

BÖLÜM 6

UYKUNUN NÖROFİZYOLOJİK TEMELLERİ VE DÜZENLENMESİ

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GİRİŞ

Uyku, kişinin duyuşsal ve/veya diğer uyarılarla uyandırılabilirdiğİ bir süreçtir (1). Aristoteles zamanından 20. yüzyılın başlarına kadar çoğİ filozof, uykunun yalnızca azalan duyuşsal girdi ve düşük beyin aktivitesinin bir sonucu olduğunu düşünmekteydi. Purkinje ve Lhermitte gibi önde gelen erken dönem anatomist ve nörologlar, uyku ve uyanıklığı düzenleyen spesifik sinir yollarının varlığından şüpheleniyorlardı (2). Uyku, hızlı göz hareketlerinin eşlik ettiğİ NREM (Non-Rapid Eye Movement) ve hızlı göz hareketlerinin eşlik etmediğİ REM (Rapid Eye Movement) evrelerinden oluşur. Uyku biyolojisine ilişkin bilgilerimiz son yıllarda önemli ölçüde değişmiş olup, bu evrelerin zamanlamasını seçici olarak düzenleyen beyin yapıları ve rol alan ilgili genler tanımlanmıştır. Bu bölümde, uyku-uyanıklık döngüsünün düzenlenmesi, bu düzenlemede rol alan beyin yapıları ve uykunun fizyolojik sonuçları incelenmektedir.

UYKU VE UYANIKLIK DÖNGÜSÜNÜN DÜZENLENMESİ

Uyku, fizyolojik ve davranışsal düzeyde kompleks süreçler içerir ve bu süreçler temel olarak homeostatik mekanizma ve sirkadiyen ritmin etkisi altındadır (Şekil

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