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- Why do we sleep?
- Stages of sleep
- How much sleep do we need?
- Sleep disorders
- Dreams

Consciousness

- State of awareness
 - Feelings
 - Sensations
 - Ideas
 - Perceptions
- Altered state of consciousness = different levels of awareness
- Brain is never completely "off"
- EEG (electroencephlogram) helps us study sleep

Why Do We Sleep?

- Restoration?
- Hibernation?
- Adaptive?
- Clear our LTM?
- To dream?

Stages of Sleep

- Stage 1
 - Brain waves irregular
 - Report "drifting"
- Stage 2
 - Slightly larger brain waves
- Stage 3
 - Even larger brain waves
- Stage 4
 - Deepest sleep, difficult to waken

REM Sleep

- Pulse rate and breathing irregular
- Increased adrenalin and sex hormones in blood
- Arms, legs paralyzed
- Rapid eye movement
- Dreaming
- First round of REM 15 min, last round 45 min

How Much Sleep?

- Babies 16 hours
- Teens 9–12 hours
- Adults 6–9 hours
- Seniors 4–6 hours

Circadian Rhythms

- Biological clock
- Governs:
 - Blood pressure
 - Heart rate
 - Appetite
 - Hormone secretion
 - Sleep cycles
- > 24–25 hour cycle

Sleep Disorders

- Insomnia
 - Chronic, 2 hrs sleep/night
- Sleep Apnea
 - Choking
- Narcolepsy
- Nightmares
 - REM sleep
- Night Terrors
 - Stage 4 sleep
- Sleepwalking and Sleep talking
 - Usually in stage 4, can be REM

Dreams

Content

- Usually benign
- Unusual drams are remembered
- Interpretation
 - Cultural