

BÖLÜM 11

Obstruktif Uyku Apnesi'nde Üst Solunum Yolu Kaslarının Elektriksel Stimülasyonu

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Obstriktif uyku apnesi(OUA) uyku esnasında faringeal hava yolunda oluşan tekrarlayıcı kollapslarla karakterize oksijen desaturasyonu, apne, hipopne ve uykunun mikromimarisindeki bozulmaya bağlı çeşitli metabolik kardiyo-vasküler hastalıklara yatkınlık yapan multisistemik bir hastaliktır. Oua olan hastalar gün içi yorgunluk, uyku ihtiyacı, uyku esnasında horlama, solunumsal kesilme, uyanma atağı gibi farklı semptomlara sahiptir(1).

Orta ve şiddetli OUA, insülin direnci, dislipidemi, vasküler hastalık ve ölüm için bağımsız bir risk faktöridür(2,3). CPAP(noninvaziv sürekli pozitif hava yolu basıncı) tedavisine uyum gösteren hastalarda bu riskler azalır. Ancak tedaviye uyum oranı %40 tir(4). Ağız içi araç tedavisi ve üst solunum yolu cerrahileri CPAP'a alternatif tedavilerdir. Araştırmalar orta ve ağır uyku apnesi tedavisinde mevcut tedavilerin bazen yetersiz olduğunu göstermiştir. Bu nedenle yeni tedavilere ihtiyaç vardır(5).

Apnenin başlamasında, üst hava yolu kaslarına yönelik uyarının uykuda azalması bir sebep olarak öngörülümüştür. Genioglossus kasının uyku sırasında aktive edilmesi üst hava yolu açıklığını sağlayarak OUA tedavisinde bir alternatif yöntem olarak karşımıza çıkar(6).Bu bölümde OUA hastalarında selektif nöromuskuler dil ve hipoglossal sinirin direkt uyarımını üst hava yolu hava akım mekanığıne etkisi ve OUA tedavisindeki yeri ele alınacaktır.

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