# OSA och hypoventilation under COVID-19 pandemin

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# COVID-19: community CPAP and NIV should be stopped unless medically necessary to support life

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Conservative recommendations to those with NIV / CPAP at home

Sleep medicine services dramatically reduced worldwide

Telemonitoring and -communication increased

Conservative use of NIV / CPAP in hospitals

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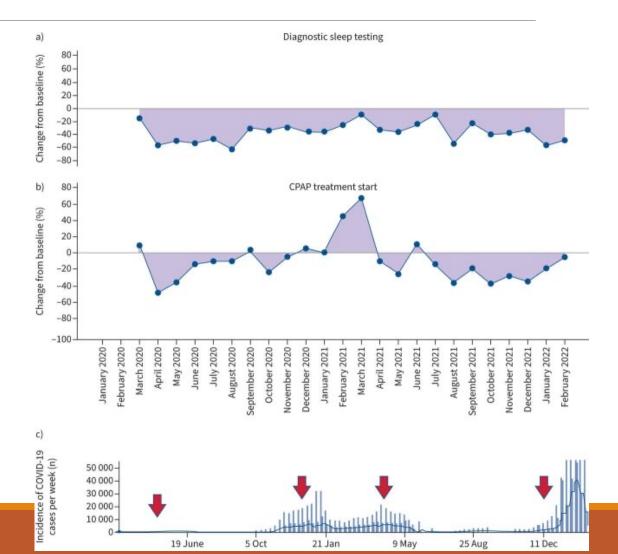
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# Changes at sleep clinics

43% decrease in OSA diagnosis during 2020

Start of PAP or oral devices reduced by 17% and 51%



#### New means for patient contacts:

- Distance monitoring
- Use of single-use devices for diagnosis
- Digital communication
- Digital instructions

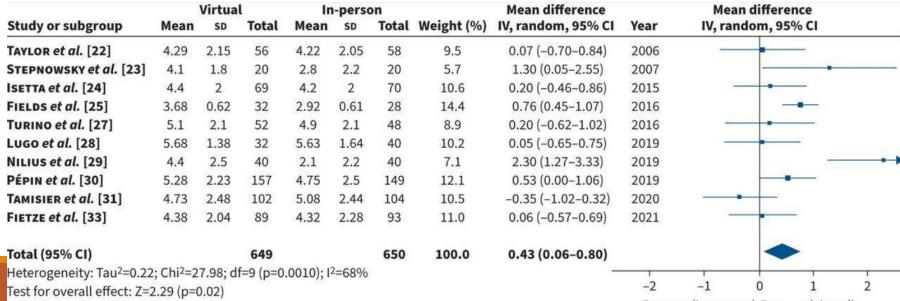
#### Impact on compliance at initiation?

- In 2022, US study on 666 patients:
- Standard group PAP start → 65% compliance
- Distance PAP start → 55% compliance (and increased discontinuation)

#### Impact on compliance at follow-up?

Review in Jan2022

Alsaif SS et al, ERR



Favours (in-person) Favours (virtual)

#### Pros:

- Less need for the patient to visit healthcare centers
- Possibilities for increased efficiency

#### Cons:

- Potential risk for worse compliance at certain stages
- Does not fit all

### Mentometer

Har användning av digitala alternativ (videomöten, distansmonitorering etc) ökat i din vardag?

- Ja, mycket
- Lite grand
- Oförändrat
- Mindre

# OSA as a risk factor for severe COVID-19

# OSA risk factor for severe COVID-19 — Initial theories

#### Severe COVID-19 and OSA share risk factors

Age, male sex, obesity, diabetes, hypertension

#### Potential mechanisms:

- RAAS system upregulated in OSA
- Systemic inflammation
- Lower baseline saturation (especially in obesity hypoventilation syndrome)

# OSA risk factor for severe COVID-19 — Study results

Spanish cohort of SARS-CoV-2 positive patients in the spring of 2020

- 81 with OSA (all with CPAP treatment)
- 1,978 without OSA

No increased risk for severe COVID-19 among CPAP-treated OSA patients

Netherlands cohort of SARS-CoV-2 positive patients admitted to hospital in the spring of 2020

- 49 with OSA (with and without CPAP treatment)
- 674 without OSA

Increased risk for COVID-19 mortality among OSA patients (35% vs 21%)

# OSA risk factor for severe COVID-19 — Study results

Icelandic cohort of SARS-CoV-2 positive patients in 2020

- 185 with OSA (with and without CPAP treatment)
- 4,571 without OSA

**Table 3.** The odds of severe COVID-19 in patients with obstructive sleep apnea

Adjusted for	Odds ratio (95% CI)
No adjustment	5.6 (3.8-8.3)
Age and sex	2.9 (1.9-4.4)
Age, sex, and BMI	2.2 (1.4–3.5)
Age, sex, BMI, and comorbidities*	2.0 (1.2–3.2)
Inverse probability weighting**	2.0 (1.1–3.6)

BMI: body mass index.

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Obstructive sleep apnea is an independent risk factor for severe COVID-19: a population-based study

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<sup>\*</sup> Hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD), and smoking.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Weights calculated using age, sex, BMI, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, COPD, smoking status, and BMI.

# OSA a risk factor for severe COVID-19 - Conclusions

Obstructive sleep apnea likely a risk factor for severe COVID-19

CPAP treatment may mitigate this risk

# In the hospital

### Mentometer

Hur tror du att CPAP påverkar spridning av utandade partiklar?

- Ökar mycket
- Ökar lite grand
- Oförändrat
- Minskar lite grand
- Minskar mycket

### Review in 2022

# Noninvasive respiratory support for COVID-19 patients: when, for whom, and how?

Zachary P. Sullivan, Luca Zazzeron, Lorenzo Berra, Dean R. Hess, Edward A. Bittner and Marvin G. Chang\*

#### **Table 5** Safety considerations for Noninvasive Respiratory Support (NIRS) in COVID patients

Safety Considerations for Noninvasive Respiratory Support in COVID patients

- 1) Isolated negative pressure environment (room, hood, tent) [44]
- a) Preferably with anteroom and private bathroom
- 2) Full contact, droplet, and airborne isolation precautions [44]
- 3) Full PPE that includes PAPR or N-95, gown, gloves, and face/eye shield [4]
- 4) Escalation of care to ICU for rapidly increasing O<sub>2</sub> requirement or patients on NIV
- 5) NIV with helmet and tight air cushion or unvented oronasal mask [9]
- a) Dual limb circuit over single limb circuits when utilizing CPAP or NIV
- 6) For single limb circuit, filter over leak port
- 7) Viral-bacterial filter between mask and exhalation port [4]
- 8) Staffing that allows for close monitoring to assess for deterioration
- 9) Sterile equipment nearby in preparation for emergent intubation in the event of rapid deterioration
- 10) Daily monitoring of HCW for symptoms[1]

Study from 2020

10 healthy volunteers

No differences in produced particles

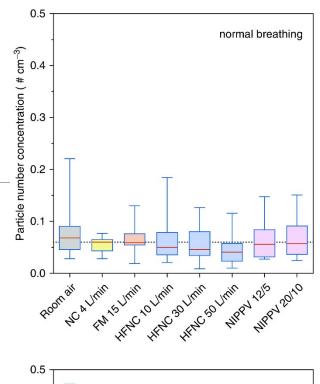
Tested in negative-pressure room

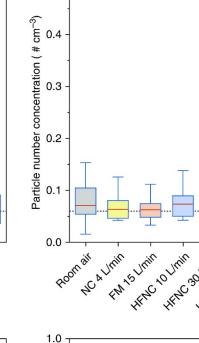


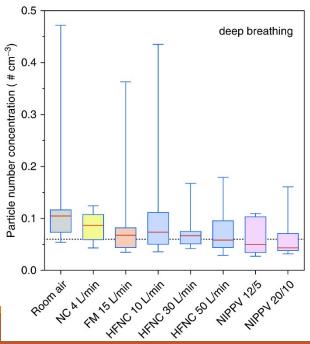
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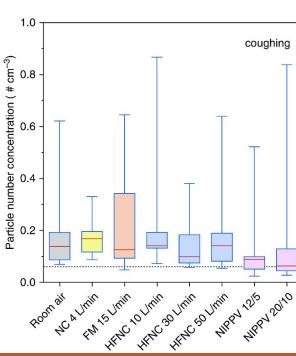
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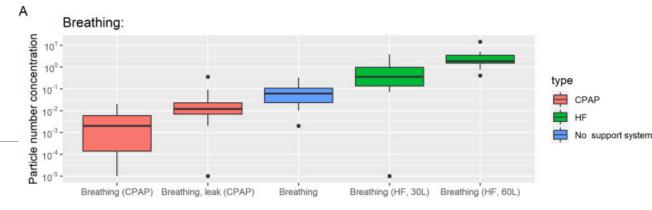


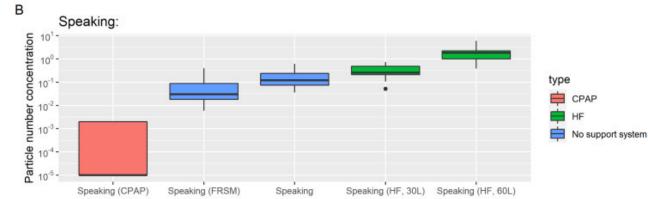
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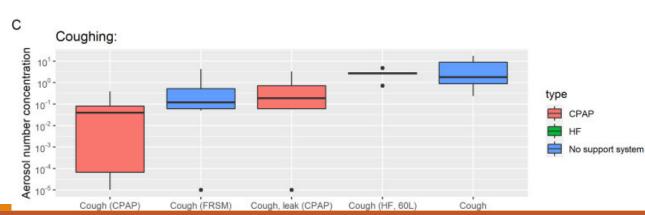


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Studies on healthy volunteers do not show significant increase in particle spread from CPAP







Studies on hospitalised COVID-19 patients show a similar trend, although:

- Often with filters
- Optimal PPE of healthcare workers
- Small numbers
- Various evaluation techiques, not always relevant

The initial studies on SARS suggested NIV to be a potential source for spreading virus

What should we rekommend patients with NIV / CPAP in hospitals?

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