

Sleep Apnea Assignment

(Online Content 1H)

Unit Objectives:

- Understand the relationship(s) between obstructive sleep apnea and cardiovascular risk. (1,2,6,7)*

In order to receive full credit (1H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by 2/27/2025 at 0800. Any assignment not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.

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<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s40248-019-0172-9>

Refer to the above article and fill in the blanks for the following questions. Submit to the Sleep Apnea Dropbox by 0800, 2/27/2025. If you are unable to ctrl/click to open the article, copy and paste the link in the address box.

- 1) What is obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) characterized by?

It is characterized by collapse of upper airways during sleep with ineffective respiratory efforts, intermittent hypoxia, and sleep disruption.

- 2) How does the distribution of comorbidities differ between men and women?

It differs because diabetes and ischemic heart disease are more prevalent in men and hypertension and depression are more prevalent in women.

- 3) Name 10 common comorbidities often present in OSA patients.

- . Systemic hypertension
- . coronary artery disease
- . arrhythmias
- . ischemic stroke
- . COPD
- . asthma
- . diabetes mellitus
- . dyslipidemia
- . gout
- . peptic ulcer disease

- 4) The best studied cardiovascular comorbidity in OSA is ___systemic _____
___hypertension_____.
- 5) What arrhythmia is especially prevalent in OSA patients? Atrial Fibrillation
- 6) Highly prevalent in OSA patients, the metabolic syndrome is a pre-diabetic state associated with ___central_____ ___obesity_____ and ___increased _____
___cardiovascular_____ ___risk_____.
- 7) Untreated OSA in diabetic patients is associated with increased prevalence of
___neuropathy_____, ___peripheral_____ ___artery_____
___disease_____, ___diabetic_____ ___retinopathy_____, and
___diabetic_____ ___nephropathy_____.
- 8) The association between OSA and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is known as what? Overlap Syndrome
- 9) Sleep studies confirmed that OSA is ___more_____ ___common_____ in asthmatics than in controls, and the combination of OSA and asthma had a higher frequency of
___asthma_____ ___exacerbations_____.
- 10) Careful assessment of ___comorbidities_____ should become standard clinical practice for OSA patients.