7	41 ± 5§
		10	Bilevel PAP		N/A	N/A	58 ± 4	42 ± 4§

Can Postoperative Pulmonary Complications in Patients with OHS be Reduced?

Limited evidence demonstrating reduction in postoperative complications with PAP

Initiate PAP therapy immediately after extubation following bariatric surgery

Summary

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome

- **Definition:** class III obesity with OSA and hypercapnia, serum bicarbonate >27 mmol/L
- **Prevalence:** 8% in patients awaiting bariatric surgery

Respiration and Sleep Medicine

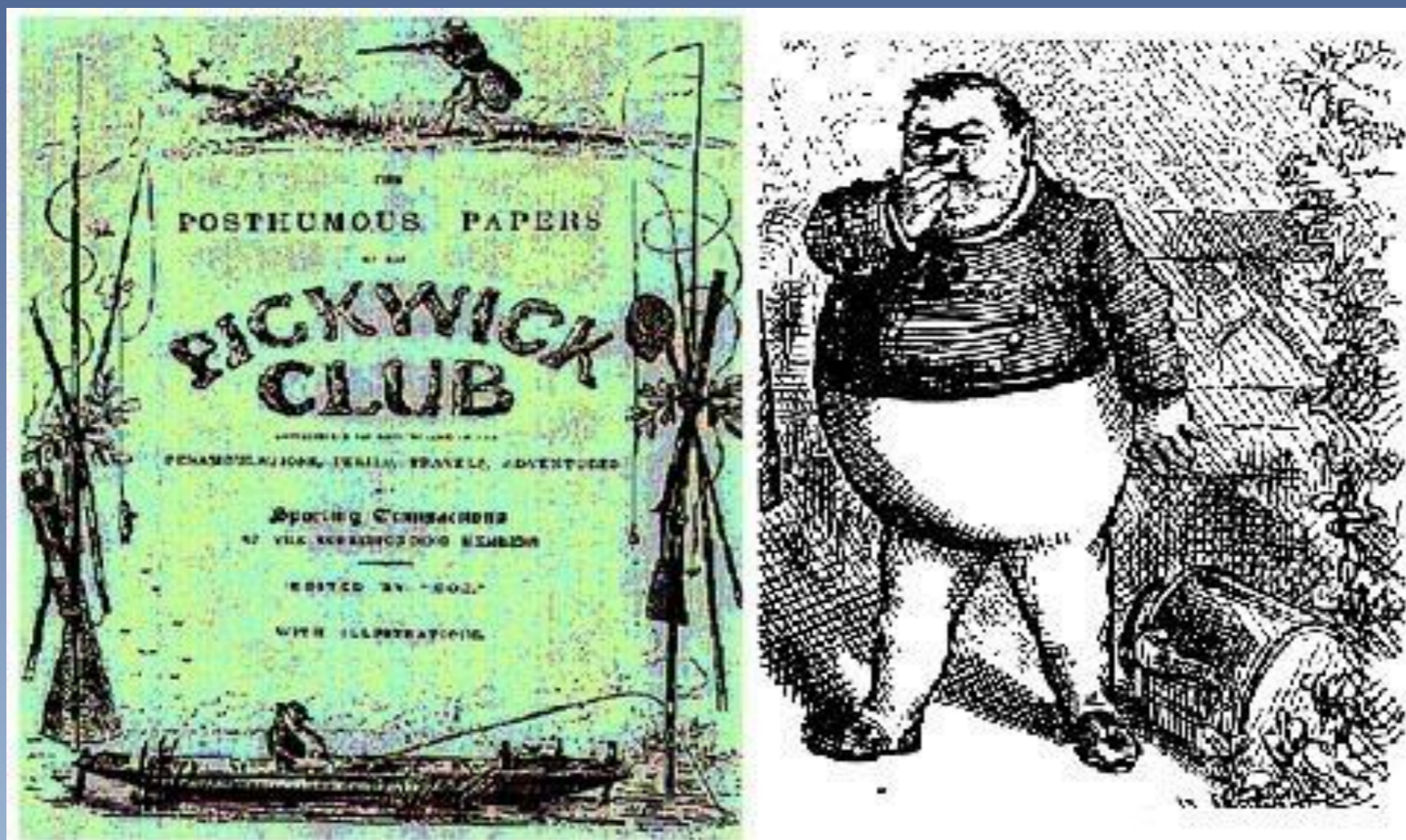
■ NARRATIVE REVIEW ARTICLE

Obesity and Obesity Hypoventilation, Sleep Hypoventilation, and Postoperative Respiratory Failure

Roop Kaw, MD,* Jean Wong, MD, FRCPC,†‡§ and Babak Mokhlesi, MD||

Kaw, et al. *Anesth Analg* 2021; 132:1265

Thank you



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Supplemental Oxygen

40% of patients < 90% SpO₂ during sleep on CPAP/BIPAP

Moderate concentrations of supplemental oxygen worsen hypercapnia in obesity hypoventilation syndrome (randomized crossover study)

- CO₂ increased by 5.0 mmHg (100% O₂ vs room air)
- Decreased minute ventilation by 1.4 L/min

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Cessation of breathing for >10 seconds

Total events per hour sleep

Measured in overnight stay at sleep lab with polysomnography

Apnea/Hypopnea index (AHI)

AHI		Rating
<5		Normal
5 to 15		Mild
15 to	14.5 % of the adult US population	Moderate
>30		Severe

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STOP *Bang* QUESTIONNAIRE

Snoring - Do you Snore Loudly (loud enough to be heard through closed doors or your bed-partner elbow you for snoring at night)? Yes No

Tired - Do you often feel Tired, Fatigued, or Sleepy during the daytime (such as falling asleep during driving)? Yes No

Observed - Has anyone Observed you Stop Breathing or Choking/Gasping during your sleep? Yes No

Pressure - Do you have or are being treated for High Blood Pressure? Yes No

Body Mass Index - more than 10% over ideal range. Yes No

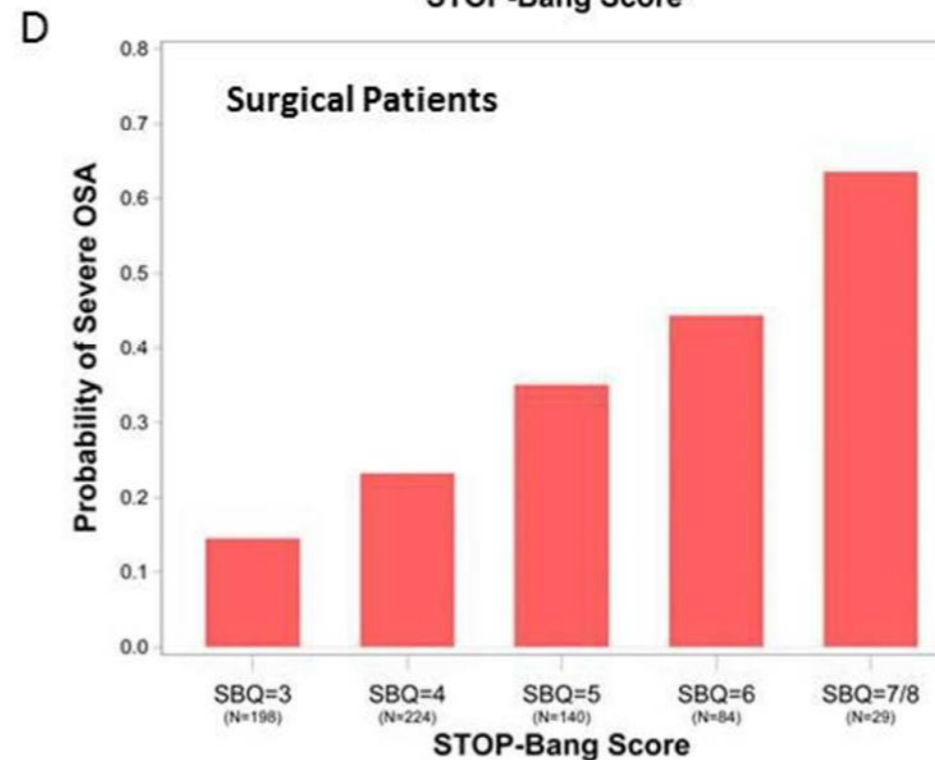
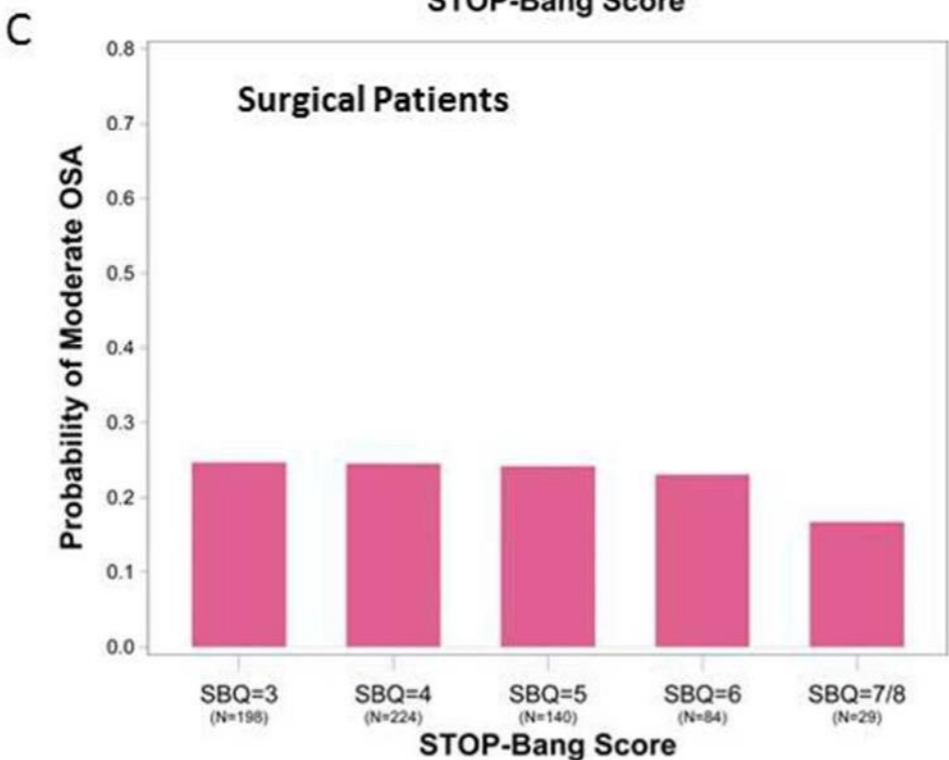
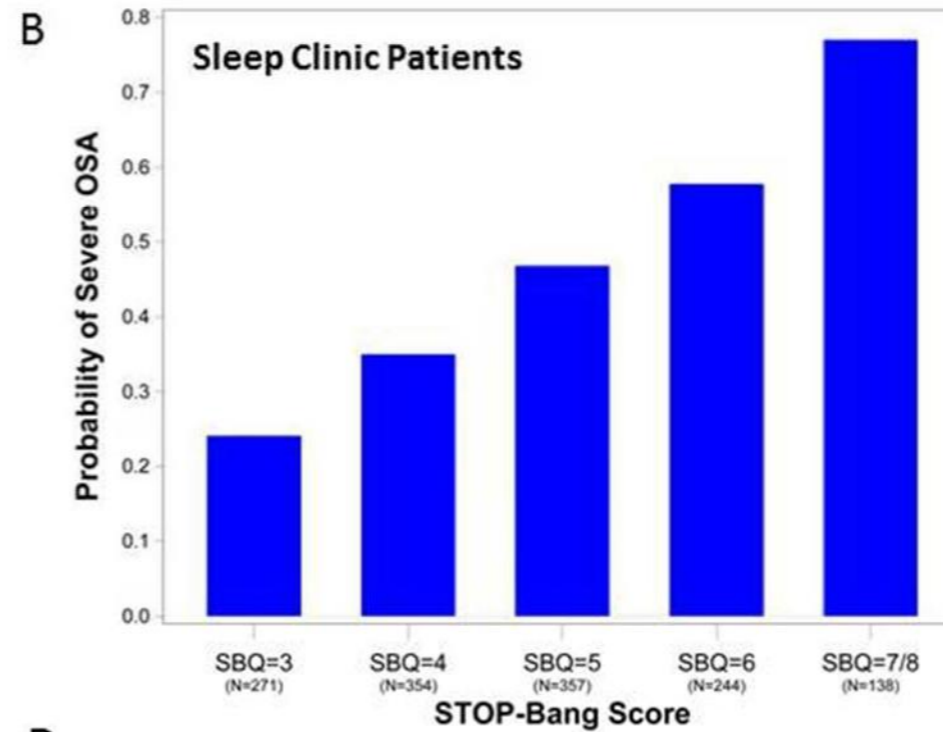
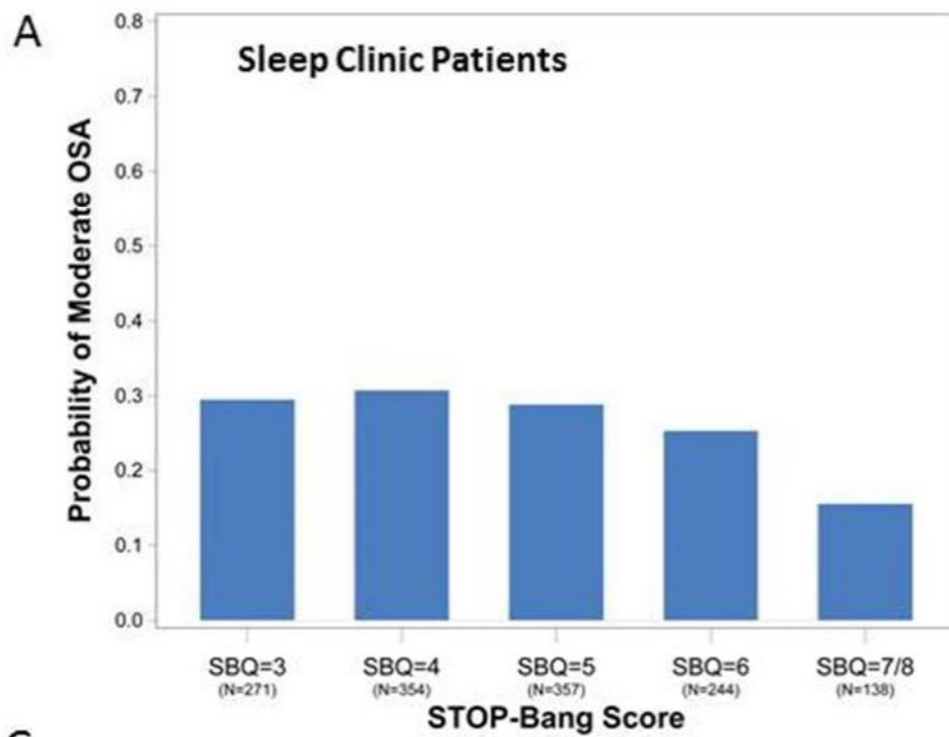
Age - Older than 50? Yes No

Neck Size - (Measure around Adams apple)
Male is your shirt collar 17" or larger? Female, is your shirt collar 16" or larger? Yes No

Gender = Male? Yes No

After you have completed the **STOP-BANG** questionnaire, please return it to the front desk for a quick risk assessment of possible sleep apnea.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

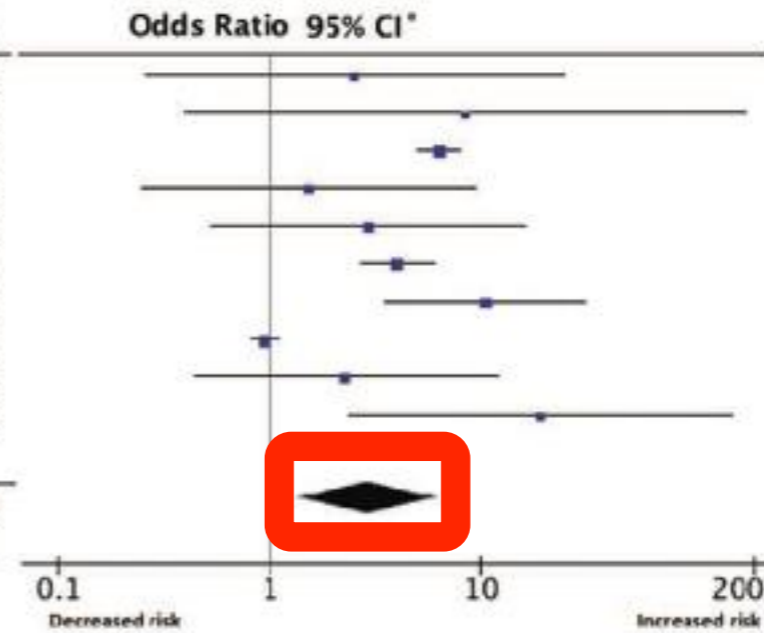


Obstructive Sleep Apnea

A Postoperative Complications

	STOP-BANG SCORE GROUP				n (%)	Odds Ratio 95% CI
	High		Low			
Chudeau2016	3	104	1	85	7.1%	2.50 [0.25, 24.43]
Gokay 2016	2	48	0	78	5.1%	8.44 [0.40, 179.65]
Seet2015	131	485	272	4947	13.9%	6.36 [5.03, 8.04]
Xara2015	3	59	2	59	8.7%	1.53 [0.25, 9.49]
Acar2014	4	83	2	117	9.1%	2.91 [0.52, 16.28]
Carso 2014	41	455	72	2997	13.6%	4.02 [2.70, 5.98]
Proczko2014	17	182	4	412	11.4%	10.51 [3.48, 31.70]
Lockhart2013	324	6226	372	6797	14.0%	0.95 [0.81, 1.10]
Pereira 2013	5	179	2	161	9.3%	2.28 [0.44, 11.94]
Vasu 2010	11	56	1	79	7.8%	19.07 [2.38, 152.58]
Total	541	7877	728	15732	100.0%	

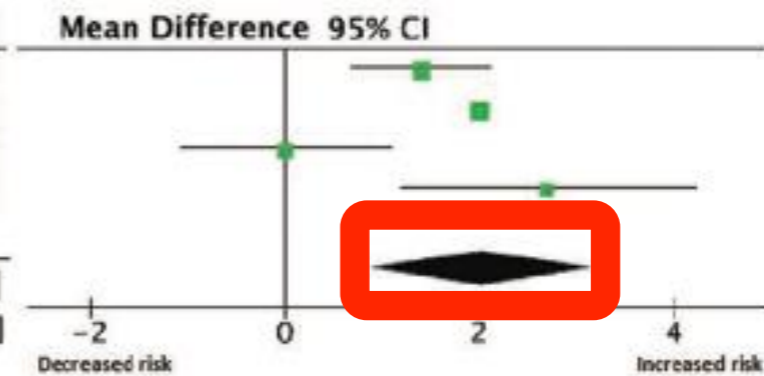
Bayesian Random-Effects with MCMC, 95% Credible Interval **3.93 [1.85, 7.77]**
 D-L Random-Effects **3.75 [1.57, 8.95]**
 Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 1.40$; $\chi^2 = 213.57$, $df = 9$ ($P < 0.00001$); $I^2 = 96\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.98$ ($P = 0.003$)



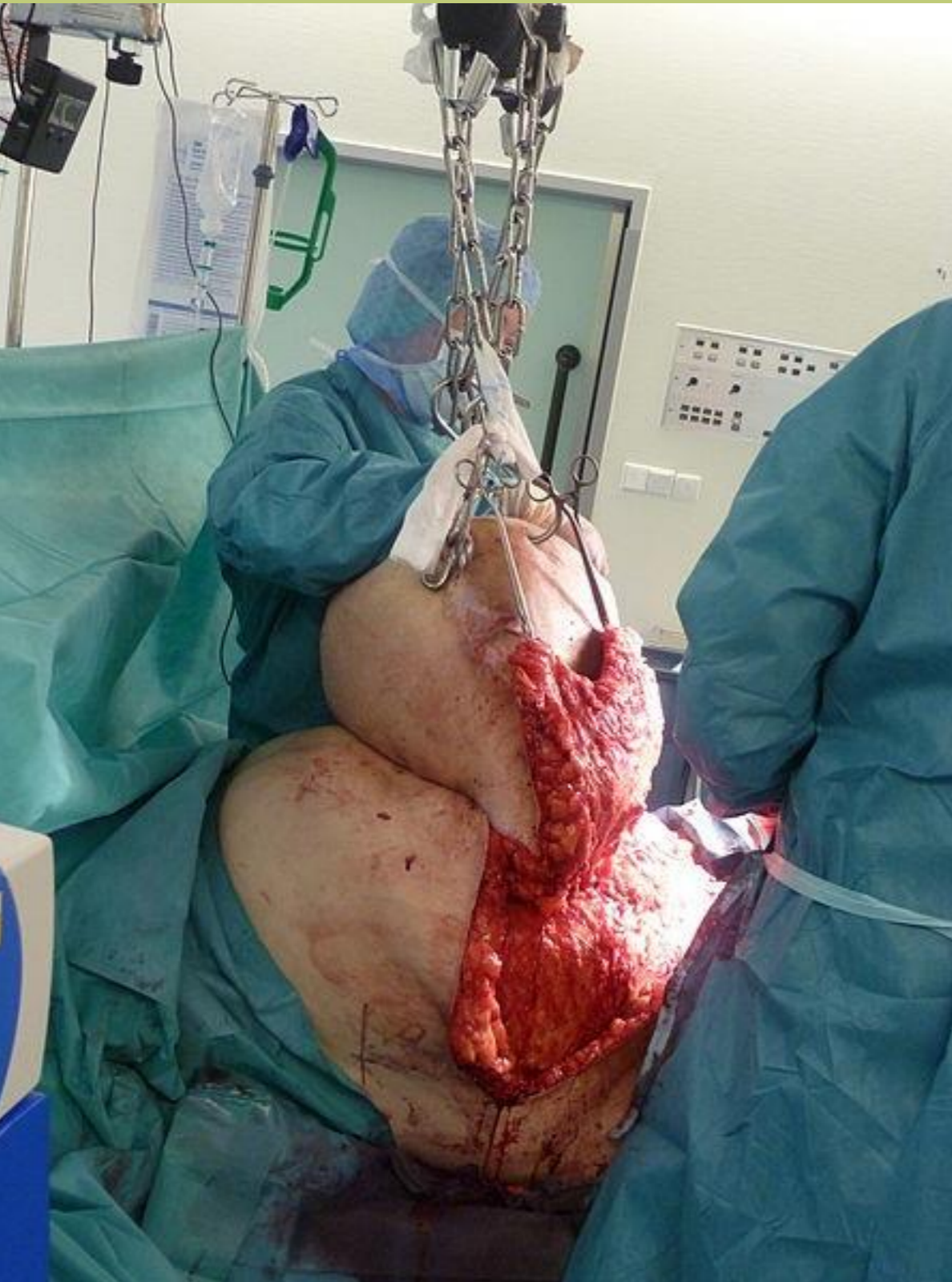
B Length of Hospital Stay

Study	STOP-BANG SCORE GROUP						Weight	Difference 95% CI
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Xara2015	3.6	3	59	3.6	3	59	22.0%	0.00 [-1.08, 1.08]
Chudeau2016	7	6.7	104	4.3	3.7	85	16.5%	2.70 [1.19, 4.21]
Total			524			717	100.0%	

Bayesian Random-Effects with MCMC, 95% Credible Interval **2.01 [0.77, 3.24]**
 D-L Random-Effects **1.51 [0.66, 2.36]**
 Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.55$; $\chi^2 = 16.30$, $df = 3$ ($P = 0.0010$); $I^2 = 82\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.48$ ($P = 0.0005$)



Weight Reduction Surgery



Dramatic reductions in
body mass index and
apnea- hypopnea index

Average apnea-hypopnea
index after surgical
weight loss consistent
with moderately severe
OSA

Pharmacologic Respiratory Stimulants

Medroxyprogesterone acetate
Acetazolamide

Acetazolamide improves:

- AHI↓
- PaO₂↑
- PaCO₂↓
- Increased hypercapnic drive response

PAP Therapy

Ventilator settings:

- CPAP titration to effect
- If patient intolerant to high CPAP levels, switch to BIPAP
- Inspiratory PAP 16-18 cm H₂O
- Expiratory PAP 9-10 cm H₂O

Advanced Modes of Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation

CPAP

- Auto-adjusting PAP

BIPAP

- Auto-titrating BIPAP (IPAP/EPAP adjusted)
- Adaptive Servo-Ventilation (IPAP adjusted)
- Volume assured Pressure Support (IPAP adjusted)

Supplemental Oxygen

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Banerjee et al. Chest
2007; 131: 1678
Hollier et al. Thorax
2014;69:346

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