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## Sleep disorders AND Pregnancy



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# Why is it important to talk about pregnancy and sleep ?

- Sleep difficulties are often ignored during pregnancy
- Pregnant women don't talk about sleep problems and especially
- Don't complain to their doctors or midwives
- Bad answer : « It's normal »
- And their Doctors do not ask about sleep problems during the consultation
- The consequences of sleep problems during pregnancy are beginning to be much better understood
- Increased literature reports the last 2 years
- The aim of this presentation is just to inform and alert you

# Why is it important to talk about pregnancy and sleep ?

- **Normal sleep in pregnancy**

- **OSAS**

- **Insomnia**

- **RLS**





# Normal Sleep in Pregnancy




# Sleep Variations


- **Duration**

-  in the 1st trimester
- Returns to prepartum sleep duration in the 2nd trimester
-  in the 3rd trimester

- **Quality**

-  throughout pregnancy
- 72 % of women describe nocturnal arousal
- Marked during the 3rd trimester

- **Sleep architecture**

-  in sleep efficiency
- Due to nocturnal arousals and micro-arousals (GOR, RLS...)
-  in slow wave sleep : sleep is perceived as less restorative

| Sleep parameter | PSG score    |
|-----------------|--------------|
| TST (min)       | 334.7 ± 49.7 |
| SE (%)          | 76.7 ± 10.0  |
| WASO (min)      | 77.7 ± 37.9  |
| SOL (min)       | 23.6 ± 19.4  |

Sleep duration and efficiency at a mean of 32 weeks - Zhu 2018

# Modifications in sleep by trimester

- 1st trimester
  - Increase in daytime sleepiness : naps are often necessary
  - Nausea and vomiting
  - Nycturia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester
  - Nasal congestion and rhinitis
  - Snoring
  - Arousals linked to foetal movement
- 3rd trimester
  - Sleep is perturbed by pregnancy related symptoms (pain, GOR...)
  - Development of OSA
  - Restless legs
  - Important decrease in total sleep time

# Effect of sleep duration

- < 7 hours of sleep
  - Increase in the risk of gestational diabetes
- < 6 h of sleep
  - Ante-natal depression, especially if snoring is also present
- < 5 h of sleep
  - Increased risk of gestational hypertension during the 3rd trimester
  - Increased risk of pre-eclampsia
- Short time sleep
  - Increase in premature births
  - Increase in delivery time
  - Increase in the risk of caesarian section

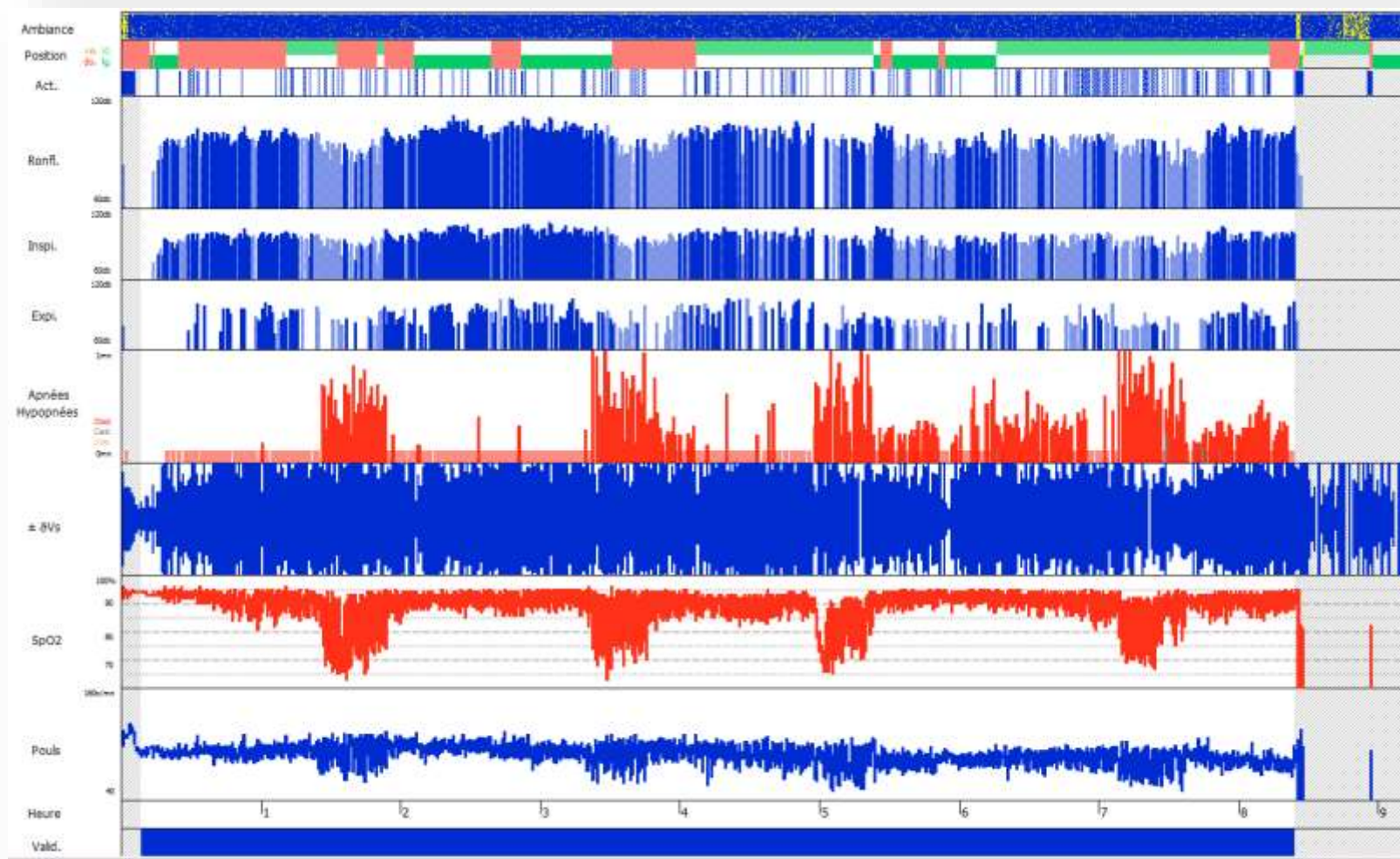


# Napping in pregnancy

- Essential for compensating for reduced sleep duration and quality
- Often longer than normal, compensate for reduced sleep time
- But attention should be paid to duration in order not to reduce homeostatic pressure too far and reduce nocturnal sleep quality

# Be aware of sleep apnea





- Sleep apnea is considered by the general public to be a disease of the obese and for the ENT also retrognathia
- Pregnant women do not consider themselves to be at risk
- Important role
  - for obstetricians and midwives in screening for sleep apnea
  - Importance of the husband's bed report
- In Pien's study in 2014
  - prevalence of OSA of 10.5% (1st trimester) increasing to 26.7% in the 3rd trimester.
  - OSA was defined as an AHI >5.
  - Improvement in AHI was noted in the post partum.

# OSA's different mechanisms

- Physiological modifications increase the risk of OSA in pregnant women :
  - Weight gain
  - Pharyngeal oedema and nasal congestion (estrogen)
  - mass effect of the gravid uterus :
    - Shortened trachea
    - Reduction of pulmonary volume and elevating diaphragm

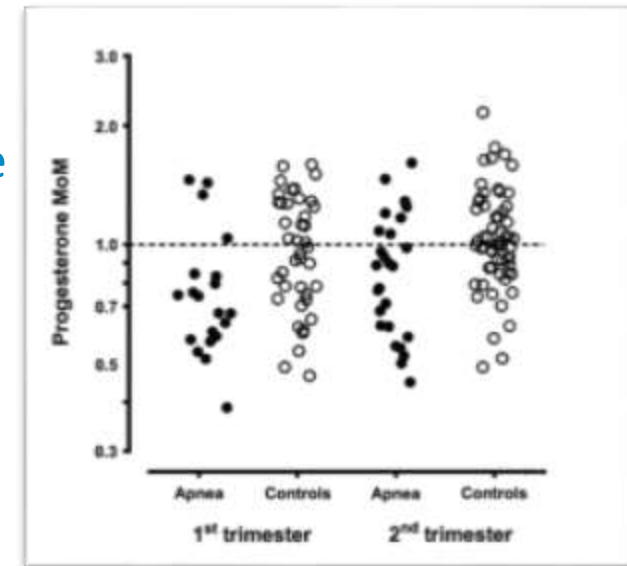


# Mechanisms

- The mouth breathing is increased by
  - The nasal congestion
  - sleeping on the back.
- OSA may be increased by elevated legs which participate to fluid shift
- Effects of progesterone on pharyngeal dilator muscles
- Other hormonal variations

# Role of Hormones

- Progesterone :
  - **Stimulates** respiration via an augmentation of the respiratory rate
  - **Protects** against OSA
  - Progesterone level are lower on pregnant women with OSA compare to non OSA pregnant women
- Estrogen :
  - Increases during pregnancy
  - **Decreases the airway caliber** by increase of the resistances

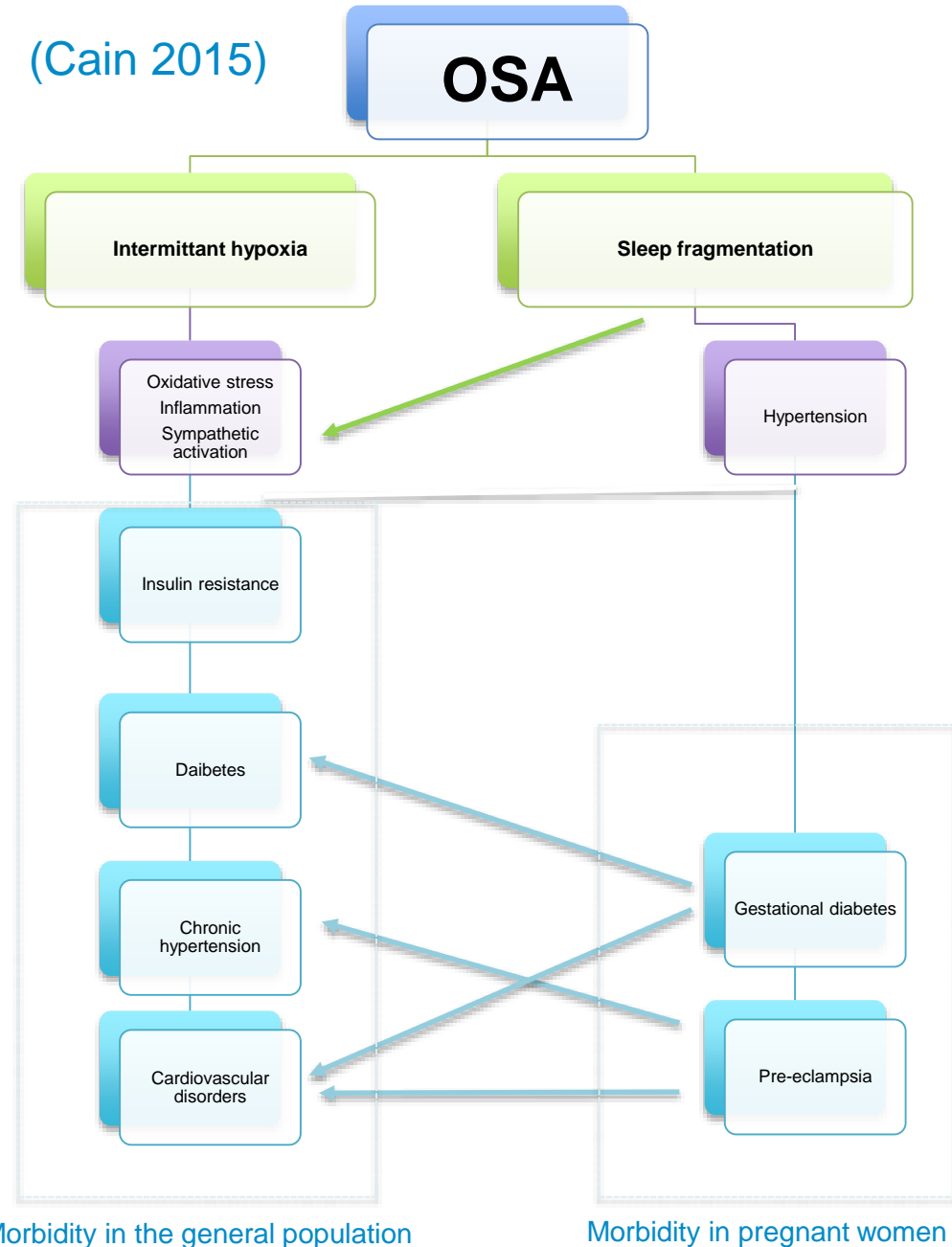


Progesterone levels corrected for height and age: reduction in patients with OSA in first and second trimester (Lee 2017)

# Consequences of OSA

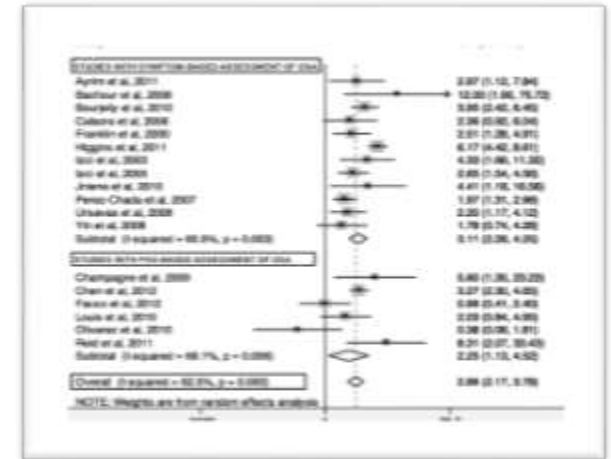
- Daytime sleepiness
- Irritability
- Depression
- Metabolic disorders
- Cardiovascular disorders
- Increased risk of:
  - hypertension: (aOR 1.86 -1.89)
  - gestational hypertension (OR 1.86)
  - maternal mortality (aOR 5.28 )
  - Increased risk of pre-eclampsia in OSA (OR 3.55)
  - increased in obesity

(Cain 2015)



# Consequences of OSA: pre-eclampsia

- Pre-eclampsia complicates 2-5% of pregnancies.
- Risk factors for preeclampsia : family history, primiparity, age, hypercoagulable state, obesity, pre-existing hypertension, diabetes, and residence at high altitude (Bolivie)
- Pre-eclampsia and OSA share common risk factors



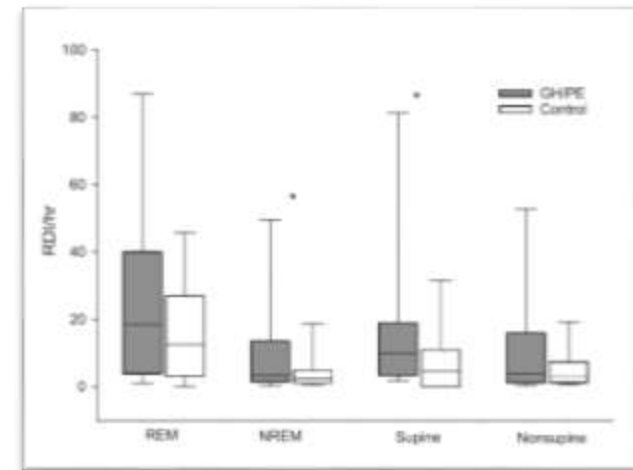
Forest plot of OR for gestational hypertension (Pamidi 2014)

**Table 2** RDI categories for GH and PE cases with matched controls

| n (%)    | Cases (n = 40) | Controls (n = 40) | P-value |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|---------|
| RDI ≥ 5  | 21 (52.5%)     | 15 (37.5%)        | 0.18    |
| RDI ≥ 10 | 14 (35.0%)     | 6 (15.0%)         | 0.039   |
| RDI ≥ 15 | 9 (22.5%)      | 5 (12.5%)         | 0.24    |
| RDI ≥ 30 | 6 (15.0%)      | 3 (7.5%)          | 0.29    |

RDI, respiratory disturbance index.

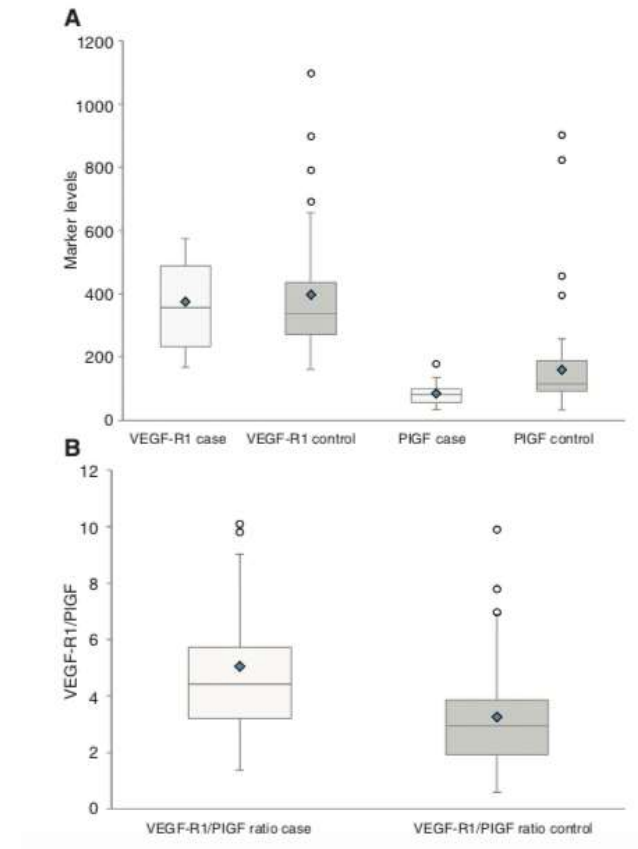
RDI and gestational hypertension vs controls (Wilson 2018) 35% vs 15% have an IAH >10



(Wilson 2018)

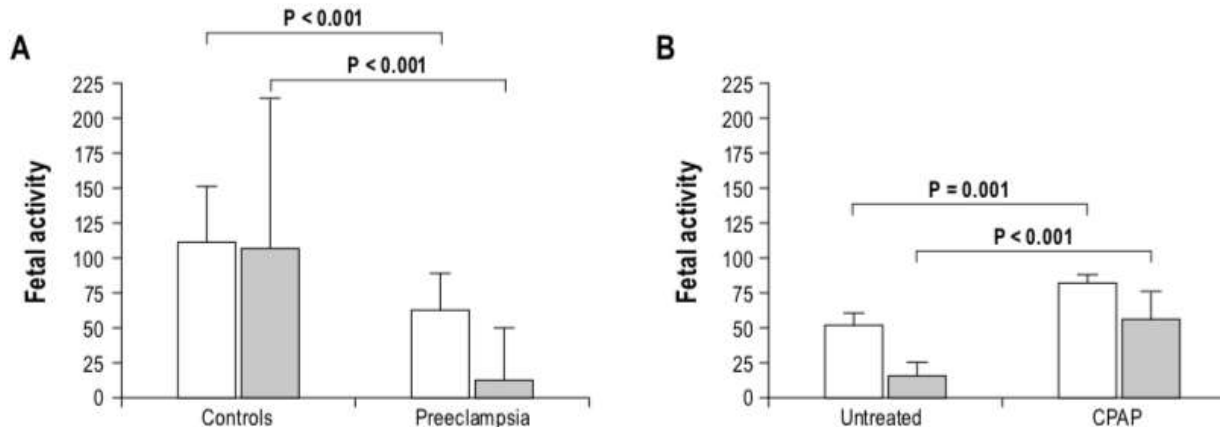
# Consequences of OSA: pre-eclampsia

- Intermittant hypoxia is associated with
  - the secretion of angiogenic inhibitors, sFlt-1 and sEng and
  - a decrease in vasodilators VEGF, PlGF and TGF-beta
  - Alteration in the angiogenic balance
  - Good predictor of preeclampsia in the OSA group
- These changes are reported in patients with pre-eclampsia AND in pregnant patients with OSA
- Is the common link placental hypoxia?
- Increase of the inflammatory cytokine : TNF, IL6, CRP

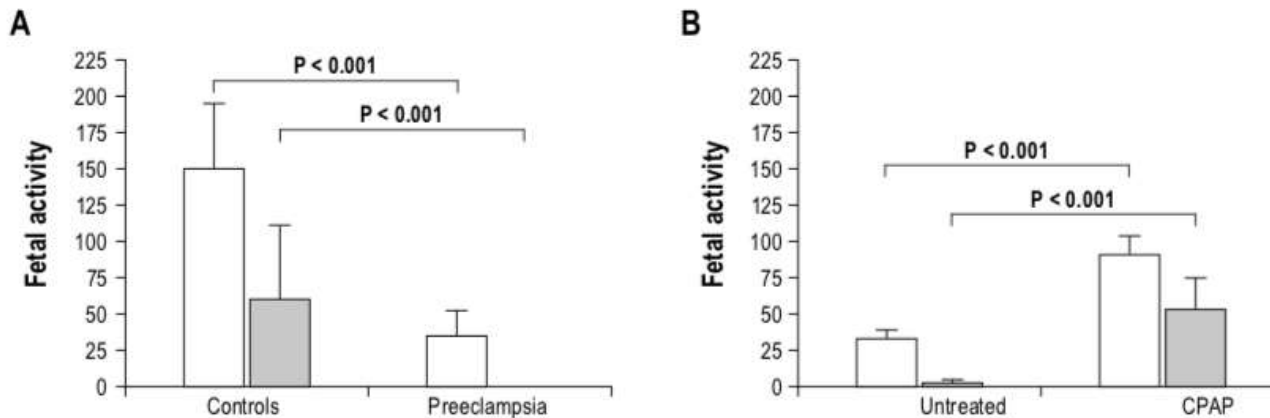




# Consequences of OSA and CPAP on the foetus



**Figure 1**—Fetal activity is (A) reduced during maternal NREM sleep in preeclampsia, which (B) can be partially reversed by nasal CPAP. Fetal activity data are mean (SD) for fetal movements per hour (white bars) and total fetal hiccups (gray bars).



**Figure 2**—Fetal activity is (A) reduced during maternal REM sleep in preeclampsia, which (B) can be partially reversed by nasal CPAP. Fetal activity data are mean (SD) for fetal movements per hour (white bars) and total fetal hiccups (gray bars).

# Consequences of OSA on the foetus

The interpretation of the results of studies on foetal consequences is complicated :

- Measuring birthweight is complicated
  - by premature births
  - Maternal obesity leads to macrosomia and is also associated with OSA.
- The better indicator : the foetal growth during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.
  - Latest studies (Fung 2013, Spence 2017) show reduction in foetal growth during the 3rd trimester in OSA, possibly linked to decelerations of foetal heartbeat observed during intermittent hypoxia
  - Some outcomes are rare (stillbirth)

# Consequences of OSA on the foetal growth

**Table 2** Fetal growth

|  | No-OSA<br>(n = 48)    | OSA (n<br>= 31)       | PAP (n<br>= 14) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Birth weight <10th centile (%)   | 12 (25%)              | 7 (23%)               | 2 (14%)         |
| Fall in growth centile >33% (%)  | 14 (29%) <sup>a</sup> | 19 (61%) <sup>b</sup> | 2 (14%)         |
| Impaired fetal growth (%) (either birth weight <10th centile OR a fall in growth centile >33%) | 17 (35%)              | 19 (61%) <sup>c</sup> | 4 (29%)         |

OSA obstructive sleep apnea, PAP positive airway pressure

<sup>a</sup> $p = 0.0095$  OSA vs. non-OSA

<sup>b</sup> $p = 0.004$  OSA vs. PAP

<sup>c</sup> $p = 0.09$  OSA vs. PAP

**Table 3** Odds ratio for impaired fetal growth

| Impaired fetal growth (either birth weight <10th centile OR a fall in growth centile >33%) |                       |                      |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
|  | Unadjusted OR (95%CI) | Adjusted* OR (95%CI) |
| No OSA   | Reference             | Reference            |
| OSA  | 2.9 (1.1–7.3)         | 3.4 (1.2–9.9)        |
| PAP  | 0.7 (0.2–7.0)         | 0.7 (0.1–3.7)        |
| Fall in growth centile >33% only   |                       |                      |
|  | Unadjusted OR (95%CI) | Adjusted* OR (95%CI) |
| No OSA   | Reference             | Reference            |
| OSA  | 3.6 (1.4–9.4)         | 4.3 (1.3–12.8)       |
| PAP  | 0.4 (0.1–1.9)         | 0.4 (0.1–2.5)        |

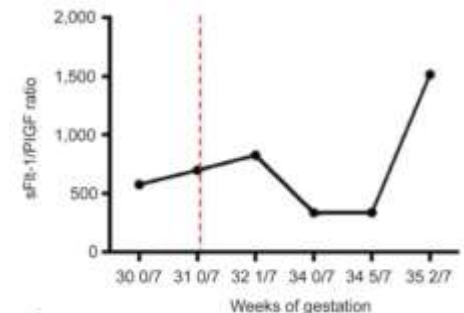
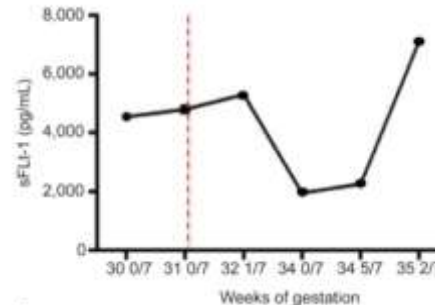
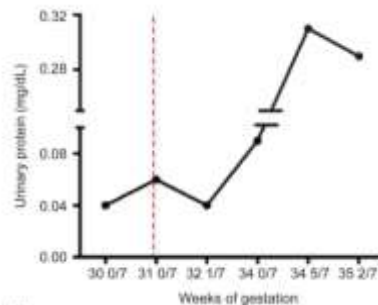
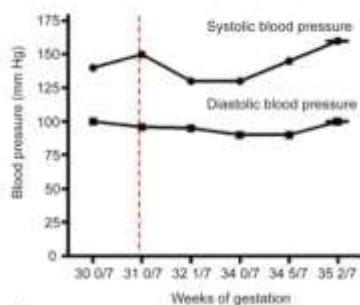
OSA obstructive sleep apnea, PAP positive Airway pressure

\* adjusted for maternal age, BMI at the time of sleep study, smoking, chronic hypertension, preeclampsia at enrollment, Type II diabetes mellitus, gestational diabetes, anti-hypertensive medication use, and diabetic medication use

The PAP therapy could potentially minimize the negative impact to fetal growth

# CPAP treatment

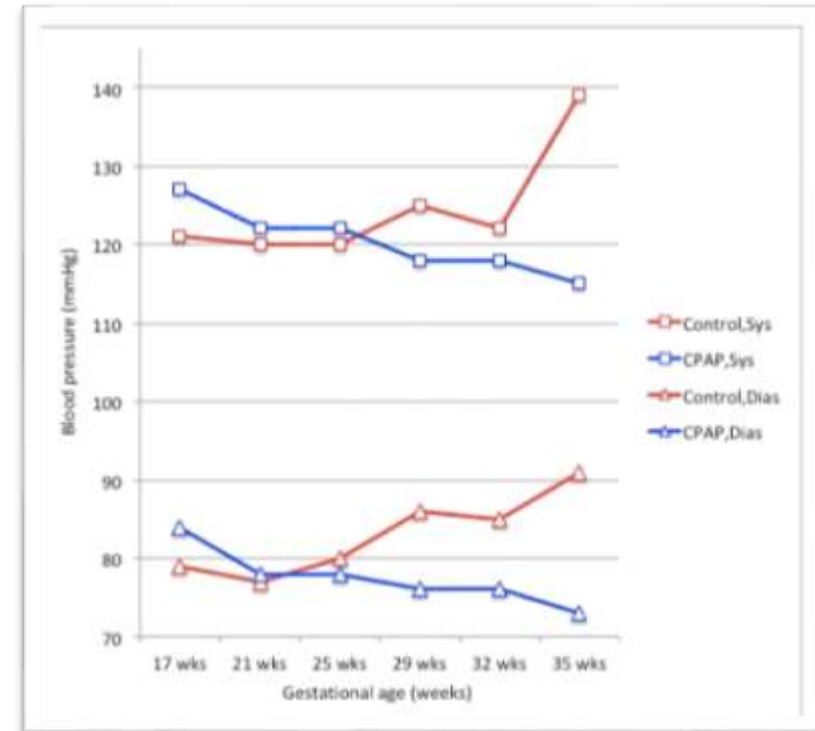
- ✓ Whitehead 2015:
  - ✓ CPAP in a 29 week patients with OSA (AHI 149) and pre-eclampsia. Treated by CPAP (S9, pressures 14 cm H2O, adherence 6h07/ night)
  - ✓ Normalization of blood pressure and pre-eclampsia markers up to 34WA
- ✓ Controlled study in hypertensive and snoring women: improvement in blood pressure and reduction in hypertensive treatment.
- ✓ Study of OSA treated by CPAP vs controls : reduced slowing of growth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester (aOR 3.6)



Whitehead 2015, Kneitel 2018

# CPAP settings

- No consensus
- Few studies in pregnant women with autoCPAP with good tolerance
- By security : fixed pressure at the start and CPAP test during a nap period with blood pressure and foetal monitoring (6mmhg)
- Regular evaluation : role of telemonitoring
- Humidifier if dry mouth



Effect of CPAP on blood pressure (Truong 2018 using data from Wolff 2016)



# Post-partum

- Control after 3/4 months (PG or PSG)
- Sometimes the gravidic hypertension reveals an OSA problem unknown before pregnancy
- Sometimes OSA disappears
- Inform the woman and obstetrician to follow the sleep during the next pregnancy
- **Monitoring for women with a medical history of HTA or preeclampsia during the next pregnancy**

# KEY TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

- In the presence of gestational hypertension, diabetes and pre-eclampsia
  - look for OSA
- In the presence of OSA
  - look for gestational hypertension, diabetes and pre-eclampsia
- And don't forget the high incidence of :
  - insomnia
  - RLS

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## Sleep Disorders in Pregnancy Implications, Evaluation, and Treatment

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### KEY POINTS

- Sleep problems in pregnancy are common and may affect pregnancy.
- Restless legs syndrome is very common during pregnancy and is easily diagnosed with 4 clinical criteria.
- Shorter sleep duration in pregnancy is associated with increased morbidity, such as gestational diabetes and preeclampsia.
- Snoring and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) are associated with increased risk of gestational diabetes, preeclampsia, and pregnancy-induced hypertension.



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