Department of Psychophysiology

Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine in NCNP

Our epidemiological studies have revealed;

- One out of four Japanese have sleep problems
- Two out of three demented patients have sleep disorders
- *Huge capital loss* caused by sleep debt and sleep disorders (40-billion-dollar economic loss per year)
- *High comorbidity of sleep problems* among mental/physical disorders causing depression, suicide and lifestyle disease
- Actual status of sleep medication in Japan

Our clinical studies have developed;

- Pharmaco- & chronotherapies for sleep disorders
- Diagnostic & therapeutic guidelines for sleep disorders
- Clinical guidelines for proper usage of sedatives/hypnotics.
- Multi-center network for sleep research & sleep medicine
- Sleep hygiene program in national project "Health Japan 21"



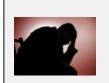


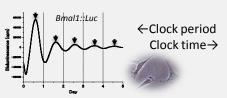




Our basic studies have achieved;

- Progress in physiological mechanism of sleep and clock regulation
- Progress in pathophysiology of sleep-wake disorders
- Molecular diagnostic system for sleep & circadian disturbances







Our neuroimaging studies have tackled;

Sleep-Wake disorders Mood disorder Psychosomatic disorders



Neuroimaging fMRI, PET, DTI, structural MRI

Treatment

Real time fMRI Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)

Our goal is;

- Innovation in diagnostic and therapeutic skills for sleep & mental disorders
- Customization of sleep medicine and sleep hygiene
- Establishment of bio-resource repositories of sleep & circadian rhythm researchers

Better Sleep Better Life

