

THE IMPACT OF SLEEP QUALITY ON MENTAL HEALTH IN YOUNG ADULTS

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Abstract

India is becoming an aging society as its population ages more quickly than the overall population. Common problems that elderly people deal with include sleep disorders, eating or feeding problems, incontinence, dementia, depression, fall warning indicators, and skin disintegration. One of the main causes of death for senior citizens is falls. 10% to 15% of all ED visits are caused by falls, which also account for 20% to 30% of mild to serious injuries. Most injuries caused by falls happen at home. Serious medical repercussions can also result from sleep issues. A significant predictor of death and morbidity is insomnia. Lack of sleep can make mental and physical conditions worse. Sleep difficulties are controllable, and falls among older individuals living in communities are frequently avoidable. The development of a comprehensive care plan that offers older individuals preventive, curative, and rehabilitative therapies as well as supporting education for their caregivers is necessary. In order to lessen the hardship of falls, sleep disturbances, and the issue of caregiver burden that older persons and their caregivers face, the nurse investigator developed a number of nursing intervention measures.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In general, students who slept for nine hours or longer were more likely to experience mental health issues and poorer health outcomes than those who slept for eight to nine hours. The finding that getting more sleep is not as dangerous as getting less sleep is in line with other previous studies that found no connection between mental illness and getting more sleep [1]. For instance, a previously mentioned study found no link between six mental illnesses and prolonged sleep duration in the general adult population. Similarly, no meaningful correlations between depression and extended sleep duration were observed in a large sample of undergraduates [2]. Given the apparent discrepancy between their longer sleep duration and mental illness when compared to the general adult population, young people may have a higher biological need for sleep [8]. Longer sleep duration in older folks may indicate an underlying mental illness or an avoidance tactic used by those with mental illnesses who have less to get up for. According to our research, a lower restriction for young individuals' sleep time is more significant than an upper recommendation [11].

We discovered an overall U-shaped relationship between sleep duration and a range of mental diseases and well-being outcomes in this study, using both validated checklists for mental illnesses and questionnaires for mental well-being [10]. It's possible that some underlying common characteristics influence the transdiagnostic correlations between sleep duration and mental health. The connections found for the various mental diseases showed the same pattern across sleep duration, despite the fact that the conditions manifested differently. In general, it is becoming more well acknowledged that sleep abnormalities, including both short and lengthy sleep duration, are a transdiagnostic marker for the majority of mental disorders [12]. Numerous mechanisms have been proposed. Additional hypothesized routes include the heightened synthesis of pro-inflammatory chemicals, such as inflammatory cytokines, which are closely linked to both short and lengthy sleep duration [3]. Short

sleep duration may potentially contribute to depression by over-stimulating the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, according to some research [6]. Genes that produce and control circadian rhythms are among the other hypothesized neurobiological pathways linking sleep and mental health.

Furthermore, a number of experimental research investigating the neurocognitive effects of varying sleep lengths have demonstrated that sleep deprivation can change how we relate to information or emotional experiences by increasing our responsiveness to negative events and decreasing the impact of happy ones [4]. Mental health is likely to be impacted by all of the previously described consequences of sleep deprivation. The neurocognitive effects of extended sleep, however, have been the subject of some experimental investigation and may be more of a consequence than a risk factor for mental illness[16].

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A literature review is typically a multifaceted process that evaluates the available information in light of an existing body of knowledge. Finding the current evidence on the issue being studied and determining the necessity of a new study are the two main goals of a literature review. A written summary of the current state of the evidence on a research problem is called a research literature review. A literature study is characterized as a thorough, in-depth, methodical, and critical examination of academic publications, unpublished scholarly print resources, audiovisual materials, and private communications⁵⁹. The practice of analysing the merits and shortcomings of relevant academic articles or literature is known as a critical review of literature. Formatting a question, coming up with a search strategy, carrying out the search, locating pertinent sources, abstracting and encoding data, evaluating studies, analysing the compiled data, and creating a written manuscript are the main phases in writing a written research review. To increase knowledge and acquire insight into the chosen subject under investigation, a review of the literature was conducted from books, published articles, and Medline searches.

Unwanted alterations in sleep patterns brought on by aging may include a decrease in deep sleep, an increase in awakenings in between sleep cycles, and more fragmented sleep (faster sleep cycle). Sleep is essential for good health and a happy existence. Older folks frequently complain about sleep issues [5]. Numerous physiological, psychological, and environmental factors might affect how people normally go through the sleep-wake cycle. Older persons often have extended periods of alertness that disrupt their sleep patterns because of intrinsic alterations in the interaction between the circadian rhythm arousing process and the sleep homeostatic system. Single behavioural therapies are among the many non-pharmacological approaches used to treat and control insomnia. It works quite well for treating insomnia in people of all ages. Included are physical exercise, cognitive behavioural treatment, cognitive behavioural treatment, sleep hygiene, education, and stimulation management; sleep restriction; massage therapy; chronotherapy; and light therapy. Helping the patient feel calm and stable when they want to go to sleep is the aim of relaxation therapy. Among the methods are progressive muscle relaxation (tensing and then relaxing each muscle group), meditation, guided visualization, deep breathing exercises, and biofeedback. Relaxation techniques help people get back to sleep more quickly. They have greater quality sleep (deep sleep) and sleep for longer periods of time. In the morning, they are more rested. They gradually get more control over their thoughts and sleep patterns. Therefore, for the majority of insomniacs, relaxation has a major favourable impact on sleep, even though it may not be able to cure insomnia on its own.

By extracting papers from the previous 25 years in the Netherlands, Boelens S, Heekman EE, and Verkerte GJ (2013) carried out a systematic review to determine the risk factors for falls among older citizens. Poor muscle strength, reactive power, balance ability, dual tasking, and sleep problems were found to be risk factors for falls. Home dangers, improper use of assistive technology, and poor footwear were all pertinent extrinsic risk factors. Fear of falling and physical inactivity were risk variables associated with behavior [13]. The study found that fall prevention strategies for senior citizens can be developed using the risk variables that were discovered. Elliott S., Painter J., and Hudson S. (2009) studied 666 middle-aged and older community residents in Eastern North Carolina to determine the association between living alone status and falls. Those living alone were more likely to report a fall (52%), compared to those living with others (48%). To determine the frequency of falls, fall injuries, fear of falling, and fall prevention attitudes and behaviors among 1,709 older individuals in Atlanta, Boyd R. and Stevens JA. (2009) carried out a prevalence study. According to the findings, 36.2% of older individuals were fairly (or extremely) fearful of falling, and 9.6% of them reported falling at least once in the previous three months.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Given that falls and sleep disturbances are functional health issues that are prevalent among older adults and that the researcher needs to preserve homogeneity and avoid contamination, the researcher decided that a true experimental two-group pretest-posttest design would be more suitable for the study. Only by comparison can the efficacy of family-focused nursing intervention be demonstrated. Thus, the researcher created two groups: the experimental group and the control group. Equal opportunities were provided to older individuals and their caretakers using random sampling allocation.

It refers to the total number of senior citizens and their caregivers who meet the specified criteria and are available to the researcher. All older adults with functional health issues, such as fall risk and sleep disturbances (poor sleep quality, or insomnia), as well as their caregivers who met the inclusion criteria and lived in the eight villages (community) chosen by OACHC, were the study's accessible population [7]. Although this research is instructive, it is challenging to draw conclusions about causality. For example, cross-sectional designs show that variables are somewhat connected, but they cannot tell you if one variable precedes another in a causal chain. Longitudinal designs offer stronger evidence, but residual confounding and other forms of bias limit the ability to draw conclusions about causality. The strongest evidence is provided by studies that randomly allocate participants to experimental and control settings, reducing the influence of any confounding variables. It is essential to experimentally modify sleep in order to determine whether sleeping disorders are causally related to mental health problems. This is done in order to see if changes in sleep eventually result in changes in mental health (i.e., the interventionist approach to causality).

To determine the variables linked to the impact of better sleep on mental health outcomes, a moderation analysis was carried out. For each moderator level category, at least three studies were required in order to conduct moderation analysis. The analysis used a mixed effects model for categorical variables, with a fixed effects model for comparing effect sizes across levels and a random effects model for pooling effect values within each moderator level. Effect sizes between moderator levels were then evaluated for significant differences using the Q statistic. Although there is a dearth of research on the connection between sleep length and mental health that extends beyond sleep disorders, what is known could provide significant new clinical insights. Adults with anxiety and depression and young adults in psychological distress have been found to have shorter sleep durations than those without psychiatric problems [14]. Short sleep duration has also been linked to mental health issues in less common diseases such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The weekly amount of sleep was not associated with a higher risk of either short or long sleep duration in a study of eating disordered students. But there was a greater chance of getting little sleep on the weekends. In contrast to a German study that used a normal adult sample and showed that maximal life happiness was related with around 8 hours of sleep, a Norwegian study of students found that longer sleep duration was associated with greater life satisfaction [9]. These findings are in line with a comprehensive cross-sectional analysis that demonstrated that most of the mental illnesses being studied had short sleep durations using data from a prior wave of the SHOT project (in 2018).

4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

When combined, the studies cited above show that different sleep length is linked to mental health issues and overall wellbeing. Examining transdiagnostic patterns between sleep duration and mental health is difficult because there aren't enough studies on the topic that cover a range of mental illnesses, making direct comparisons between circumstances impractical [15].

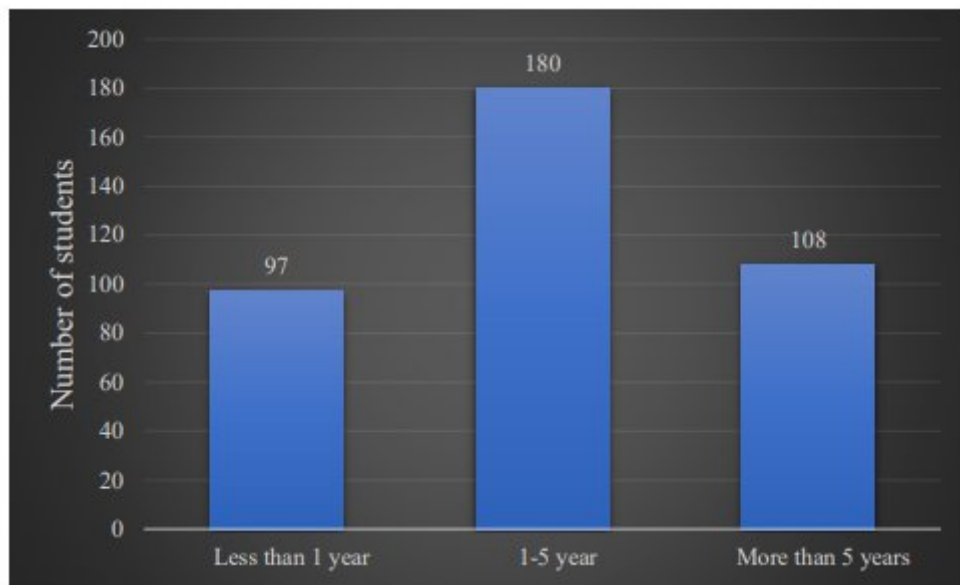


Figure 1: the information regarding duration of internet use of the subjects.

However, one study that looked at up to six mental diseases discovered that all of them were linked to short sleep but not long sleep. It is crucial to remember that the study's population was made up of people in general, not just young adults.

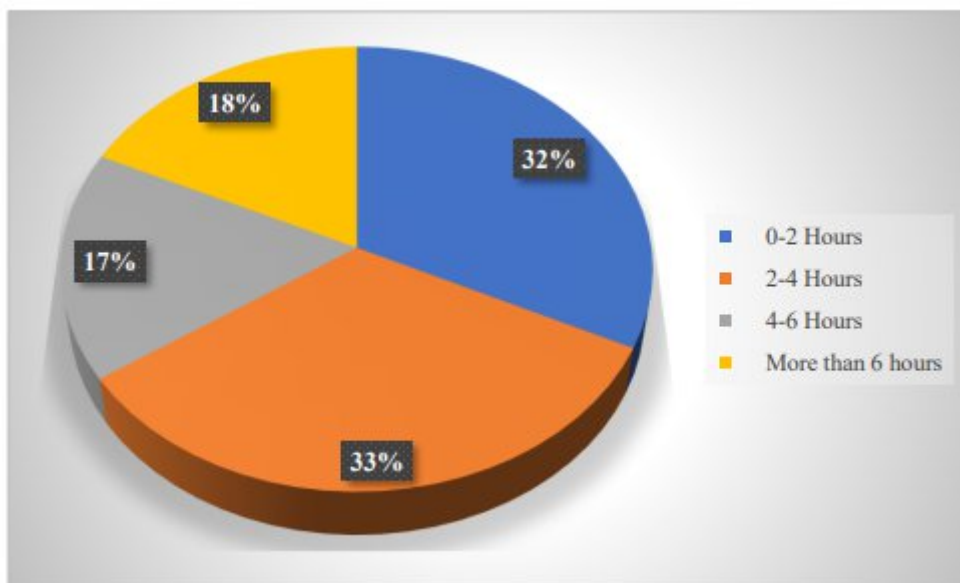


Figure 2: Percentage of Participants Based on Average Daily Internet Use

The majority of current research is cross-sectional, which means it cannot account for the time of the association of interest. This is another disadvantage, in addition to the fact that most of it does not expressly target young adults. A rare cohort study that looked at the connection between sleep duration and psychological distress in young adults found that self-reported short sleep, but not lengthy sleep, was positively connected with psychological distress.

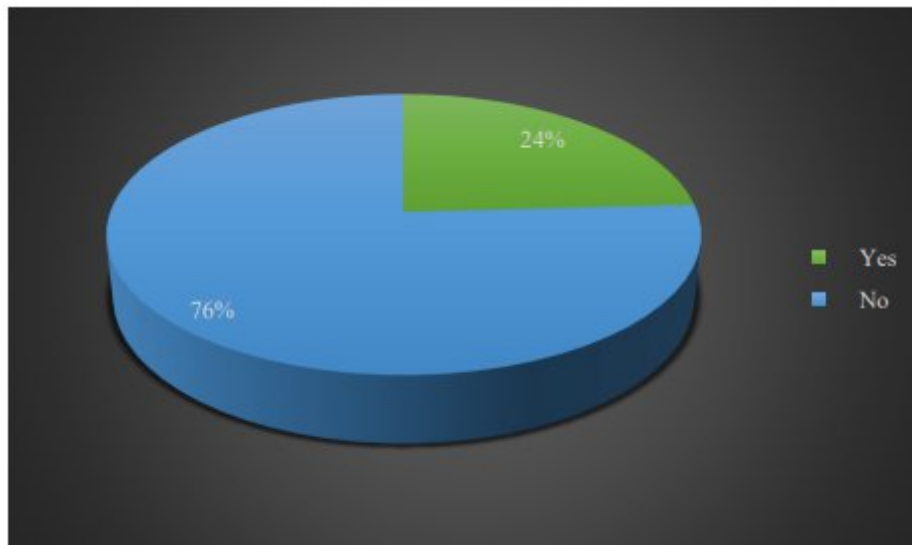


Figure 3: Percentage of Participants Based on Mobile Usage in Between Sleep

Sleep lengths of fewer than eight hours and, to a lesser extent, more than eight hours have been linked to higher rates of psychological distress, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, eating disorders, OCD, ADHD, and life dissatisfaction. This trend may be inferred for the composite graph for "any mental disorder," as well as for all mental disorders and well-being outcomes." Therefore, the lowest risk of mental disease was seen in those who slept for about eight hours. The prevalence of anxiety disorders was higher than 30% among female students who slept for four hours or less.

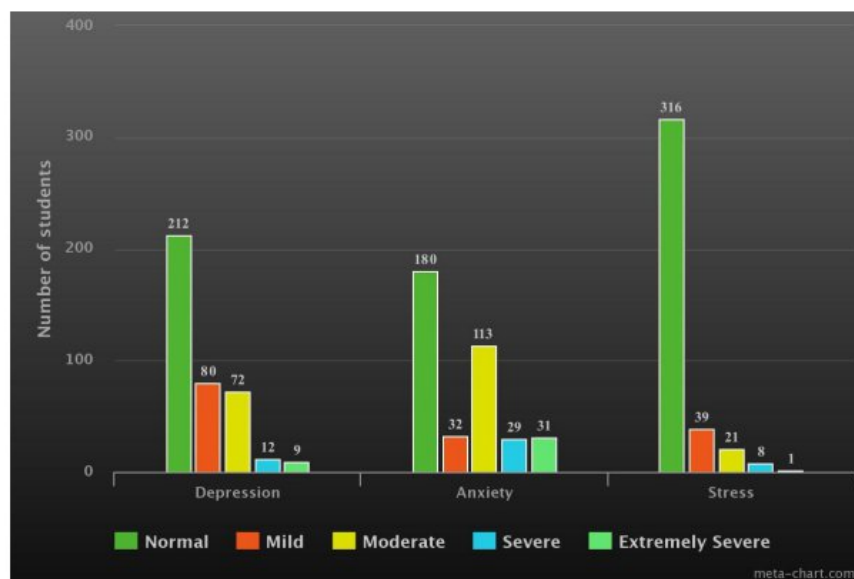


Figure 4: the information regarding the emotional state of Depression

This percentage dropped approximately linearly for each 1-hour sleep length subgroup, with the 8-hour sleep duration group experiencing the lowest rate at about 10%. The anxiety rate rose once more for female students who slept for more than eight hours, although it decreased for those who slept for eleven hours as opposed to four. Male students showed a similar tendency, albeit generally at a lower rate. This pattern throughout sleep duration for both sexes was reflected in the percentage of mental diseases.

On the other hand, the higher risk of mental illness that comes with short sleep might be a natural part of the mental illness itself. For example, bipolar disorder manic periods are known to be characterized by short sleep duration. Additionally, it is well recognized that many mental health treatments—such as ADHD medication— increase the likelihood of sleep problems. Contributing factors to the stated sleep duration were not investigated

in this study. Our results support the evidence-based agreement that short sleep is linked to a higher risk of mental illness in young adults, regardless of the underlying causes of short sleep duration.

5. CONCLUSION

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It is important to keep in mind that extending sleep duration by focused sleep therapies may lower the risk of mental disease, even though the directionality of our findings is still unknown. Because students might not always give their sleep needs enough priority, it could be very beneficial for both individuals and society as a whole to emphasize the value of maintaining healthy sleep patterns in this demographic. This becomes even more important in a world where sleep is increasingly valued because of its 24-hour. The effectiveness of educational initiatives aimed at extending college students' sleep duration is not well-established. However, it has been demonstrated that structural measures affect how long young individuals sleep. For example, it has been demonstrated that adolescents' sleep duration on weekdays increases in proportion to even a 25–60-minute delay in their curricular requirements. Additionally, children's sleep patterns and, therefore, their mental health may be more significantly impacted by concentrating on more extensive structural changes, including modifying school timetables. To offer concrete suggestions for the creation of successful social policies in this area, more research is necessary. According to preliminary data, this strategy enhances mental and sleep quality. Making these kinds of interventions more widely available to students may help them sleep better, especially for longer periods of time, and improve their mental health both now and in the future.

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