IT’S 2020 AND I CAN’T SLEEP

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OBJECTIVES

• Describe insomnia

• Describe stress associated with COVID-19

• Describe stress associated with social unrest
INSOMNIA

• Difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep
• Associated with marked distress or significant daytime impairment
• Daytime fatigue
• Non-restorative sleep
• Memory and concentration difficulties
• Mood disturbance

Morgenthaler et al., 2006
INSOMNIA
CURRENT DEFINITIONS

• Chronic Insomnia Disorder
• Short-term Insomnia Disorder
• Other Insomnia Disorder

International Classification of Sleep Disorders,
American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014
CHRONIC INSOMNIA DISORDER -
A. ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

• Difficulty initiating sleep.
• Difficulty maintaining sleep.
• Waking up earlier than desired.
• Resistance to going to bed on appropriate schedule.
• Difficulty going to bed without parent or caregiver intervention.

International Classification of Sleep Disorders,
American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014
B. ONE OR MORE RELATED TO NIGHTTIME SLEEP DIFFICULTY:

• Fatigue/malaise
• Attention, concentration, or memory impairment
• Impaired social, family, occupational, or academic performance
• Mood disturbance/irritability
• Daytime sleepiness

International Classification of Sleep Disorders, American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014
B. ONE OR MORE RELATED TO NIGHTTIME SLEEP DIFFICULTY (CONT.):

- Behavioral problems (e.g., hyperactivity, impulsivity, aggression)
- Reduced motivation/energy/initiative
- Proneness for errors/accidents
- Concerns about or dissatisfaction with sleep

International Classification of Sleep Disorders,
American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014
ADDITIONAL CRITERIA C-F

C. Not explained by inadequate opportunity or circumstances
D. Occurs at least three times a week
E. Present for at least three months
F. Not better explained by another sleep disorder

International Classification of Sleep Disorders,
American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014
BURDEN OF INSOMNIA

• 10-15% of adults meet criteria for insomnia
• 20-30% in primary care settings
• 41%-53% comorbidity with psychiatric disorders
• High costs to society (productivity, economic costs)

Harvey & Buysse, 2018
SLEEP HEALTH FRAMEWORK

1. Regularity
2. Satisfaction
3. Alertness
4. Timing
5. Sleep Efficiency
6. Sleep Duration

Buysse, 2014
CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF SLEEP HEALTH

Genetic, Social, Environmental, Behavioral, Health Care Factors

Sleep Dimensions
- Satisfaction
- Alertness
- Timing
- Efficiency
- Duration

Genetic, Epigenetic, Molecular, and Cellular Processes

System-Level Processes
- Inflammation
- Sympathetic nervous system activation
- Hormonal responses
- Neural circuitry responses

Health, Disease, and Function

Buysse, 2014
FACTORS PERPETUATING INSOMNIA

• Variable morning oob times
• Napping
• Going to bed too early
• Remaining in bed when unable to sleep

Low sleep drive when wanting to go to sleep.
SPIELMAN 3 P’S MODEL OF INSOMNIA

Predisposing Factors
Precipitating Factors
Perpetuating Factors

Spielman et al., 1987
PERPETUATING CYCLE: EXAMPLE

- Difficulty Falling Asleep
- Sleep later than usual
- Go to bed early that night
- Low sleep drive
- Worry about sleep
2020 IMPACTS ON SLEEP

• Constant news cycle, checking news and social media too frequently
• Disrupted sleep schedules
• Daytime sleep
• Winding up instead of winding down
• Increased use of alcohol
BBTI RATIONALE
HOMEOSTATIC AND CIRCADIAN DRIVES

Troxel et al., 2012
BRIEF BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT FOR INSOMNIA (BBTI)

- Response to shortage of clinicians who can provide CBTi
- Addresses need for interventions in primary care settings (e.g., integrated care model)
- Doesn’t require specialist training
- Brief, concise (e.g., 4 sessions; 2 in person, 2 via telephone)

- Troxel et al., 2012
# STRUCTURE OF BBTI SESSIONS

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<td>Pretreatment</td>
<td>Assessment (PSQI, ISI, Sleep Diary for 2 weeks, depression)</td>
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<td>1 – In person (45-75 minutes)</td>
<td>Sleep hygiene, rationale, 2 process model, calculate sleep parameters, present 4 stimulus control rules, prescribe sleep schedule</td>
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<td>2 – Telephone (&lt; 20 minutes)</td>
<td>Review sleep and daytime functioning</td>
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<td>3 – In person (30 minutes)</td>
<td>Review and reinforce, modify TIB, 30/30 rule, troubleshoot</td>
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<td>4 – Telephone (&lt; 20 minutes)</td>
<td>Review progress, increase TIB, troubleshoot</td>
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Troxel et al., 2012
BBTI: 4 RULES IN SESSION 1

1. Reduce time in bed
2. Get up at the same time every day no matter what
3. Do not go to bed unless sleepy
4. Do not stay in bed unless asleep

Troxel et al., 2012
STRATEGIES FOR SOUND SLEEP IN 2020

• Keep to a schedule that respects circadian drive
• Develop adequate means of winding down
• Stay out of bed during the day
• Determine adequate frequency of news/social media checking, and stick to it
• Avoid alcohol
SUMMARY

• Disrupted sleep during times of stress is normal
• Such disruptions can lead to chronic insomnia
• Helping people understand the relationship between stress, sleep, homeostatic and circadian drives may help prevent the development of chronic insomnia