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Questions for oral exam

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## **About us:**

The primary task of our department had been to ensure the proper content and organisation of teaching process of Medical physiology for students of General and Dental medicine of Medical faculty since 1949. The Medical physiology as a discipline about functioning of the healthy organism had a very important position in the teaching process because it had been integrating theoretical subjects and it was the basis for the pre-clinical and all clinical subjects, too. This is the reason why physiology teaching was orientated from the very beginning on complex approach to the human organism respecting the processes dynamics influenced by the internal and external factors. To reach this goal the method of problem orientated teaching process was used, it was continually developing, modernised and enriched by up to date foreign and home knowledge. The lectures, practical lessons and seminars were upgraded due to the development of teaching techniques such as teaching movies, slides, magnetic tape records, bio-telemetric transfer of specific experiment and examinations. The content of practical lessons was a result of the clinical medicine request to apply physiological knowledge, the necessity to use technical equipment and to approve manual laboratory skills. There were used the most modern examinational methods and experimental demonstrations during the practical lessons (X-ray sciascopy of thorax during the respiratory cycle, angiography, heart catheterisation and the measurement of heart volumes etc.).





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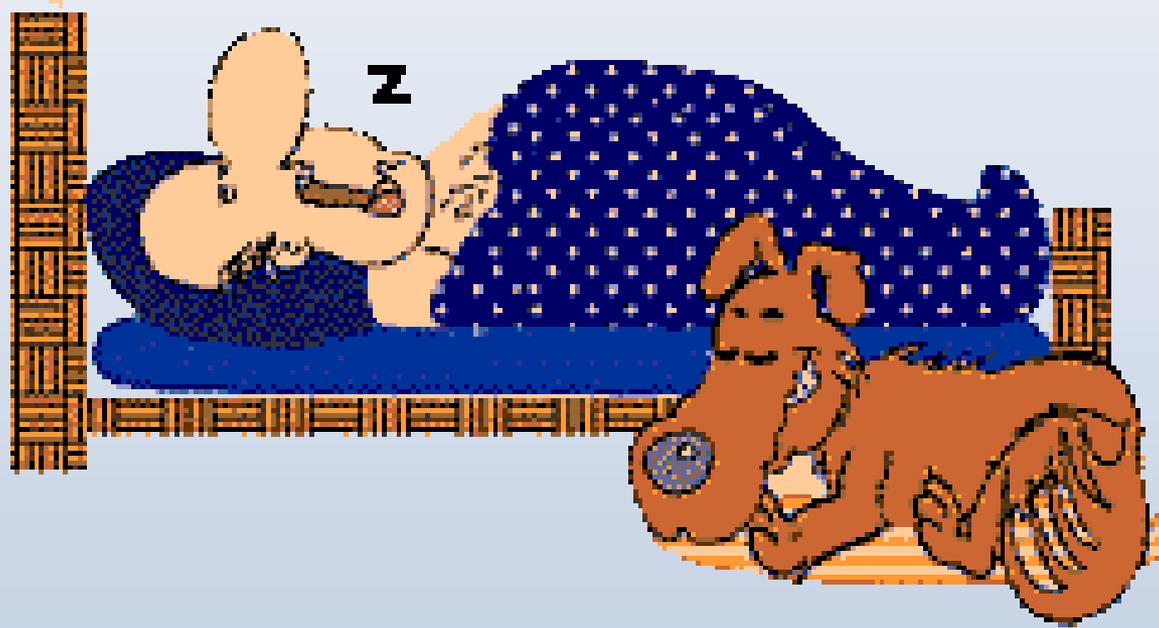
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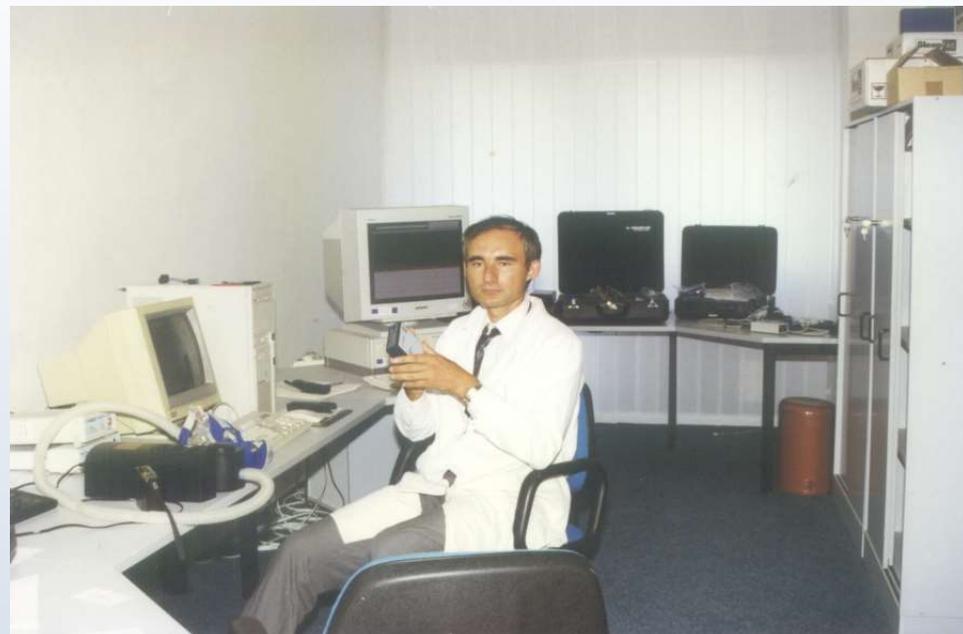
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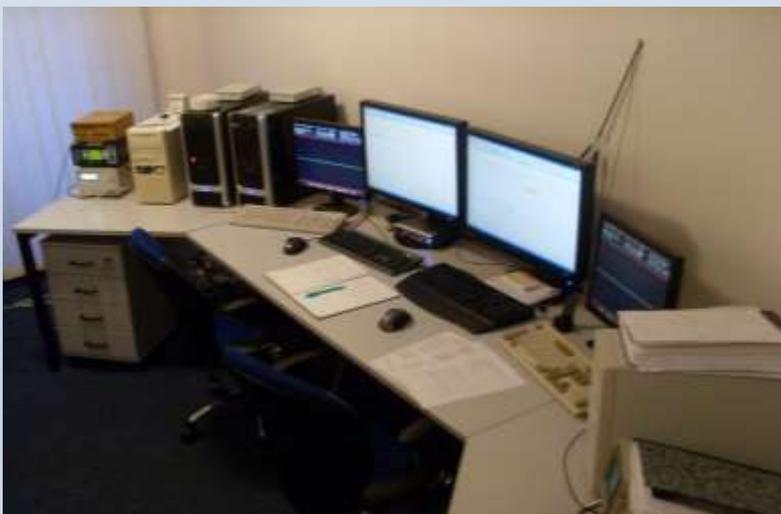
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# Problems decreasing the life quality of patients with SDB during sleep













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# Basics of sleep medicine, Z. Tomori, R. Redhammer, V. Donič, eds. Disorders of sleep and many vital functions

## ZÁKLADY SPÁNKOVEJ MEDICÍNY

Z. Tomori  
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a kolektív

Poruchy spánku  
Poruchy životných  
funkcií v spánku



**BIOLOGICKÉ HOJINY ORGANIZMU** regulujú striedanie dňa a rôznych fáz a štádií spánku. Ich poruchy časťm prebúdzacím zo spánku spôsobujú vážne zmeny duševných a telesných funkcií, ktoré zas spätne vplyvajú na kvalitu spánku. Vzájomným vplyvom nekvalitného spánku a porúch telesných funkcií vzniká bludný kruh, ktorý ale možno prerušiť...

### Z PREDSLOVU

Kniha "Základy spánkovej medicíny" patrí svojim obsahom, ale aj rozsahom k prvým publikáciám svojho druhu nielen na Slovensku, ale aj v krajinách východnej Európy. Podáva základné informácie o veľmi aktuálnych problémoch súčasnej medicíny, a to o poruchách spánku, ktoré má každý tretí človek, a o poruchách rôznych životných funkcií, ktoré nejakým spôsobom súvisia so spánkom. Veď polovica ľudí neprijíme chýrape, čím jednak sťpčuje život ostatným, jednak si ľahostajne poškodzíte svoje zdravie, pričom ani nevie ako.

Vedúci autorského kolektívu, prof. MUDr. Z. Tomori, DrSc., je členom viacerých zahraničných odborných spoločností, napr. Európskej respiračnej spoločnosti a New Yorkskej akadémie veľo sa uskutočnením oboornikom v ústati výskumu dýchacích ciest. Je spoluautorom monografie "J. Korpáš, Z. Tomori: Cough and other respiratory reflexes", vydané v roku 1978 nakladateľstvom Karger, Basel. V r. 1994, po návrate zo študijného pobytu v USA, spolu so svojim aspiřantom a blízkym spolupracovníkom MUDr. V. Doničom, CSc., založili prvú spánkovú laboratóriu na pôde Lekárskej fakulty UPJŠ v Košiciach, vybavenú polysomnografom - prístrojom na zaznamenávanie fyziologických funkcií počas spánku a začali aj úspešnú liečbu prvého slovenského pacienta s ťažkým stupňom obštrukčného spánkového apnoe neinvazívnou ventiláciou pomocou prístroja (NCPAP) cez nazálnu masku. Otvorili tým cestu k rozšíreniu tejto perspektívnej liečebnej metódy OSAS aj u nás.

Pre multidisciplinárny charakter spánkovej medicíny je táto kniha určená nielen poslucháčom medicínskeho štúdia, ale aj pre postgraduálne vzdelávanie rôznych špecialistov, a to pneumológov, kardiológov a pracovníkov ďalších internistických odborov, neuroológov, psychiatrov, i psychológov, ale aj otorinolaryngológov, pediáťrov i geriatrov, ako aj praktických i závodných lekárov.

V knihe nájdú užitočné informácie aj strední zdravotníckí pracovníci, ale aj pacienti. A zvlášť všetci ti, ktorí hľadajú možnosť, ako sa zbaviť nepríjemného chrápania, či nadmernej dennaj únavy, vzručivosti, veľkolebným spánkom. V tomto majú prispieť najnovšie informácie z celosvetovej literatúry, ale i vlastné skúsenosti prezentované v tejto knihe.

Želám si, aby táto monografia - učebnica priniesla čitateľovi nielen nové poznatky o uvedenej problematike, ale podnecovala ich k ďalšiemu experimentálnemu štúdiu a prakticko-terapeutickému i preventívnemu využitiu.

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## **Sleep apnoea as an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease: current evidence, basic mechanisms and research priorities.**

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### **Abstract**

Considerable evidence is available in support of an independent association between obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome (OSAS) and cardiovascular disease, which is particularly strong for systemic arterial hypertension and growing for ischaemic heart disease, stroke, heart failure, atrial fibrillation and cardiac sudden death. The pathogenesis of cardiovascular disease in OSAS is not completely understood but likely to be multifactorial, involving a diverse range of mechanisms including sympathetic nervous system overactivity, selective activation of inflammatory molecular pathways, endothelial dysfunction, abnormal coagulation and metabolic dysregulation, the latter particularly involving insulin resistance and disordered lipid metabolism. The present report, which arose out of a European Union Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) action on OSAS (COST B26), reviews the current evidence for an independent association and proposes research priorities to identify the underlying mechanisms involved, with a view to identifying novel therapeutic strategies. Large-scale collaborative studies of carefully defined patient populations with obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome, adequately controlled for potential confounders, are needed. Such studies carry the prospect of evaluating potential interactions between different basic mechanisms operating in obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome and cardiovascular disease, and interactions with other related disorders, such as obesity, diabetes and dyslipidaemia. Furthermore, translational studies involving cell culture and animal models linked to studies of obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome patients are necessary to integrate basic mechanisms with the clinical disorder.

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**Medico-legal implications of sleep apnoea syndrome: driving license regulations in Europe.**

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## Driving in Europe: the need of a common policy for drivers with obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome

DANIEL RODENSTEIN ON BEHALF OF COST-B26 ACTION ON SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME

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**SUMMARY** Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome (OSA) increases the risk of motor vehicle crashes, and of all medical disorders, has greatest risk in this respect. There is no consistency in the way OSA is considered by the national 'Physical Fitness to Drive' legislations within the 27 member countries of the European Union (EU), and most ignore OSA. This is further reflected by the absence of any reference to OSA in Annex III of the Directive 91/439/EEC, harmonizing Driving License regulations in the EU. A recent meeting brought together experts from several European and other countries, together with a representative of the European Commission. They discussed the best way to design and implement a uniform policy within Europe, for OSA and driving. It was agreed that: (i) other forms of pathological sleepiness be included, (ii) it covers both private and professional drivers, (iii) police accident report forms should explicitly consider sleepiness as a potential cause, (iv) sleep-wake education should be incorporated into the mandatory program of continuous education for professional drivers, ideally from 2010, (v) driver screening methods should contain questions on sleepiness at the wheel, habitual snoring and witnessed apneas during sleep, as well as the Epworth Sleepiness Score and Body Mass Index and (vi) following effective and efficient treatment, patients should be permitted to drive. In the light of medical, scientific and technical progress, EU procedures exist to enable the rapid modification of existing legislation. If such a procedure could be enacted for these aspects of driver sleepiness, then roads would be safer for 400 million people.

**KEYWORDS** driving license regulations, fitness to drive, motor vehicle crashes, obstructive sleep apnea syndrome, sleepiness at the wheel

Falling asleep at the wheel is one of the most striking non-medical consequences of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), a disorder 'active' only during sleep. Research conducted in countries such as Spain, the United States, Switzerland, Germany, France, Canada, Japan or Australia have all found a significant excess of road traffic accidents caused by patients suffering from OSA, compared with healthy control subjects (Barbé *et al.*, 1998; Cassel *et al.*, 1996; Findley *et al.*, 2000; George, 2001; Horstmann *et al.*, 2000; Howard *et al.*, 2004; Masa *et al.*, 2000; Teran-Santos *et al.*, 1999; Yamamoto

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*et al.*, 2000; Young *et al.*, 1997). This finding is present irrespective of different cultures, traffic densities and national topographies. The excess risk for motor vehicle crashes associated with OSA is greater than for any other medical disorder (Vaa, 2003).

Driving under the influence of alcohol (Borkenstein *et al.*, 1964), long hours after a short sleep night (Perez-Chada *et al.*, 2005) or night driving by shift workers, also carry a high risk for these accidents. Various medical disorders also put road users at serious risk of injury, and are well-recognized hazards, to the point that all countries have taken legislative actions to deal with drivers having these disorders. Obtaining and retaining a driving license requires drivers to declare that they have no medical condition considered to impair driving ability,

## APPENDIX

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Annex 4

General Recommendations Regarding OSAS

1. OSAS diagnosis precludes unconditional certification.
  
2. A driver with an OSAS diagnosis may be authorized to drive if the following conditions are met:
  - 2A. The driver has untreated mild OSAS with an apnoea-hypopnoea index (AHI) of less than or equal to 15 (mild-moderate OSA), and
  - 2B. The driver does not admit to experiencing invalidating excess sleepiness during the major wake period (ESS < 15); denies motor vehicle accidents; does not suffer from hypertension requiring two or more agents to control it and BMI is less than 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  
3. The driver's OSAS is being effectively treated
  - 3A. A driver with a moderate to severe OSAS diagnosis may be authorized to drive, based on demonstrating compliance with treatment. Minimally acceptable compliance with Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) treatment consists of at least 4 hours per day on 70% of days. The need for, and the compliance with, treatment should be subject to periodic medical review. The periodicity may differ in drivers from Group 1 and Group 2.



# **Electrical auricle stimulation novel treatment for obstructive and central sleep apnoea**

**Prof. Dr Viliam Donic<sup>1</sup>, MD; RN. Sona Gresova<sup>1</sup>; RN. Judita Stimmelova<sup>1</sup>; Dr. Ivana Bacova<sup>1</sup>, MD; Prof. Dr Zoltan Tomori<sup>1</sup>, MD; Prof. Dr Johan Verbraecken<sup>2</sup>, Drs. Boudewijn de Kerf<sup>3</sup>, and Drs. Gerrit J de Vos<sup>3</sup>.**

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### Treatment of sleep apnoea syndrome with electrical auricle stimulation

In a proof of principle study, researchers at University PJ Safarik (Kosice, Slovak Republic) have developed a way to treat sleep apnoea syndrome by using electrical auricle stimulation to activate the brainstem's inspiratory generator. Viliam Donic and collaborators at Nasophlex BV (Zaandijk, The Netherlands) and the Multidisciplinary Sleep Disorders Centre at University IA Antwerp, Belgium) used an electrode embedded in a removable earplug to interrupt not only obstructive, but also central and mixed, apnoeic episodes in three men with sleep apnoea syndrome. Data obtained from the use of the electrode earplug during a total of 711 nights showed a 66.3% reduction in apnoeic index. In addition, the time without breathing decreased by 53.3%.

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**Ďakujem za pozornosť**

- Greater sleepiness before use CPAP and lesser sleepiness after CPAP treatment
- CPAP value therapy in heavy snorers disease or upper airway resistance syndrome, as well as SAHS
- MSLT does not reflect sleepiness decreasing in CPAP treatment
- The access risk for motor vehicle crashes associated with OSA is greater than for any other medical disorders (Vaa 2003).