

Sleep Apnea HRA v3

Client Review Document

Overview

The Sleep Apnea HRA is an online application intended for adults between the ages of 20 and 89. Based on a scientifically validated questionnaire,¹ it's a preliminary screening assessment for undiagnosed obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). The aim is to identify people who might benefit from a complete sleep apnea evaluation in a clinical setting.

Main Scientific Basis

This assessment uses a measure called the STOP-Bang score¹ to identify people at high risk for OSA.

Product Description

The following 8 questions are used to calculate the STOP-Bang score:

1. Do you often feel tired, fatigued, or sleepy during daytime? (+1 point for "Yes")
2. Do you snore loudly enough to be heard through closed doors? (+1 point for "Yes")
3. Has anyone observed you stop breathing during your sleep? (+1 point for "Yes")
4. Do you have or are you being treated for high blood pressure? (+1 point for "Yes")
5. Does your neck measure 16 inches or more around? (+1 point for "Yes")
6. Age (+1 point for over age 50)
7. Sex (+1 point for male)
8. Height & weight (+1 point for body mass index [BMI] over 35)

Primary Results

The primary result shown in the client portal for the Sleep Apnea HRA is a consumer's risk of having undiagnosed sleep apnea. The results are organized into the following categories:

High Risk

People in this category have a STOP-Bang score of 3 or higher. This indicates that an evaluation for sleep apnea is warranted.

Unknown Risk

Consumers in this category have a STOP-Bang score of 2 -AND- *do not* know their neck measurement (i.e. They answered "I don't know" to question 5 above). These people are urged to measure their neck circumference and have a clinical evaluation if the measurement is 16 inches or more.

Low Risk

Individuals in this category have a STOP-Bang score of 0 or 1 -OR- a STOP-Bang score of 2 and they *do* know their neck measurement. These people are told talk to a health care professional about persistent sleep problems.

Weight-Loss Recommendation

Weight is an independent risk factor for many serious health conditions, including OSA. Although obesity is one of the strongest risk factors for OSA, people with a BMI of 25.0 to 35.0 (i.e. overweight & obesity weight ranges) are assigned +0 points towards their STOP-Bang score.¹

In order to educate consumers about the importance of maintaining a healthy weight, the Sleep Apnea HRA also gives people their BMI-based “healthy weight range” and urges anyone with a BMI of 25.0 or higher to have a health care professional determine their ideal weight.²

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