





SNORING A HIDDEN THREAT

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The Hidden Threat

- Snoring is the first indication of sleep apnoea hidden within.
- Sleep Apnoea patients are generally not aware of the obstructive events.
- Sleep Apnoea, if left undiagnosed, can pose a threat to the patient as they may slip into medical complications.

Medical Problems Faced

- High Blood Pressure
- Irregular Heart Beats
- Heart Attack
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Stroke
- Diabetes
- Increased Road Traffic & Work Accidents

Symptoms of Sleep Apnoea



- Excessive Sleepiness
- Headache
- Mood Alterations
- Impotence
- Poor Work Performance



- Snoring
- Restless Sleep
- Sleep Disruption
- Waking Up Choking
- Acid Reflux
- Nocturia
- Heavy Sweating

We offer a complete nose and throat examination with our ENT Specialist who may also advise nasal endoscopy and sleep studies to reach a diagnosis and recommend further treatment plan.





Snoring is an Extremely Prevalent Disorder

- Often leads to serious medical problems.
- Imposes impediment to good interpersonal relationships.
- Should not therefore be ignored or belittled.

SNORING



SLEEP APNOEA

Snoring means partial obstruction to breathing.

Sleep Apnoea indicates total obstruction.

Sleep Apnoea interrupts loud snoring with episodes of silence, during this time the snorer struggles to breathe and chokes at the same time. He or she might feel deprived of vital oxygen and experience lack of quality sleep.



Snorers with Sleep Apnoea are 3 to 7 times more likely to be involved in a road traffic accident.

SLEEPINESS SCALE ONDON (To assess risk of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea) Use the following scale to choose the most appropriate number for each situation: would never doze slight chance of dozing moderate chance of dozing high chance of dozing Situation Chance of dozing 1. Sitting and reading -----2. Watching TV -----3. Sitting, inactive in a public place (eg: theatre of a meeting) 4. As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break 5. Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit ----6. Sitting and talking to someone ------7. Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol 8. In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in the traffic ----Total: Score: -**0-10** Normal range | **10-12** Borderline | **12-24** Abnormal



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