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Similar to the first anatomists or the first radiographers, sleep scientists and physicians used electroencephalography and later polysomnography as means of “peering in” to the workings of the human body with the hope of gaining understanding. The rapid advancement of sleep research, made possible by the development of polysomnography, permitted not only a deeper understanding of normal sleep, but a more complete picture of the pathologic processes that affect sleep. After 20 years, not only has polysomnography been fine-tuned as a research tool and vital diagnostic test, but it has also made possible the creation of a new medical specialty and a new allied health field.

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Understanding the underlying science of the generation of electrophysiologic signals is necessary to monitor and interpret sleep studies accurately. There are many factors that can alter a signal observed on a polysomnogram. Armed with the knowledge of how an electrophysiologic signal is generated and recorded, those who study sleep and its disorders are expected to be able to separate true from artifactual signals, and know the difference between accurate signal data and unexpected alterations in these signals. At any step in the process the diagnostic accuracy of a polysomnogram may be altered or unreliable, which, if not detected and corrected, could adversely affect the care of the patient.

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The goal of this article is to review the current standards for monitoring and evaluating sleep and wake in clinical laboratory and research settings. The standard parameters used to record sleep and wake are electroencephalography, electrooculography, electromyography, airflow measurement, respiratory effort measurement, electrocardiography, oxygen saturation, snoring monitor, and sleep position evaluation. Each of these parameters is addressed in this article, including the application of the monitoring equipment, the derivations used, and the recommended specifications of the equipment.

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Normal sleep is associated with slowing of the heart rate and occasional asymptomatic self-limited rhythm disturbances. Obstructive sleep apnea produces cyclical changes in heart rate and an increase in the occurrence of cardiac dysrhythmias. Sleep medicine practitioners should be familiar with routine methods, limitations, and scoring of cardiac events, including sinus tachycardia, sinus bradycardia, narrow and wide complex tachycardias, atrial fibrillation, and cardiac asystole. Other cardiac rhythms that are recognizable within the context of the sleep study should be reported. Changes in cardiac rhythm during polysomnography seldom result in adverse outcomes. Decisions regarding interventions for identified cardiac rhythms should be influenced by the nature of the dysrhythmia, risks identified by patient characteristics and comorbidities, and prevailing patient care strategies in managing heart disease.

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