
DEDICATION

This issue is dedicated to various aspects of sleep medicine. We have divided the content into four separate segments. Despite the rising awareness in this field, there is still a lot to do to improve the understanding of sleep-related disorders, their impact on human body, consequences if unaddressed, and ability to hamper the control of other prevailing comorbid states, such as hypertension, diabetes, and hyperlipidemia. It has been a complex science as yet wherein there is a lot to explore. Evolution of sleep medicine has interested respiratory physicians, neurologists, and ENT surgeons largely. We intend to impart the knowledge of sleep disorders to the ENT fraternity in the most simplistic way, as they are also a portal for such patients who need dedicated attention.

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Dr Abha Pandey is Junior Consultant in Respiratory Medicine at Lilavati Hospital and Research Center. She completed her MBBS from Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Loni, Maharashtra, India in 2010. She accomplished her postgraduation (Diplomate of National Board) in 2013, from Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, India which is a prestigious tertiary healthcare setup, famous for cutting-edge medical care and a very well-established sleep laboratory with all advanced equipment, where she got inclined towards the intriguing science of sleep medicine. She then completed a fellowship in critical care medicine (Indian Diploma in Critical Care Medicine) from Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, India in 2015. Thereafter, she joined Lilavati Hospital and Research Center in 2016 and continues to be an enthusiastic clinician there till date. Her keen interest in sleep grew manyfold here. She has been a faculty for postgraduate trainees at Lilavati Hospital. Due to her interest in allergology, she attended advanced course on diagnosis of allergy and immunotherapy, Bengaluru in January 2018. She has had prominent dedication towards academics throughout and is working as the Scientific Secretary of Mumbai Chest Group, an extremely successful academic forum, collaborating practicing chest physicians and budding pulmonologists across the city. She has been a member of Research Advisory Committee at Lilavati Hospital, supporting many interesting researches in various fields of medicine and surgery. Her dedication to sleep-related disorders has motivated her to conduct and participate in conferences, seminars and workshops on sleep medicine.



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Dr Carlos A. Torre is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Miami, where he also serves as the Director of the Sleep Surgery Division and the Sleep Surgery Fellowship Program. He received his medical degree from the School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico. He also completed the Advanced Training in Clinical Research Fellowship Program at the University of California San Francisco, where he worked with Dr Steven Wang and Dr Lilly Bourguignon establishing molecular pathways in oral cavity cancer cells that contribute to chemotherapy resistance and metastasis. He then went on to complete his residency training in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Puerto Rico, where he developed an interest in the field of sleep medicine. This led him to complete a two-year fellowship in sleep surgery and sleep medicine at Stanford University, where he had the privilege of training under the tutelage of Dr Christian Gulleminault, Dr Klete Kushida, Dr Emmanuel Mignot, Dr Robson Capasso, Dr Stanley Liu, and Dr Robert Riley among others. He is one of the few sleep specialists that practices the full scope of sleep medicine and sleep surgery, which includes the treatment of a variety of sleep disorders and surgery to treat obstructive sleep apnea applying a diversity of procedures such as soft tissue surgery, skeletal surgery, and upper airway stimulation. He has published a wide array of papers on topics related to obstructive sleep apnea. He has also been invited as a speaker to many different international and local meetings, where he has presented his work. He serves as a member of the Sleep Medicine Committee for the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is also a member of the Surgical Guidelines Taskforce for the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

