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Enhancing Sleep Quality to Improve the Health of People with Chronic Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Poor sleep quality increases sympathetic activity and pro-inflammatory cytokines, both of which increase insulin resistance. Advanced glycation end products are significantly increased in chronic sleep insufficiency, which could increase insulin resistance. Stage 3 is the most crucial sleep stage because of growth hormone (GH) and GH-releasing hormone (GHRH) release. They induce fat burning, bone building and general repair and regeneration. The longest part of stage 3 takes place before midnight. A delayed sleep onset suppresses the largest GH pulse, increases ghrelin and decreases leptin. Ghrelin stimulates appetite, whereas leptin does the reverse. All these changes lead to weight gain, less repair and more inflammation, predisposing the body to chronic disorders.

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