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## Introduction

- ▶ Truck drivers face many fatigue issues
- Fatigue associated with crashes (Presentation later today)
- Sleep and fatigue issues also related to obesity and other modifiable factors
- Can we impact that causal chain to reduce crash risk
  - ▶ Benefits of improving health
  - ▶ Increased retention
  - Reduction of other safety issues (e.g. falls)



#### Methods

Study Design: Cross Sectional.

N=812 Drivers from 46 States

- ▶ All drivers had current CDL
- Driving for 1 year or more
- ► Laptop questionnaire
- ~ 1 hour to complete
- ► Measured Weight, Height, Lipids, BP
- ▶ \$20 gift card
- Certificate of Confidentiality



#### Enrollment





▶ Computerized Questionnaire

- ► Crash, Near Miss history
- ▶ Personal Factors
- ▶ Medical history
- ▶ Occupational Factors
- ▶ Psychosocial factors

# Sleep Quality Measures

How well do you sleep at night?	How often during the past month has you
Very Well	sleep been restless?
Well	Never
Fair	Sometimes
Poorly	Often
Very Poorly	Always

## Methods – Data Analysis

Objective is to examine relationships between Sleep quality and

- Psychosocial factors
- Modifiable factors
- ▶ Data analyzed using SAS 9.4
  - ▶ Frequencies
  - ► Mean and standard deviations
  - Logistic Regression



Table 1. Demographic Statistics		
	Mean	Standard Deviation
Age	47.3	10.5
Body Mass Index Category	Frequency	Percent
Underweight	5	0.6
Normal	80	9.8
Overweight	225	27.5
Obese	393	48.1
Morbidly obese	114	14.0
Female Gender	112	13.7
Diagnosed with a Sleep problem	100	12.2
Use of a Sleep Aid	88	10.8
Do Anything to Help to Stay Awake while Driving	525	64.3
Use Caffeine or other products to help stay awake while driving	199	24.4

Table 1. Demographic Statistics		
Restless Sleep	Frequency	Percent
Never	185	22.7
Seldom	426	52.3
Often	159	19.5
Always	44	5.4
Average Hours of Sleep Per Night while on the Road		
Less than 4	16	2.0
4 to 5	85	10.4
5 1/2	26	3.2
6	128	15.7
6 1/2	63	7.7
7	105	12.9
7 1/2	52	6.4
8	130	16.0
8 1/2	48	5.9
9	37	4.6
More than 9	64	7.9
I Sleep at Home Every Night	60	7.4

Table 2. Adjusted Odds	Odds Ratio	
Ratio for Restless Sleep	(95% Confidence Interval)	
	Sleep Quality	Restless Sleep
Sleep Hours on the Road		
Less than 4	7.12* (2.09, 24.27)	1.51 (0.42, 5.41)
4 to 5	16.55* (7.02 <i>,</i> 39.01)	7.30* (2.88, 18.51)
5 1/2	6.48* (2.26 <i>,</i> 18.56)	4.39* (1.17, 16.42)
6	4.47* (2.03 <i>,</i> 9.84)	3.26* (1.64, 6.50)
6 1/2	2.32 (0.95 <i>,</i> 5.70)	5.25* (2.05, 13.44)
7	2.20 (0.96 <i>,</i> 5.04)	2.44* (1.22, 4.90)
7 1/2	2.57* (1.02 <i>,</i> 6.49)	5.21* (1.92, 14.12)
8	1.33 (0.57 <i>,</i> 3.07)	1.64 (0.87, 3.10)
8 1/2	1.13 (0.40 <i>,</i> 3.22)	0.62 (0.29, 1.35)
9	0.63 (0.17 <i>,</i> 2.28)	0.91 (0.39, 2.11)
More than 9	1.00 (Reference)	1.00 (Reference)
Does Not Apply	2.90* (1.19 <i>,</i> 7.08)	2.66* (1.17, 6.01)

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	(95% Confidence Interval)		
	Sleep Quality	Restless Sleep	
Using Caffeinated Beverages to stay awake while			
driving	1.49* (1.07 <i>,</i> 2.09)	2.10* (1.34, 3.29)	
Using other things to stay awake while driving	1.63* (1.19, 2.25)	1.93* (1.38, 2.70)	
Using a Sleep Aid	2.10* (1.32, 3.33)	12.94* (3.14, 53.30)	
Job Satisfaction			
Very Satisfied	1.00 (Reference)	1.00 (Reference)	
Satisfied	1.63* (1.15 <i>,</i> 2.29)	1.91* (1.33, 2.74)	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2.88* (1.80, 4.61)	2.94* (1.56, 5.54)	
Dissatisfied	7.04* (3.06, 16.21)	2.76 (0.93, 8.19)	
Very dissatisfied	4.08* (1.46, 11.41)	1.75 (0.48, 6.37)	
Depressive Symptoms			
Never	1.00 (Reference)	1.00 (Reference)	
Seldom	1.44* (1.04, 2.00)	3.85* (2.66, 5.58)	
Often	6.48* (3.76, 11.17)	21.86* (5.27, 90.69)	
Always	4.62* (1.46, 14.60)	3.13 (0.68, 14.48)	

# Other interesting Findings

- ▶ Using alcohol as a sleep aid and restless sleep, OR=8.63 (1.67, 44.56)
- ► CPAP use trending protective for restless sleep, OR=0.53 (0.09-1.37)
- ► BMI
  - Overweight associated with restless sleep, OR=1.91 (1.04, 3.27)
  - ▶ Obesity trending toward association, OR=1.83 (0.96, 3.49)

### Conclusions

- ▶ Factors associated with poor sleep quality
  - ► Psychological factors
  - Using a sleep aid (possibly except CPAP)
  - ▶ Doing things to stay awake while driving
  - Overweight and obesity
  - Less than 8 hours of sleep
- Poor sleep quality associated with both near misses and crashes
  - >~2 fold increased likelihood of near miss

## Questions?





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