

## W4: Are we meeting the needs of older people with nocturnal LUTS?

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Start	End	Topic	Speakers
09:00	09:05	Introduction	Karel Everaert
09:05	09:25	Nocturnal LUTS, what, when, standardisation of terminology	An-Sofie Goessaert
09:25	09:45	Waking from sleep to void is not benign, focus on falls	Wendy Bower
09:45	10:05	Leg edema, obvious?	Karel Everaert
10:05	10:25	Blood Pressure and nocturnal LUTS	D Michael Whishaw
10:25	10:30	Discussion and questions are included in the above teaching sessions. Concluding remarks	Karel Everaert

### **Aims of Workshop**

Nocturnal LUTS in older people is prevalent and bothersome symptoms however underdiagnosed. Clinicians lack confidence in how evaluating and treating the symptoms resulting in catheters and briefs. As nocturnal LUTS cannot be considered as benign a more stringent diagnostic workout is needed. Increasing clinicians their confidence will help them in starting up therapy and improving general health and comfort to patients. The focus of this workshop is improving diagnosis of nocturnal LUTS with a blink of the eye toward therapy.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Application of the 2017 standardisation of terminology report on nocturnal LUTS and understand the gaps and restrictions in older people.
- Learn how to diagnose heart failure and explain how blood pressure can influence nocturnal urine output.
- Understand the consequences of treatment.
- Understand the different aspects of Nocturia, Falls and multi-morbidity.
- Learn to recognise heart failure in the diagnostic workout of nocturia.
- Better understand how blood pressure and edema can influence nocturnal LUTS and how this can affect the therapy.

### **Learning Outcomes**

After the course students will be able to diagnose nocturnal LUTS in a holistic manner and start treatment with confidence.

### **Target Audience**

Clinicians, nurses

### **Advanced/Basic**

Advanced

### **Conditions for Learning**

Interactive workshop restricted to 40 people. We will use modern educational techniques like microteaching and case report discussion.

### **Suggested Learning before Workshop Attendance**

This workshop is partially based on microteaching, so reading the articles summarised below (suggested reading = must read) is mandatory for a good workshop development.

### **Suggested Reading**

Pathophysiology of nocturnal lower urinary tract symptoms in older patients with urinary incontinence. Denys MA, Decalf V, Kumps C, Petrovic M, Goessaert AS, Everaert K. *Int J Urol*. 2017 Nov;24(11):808-815. doi: 10.1111/iju.13431. Epub 2017 Aug 16

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The International Continence Society Standardisation of Terminology in Nocturia

Hashim Hashim, Marco Blanker, Jens Christian Djurhuus, Jane Meijlink, Vicky Morris, Peter Petros, Jian Guo Wen, Alan Wein, Marcus Drake.

<https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:9efsdQhX7icJ:https://www.ics.org/Documents/DocumentsDownload.aspx%3FDocumentID%3D3571+&cd=2&hl=nl&ct=clnk&gl=be>

Circadian Variation in Post Void Residual in Nursing Home Residents With Moderate Impairment in Activities of Daily Living.

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## **Handouts:**

### **Nocturnal LUTS, what, when, standardisation of terminology**

**An-Sofie Goessaert**

In this part, we will discuss the current terminology regarding nocturnal LUTS applied on older patients, based on the ICS report on the terminology for nocturia and nocturnal lower urinary tract function of 2018. (1)

Nocturia can be looked at as a sign (a term that applies to an objective observation apparent to the patient, physician and others; this can include observations from a frequency voiding chart, questionnaire, etc.), a condition (defined by the presence of urodynamic observations associated with characteristic signs and symptoms and/or non-urodynamic evidence of relevant pathologies), or a symptom (any subjective evidence of disease apparent to the patient).

The current definition of nocturia is “waking to pass urine during the main sleep period”. Although this definition has changed recently (no mention of “each void being preceded and followed by sleep), making it more clinically applicable, this definition does not take bother into account and therefore might select patients who do not consider their nocturia as bothersome. Also, in an older population, where the prevalence of nocturia (1x) goes up to 70%, one can wonder if nocturia should be considered as a pathological sign, condition or symptom rather than an aging proces.

Nocturia is a multifactorial condition, it can be based on reduced bladder capacity, nocturnal polyuria or 24hr polyuria. With aging, it is known that the bladder capacity decreases dues to change in collagen-muscle ratio and increased fibrosis. (2) Due to a loss of circadian rhythm of hormones such as vasopressin, nocturnal polyuria can also be considered a consequence of aging to certain extent. Also underlying factors for development of nocturnal polyuria, such as peripheral edema and hypertension have a higher prevalence with aging. (3) The ICS definition of nocturnal polyuria is “excessive production of urine during the individual’s main sleep period”. The former definition assumed an increased urine production during a night of 8 hours. However, duration of sleep is highly variable, not only inter- but also intra-individually. Besides, sleep quality and duration changes with age, so a fixed time frame was debatable. With the current definition the meaning of “excessive” urine production is not defined, as there are many different ways to classify nocturnal polyuria depending on the clinical or research setting. As there have been made considerable changes to the definitions that are not yet common knowledge, these changes will be discussed based on the case of an older patient suffering from nocturnal lower urinary tract symptoms.

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### **Waking from sleep to void is not benign, focus on falls**

**Wendy Bower**

#### **How are falls related to nLUTS?**

The temporal relationship of falls and nocturia has been poorly investigated. Patients with nocturia have a markedly increased risk of injurious falls compared to people who sleep through the night (OR 2.2 for any fracture, 1.4 for hip fracture) (1). Nocturia can fluctuate night to night (2). This is likely due to changes in medical status and fluid displacement.

Patients who fall in hospital are more likely to have a longer stay and display reduced confidence and functional ability on discharge (3). An Australian study showed that more in-hospital falls occurred between 2 and 4am than at any other time interval, mostly in the patients’ bedrooms or en route to the toilet. A recent Belgian audit in the aged care context suggested

that at least 36% of all falls are related to toileting. Of these falls, 75% occurred during the night. Clearly falling may be related to nocturia.

It may be that people make extraordinary efforts to avoid an incontinent episode, including placing themselves at increased risk of falling. More likely, the common causal link between voiding at night and falling is multifactorial and includes frailty, multimorbidity, polypharmacy or cognitive and gait changes seen on awaking unrefreshed or from insufficient sleep (4).

### **Look for nLUTS in a person at high risk of falls**

The multi-factorial presentation of illness impacts the range of incontinence and bladder problems. Our experience is that patients admitted to hospital wards are generally screened for incontinence and the need for assistance with toileting but not specifically for bladder symptoms at night. First line intervention for nocturnal lower urinary tract symptoms while hospitalized is not standard. Pads are commonly used even for patients who have nocturia but are not incontinent (5).

The various Falls Risk tools screen for generic elimination symptoms but do not necessarily differentiate between occurrence during the day or night (e.g. Falls Risk Assessment and Management Plan asks about constipation, urinary or faecal frequency or urgency or nocturia in a single question). Some protocols support prevention of falls by suggesting that patients be woken every two hours to check whether they need help toileting.

### **Impact of sleep parameters on falls risk and nLUTS**

One of the main drivers of nocturia is an increase in nocturnal diuresis. This can reflect a disorder of solute or free water excretion, systemic illness, injury-related oedema or result from an acute condition (6,7). Waking after a short time asleep is associated with impaired standing balance and step length when walking; changes which are a risk for falls and not corrected by adequate lighting (8).

Deterioration of the sleep-wake cycle and sleep disruption (irrespective of the cause) can itself induce nocturnal polyuria (9). The sleep disturbance associated with nLUTS contributes to poor in-hospital outcomes, increases the risk of falls and fracture and adds considerably to health care resource use. Decreasing nocturia by even one episode per night can result in improved restorative sleep, increased safety at night, reduced daytime fatigue and earlier return to health (10).

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### Leg edema, obvious?

**Karel Everaert**

Prescriptions for nocturia are given in progressively more frequent older people with rising safety concerns. Even though medication becomes safer (low dose, gender specific), a certain risk has to be dealt with. This might become a problem for surgical disciplines (Urology, Gynaecology) who treat most of the nocturia patients as they are not used to diagnose the comorbidities related to an increased risk of hyponatremia. Some basic knowledge of leg edema and heart failure is a strong example and actually little knowledge is needed to increase the feeling of safety for the clinician and actual safety for the patient.

Edema and specially leg edema causes nocturnal polyuria and nocturia through resorption of the fluid when supine resulting in an immediate excess in urine output and a delayed increase in ANP related salt diuresis. Combining water retention due to desmopressin and increasing salt loss due to these comorbidities, explains the increased risk for complications like hyponatremia. Leg edema are seen with liver, heart or kidney disease or following varices of the legs, lack of physical activity or muscle paralysis. Concomitant medication that can cause edema are antidepressants (MOA-inhibitors), antihypertensives (mainly Calcium channel blockers), antivirals, chemotherapeutics, cytokines, hormones (sex hormones and glucocorticoids) and NSAID. Diagnosis is based on expert opinion rather than science and the available guideline documents do not mention nocturia. Heart failure has to be suspected when there is a history of heart disease, when edema and/or weight gain with rapid onset is, exertional dyspnea or orthopnea. Normal serum BNP concentration rules out uncontrolled heart failure. Desmopressin for nocturia is contraindicated in patients with congestive heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II to IV) or uncontrolled hypertension and should be used with caution (e.g., monitoring of volume status) in patients with New York Heart Association Class I congestive heart failure because of the risk of fluid overload and electrolyte abnormalities, patients with heart failure may also be at increased risk for low sodium concentrations.

Leg edema due to varicose veins or lack of physical activity (elderly, wheelchair bound patients) can be prevented with stockings or treated with pressotherapy or daytime diuretics and leg elevation with low levels of evidence and certain complications like pressure sores and discomfort. Drug induced edema can be treated by switching medication.

Conclusion: some basic knowledge of leg edema, its causes and its diagnosis is needed to treat nocturia in older people. The diagnosis is based on history taking, physical examination (pitting edema, blood pressure if not known) and serum analysis (creatinine, sodium, liver tests, osmolality and BNP) and is perfectly possible within a surgical consultation.

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## Blood Pressure and nocturnal LUTS

**Michael Wishaw**

### **Systemic disease**

Voiding at night is a common symptom of systemic disease. For example, nocturia is seen with poorly controlled diabetes, impaired circulation, congestive heart failure, hypertension, metabolic syndrome, anxiety and autonomic dysfunction, airway occlusion during sleep and renal and malignant disease (Bower 2016). The final common pathway is usually increased urine production during the night (nocturnal polyuria – NP) due to a change in vascular resistance, clearance of third space fluid or osmotic or free water diuresis. Intrinsic is the absolute, and variable level of blood pressure.

### **Hypertension**

Hypertension per se is associated with nocturia with an OR 1.30-2.68 in those with at least 2 voids per night, with a significant association in 11 of 14 identified studies in a systematic review.

There is a small amount of evidence that hypertension may be independently associated with nocturia in the absence of any co-existent morbidity (Victor 2017), although there is likely to be some contribution to NP as a side-effect of the BP drugs. The link is multifactorial, including effect on glomerular filtration, and hormonal mechanisms including the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system. In most cases of NP in hypertensives though, there will be a contribution from a co-existent comorbidity

### **Non-dipping and nocturnal hypertension**

It is normal for nocturnal BP to drop by at least 10% (a circadian rhythm). A drop of less than 10% is referred to as a “non-dipping” BP profile or non-dipping hypertension. It may occur in many conditions, and is commonly associated with NP. The corollary also holds in that nocturia is associated with higher nocturnal systolic BP, and lower dipping (Obayashi 2015). A higher than normal nocturnal BP is understood to result in NP through heightened renal perfusion. Non-dipping hypertension occurs in about 25% of hypertensives and is probably associated with renal disease progression, greater end-organ damage and increased cardiovascular morbidity (Pickering 2001).

Related to this, nocturia is an independent predictive factor of prevalent hypertension in obstructive sleep apnoea (Destors 2015). What is more, morning hypertension may predict sleep disordered breathing - SDB (Hongyo 2016).

SDB is usually best managed with CPAP. Otherwise non-dipping hypertension should be treated with carefully tailored hypotensive therapy.

### **Orthostatic hypotension**

Orthostatic (postural) hypotension is a feature of autonomic dysfunction, seen in a number of conditions including Parkinson's Disease. The postural hypotension limits renal perfusion in the upright state, which then increases sometimes markedly when assuming the supine state at night and resulting in NP. A case presentation will highlight how challenging this can be to treat effectively.

### **Hypertensive drugs**

Drugs to treat hypertension may cause NP through different mechanisms including postural hypotension. Calcium blockers, especially amlodipine, may cause fluid retention with peripheral oedema. Thiazide diuretics have 24 hour action promoting a small nocturnal diuresis.

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Nocturnal LUTS, what, when, standardization of terminology

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CASE

Female, 78 years old

**Medical history:** diabetes mellitus type II, arterial hypertension

**Problem:** fall during nocturnal toilet visit, urological work-up to prevent future nocturnal falls

**History:** nocturia 3-4x, high voiding frequency during daytime; urinary incontinence from time to time




Terminology

**Symptom:**

Any morbid phenomenon or departure from the normal in structure, function or sensation, experienced by the person and indicative of disease or a health problem.

Symptoms are either volunteered by, or elicited from the person or may be described by the person's caregiver



CASE

**Symptom:**

- Nocturia



### Terminology

**Symptom case:**

- Nocturia:
  - 2010: complaint of interruption of sleep one or more times because of the need to micturate. Each void is preceded and followed by sleep
  - 2018: waking to pass urine during the main sleep period

### Nocturia

**Changes:**

- No longer defined as a "complaint" (getting up once may not be bothersome)
- With the new definition following is included:
  - Patients who need to void multiple times in the night after falling asleep, often several times in a row, and may not be able to get back to sleep again
  - Patients whose bladder does not empty fully and who consequently need to void again soon
  - Patients who suffer from insomnia or difficulty in sleeping from causes other than their bladder problem
  - Patients who wake up and then are unable to sleep due to painful or oversensitive bladders

### CASE

**Urinalysis:** negative

**Abdominal ultrasound:** normal kidneys, normal bladder wall, no lithiasis, no renal or bladder masses

**Postvoid residual (ultrasound):** 20ml

### CASE

Hour	Voided volume	Incontinence
7:30 AM	120ml	++
10:15 AM	100ml	
11:25 AM	130ml	
2:30 PM	160ml	+
4:15 PM	100ml	
7:55 PM	120ml	
10:30 PM	110ml	
1:35 AM	100ml	
3:10 AM	80ml	
5:40 AM	70ml	
8:30 AM	70ml	

- Daytime frequency: 8x
- Nocturia episodes: 3x
- Maximum voided volume: 160ml
- 24h urine volume: 840+320 = 1160ml
- Nocturnal urine volume: 320ml
- NPI 28%
- NI: 320/160=2

### Terminology

**Sign:**

Any abnormality indicative of disease or a health problem, discoverable on examination of the patient; an objective indication of disease or a health problem. These can be quantified by a questionnaire or bladder diary

### CASE

**Sign:**

- Nocturia

## Terminology

### Sign case:

- Nocturia:
  - 2010: not specifically defined
  - 2018: the number of times an individual passes urine during their main sleep period. This is derived from the bladder diary
- Measurement of the frequency of nocturia begins after sleep and concludes before the first void following intention of getting up for the day

ICS report on the terminology for nocturia and nocturnal lower urinary tract function – Heahon-Heath et al. – Draft document www.ics.org/documents



## Terminology

### Other signs assessed with bladder diary or frequency volume chart:

- Nocturnal urine volume
- 24-hour voided volume
- 24-hour polyuria

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## Terminology

### Other signs assessed with bladder diary or frequency volume chart:

- Nocturnal urine volume:
  - 2010: cumulative urine volume from voids after going to bed with the intention of sleeping to include the first void at the time of waking with the intention of rising (excludes last void before sleep)
  - 2018: total volume of urine produced during the individual's main sleep period including the first morning void
- Best to advise individuals who are filling out a bladder diary or FVC to void before going to sleep to make assessment of volumes passed easier by the healthcare provider

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## Terminology

### Other signs assessed with bladder diary or frequency volume chart:

- 24-hour voided volume:
  - 2010: summation of all urine volumes voided in 24 hours
  - 2018: total volume of urine passed during a 24-hour period excluding the first morning void of the period; the first void after rising is discarded and the 24-hour period begins at the time of the next void and is completed by including the first void, after rising, the following day
- No longer confusion with regard to when the 24-hour period begins and when it ends

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## Terminology

### Other signs assessed with bladder diary or frequency volume chart:

- 24-hour polyuria:
  - 2010: excessive excretion of urine resulting in profuse and frequent micturition. It has been defined as over 40ml/kg body weight during 24 hours or 2.8l urine for an individual weighing 70kg
  - 2018: the previous definitions have not been changed
- no new research or information on defining polyuria
- Volumes passed daily vary considerably, and are influenced by environmental, physiological and pathological factors, and the amount of fluid intake

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## CASE

### Based on the results:

- Diagnosis: Nocturia due to small bladder capacity/overactive bladder





### CASE

Female, 78 years old

**Medical history:** diabetes mellitus type II, arterial hypertension

**Problem:** fall during nocturnal toilet visit after urinary incontinence episode, urological work-up to prevent future nocturnal falls

**History:** 2-3 nights per week nocturnal urinary incontinence, large volumes; if no incontinence at night, large voided volumes in the morning

### CASE

**Symptoms:**

- Enuresis
- Nocturnal Polyuria

### Terminology

**Symptoms case:**

- Enuresis:
  - 2010: complaint of involuntary loss of urine which occurs during sleep
  - 2018: complaint of intermittent incontinence that occurs during periods of sleep; if it occurs during the main sleep period, then it could be qualified by the adjective « nocturnal »\*

\*nocturnal: refers to « done, occurring, or active at night »

### Enuresis

**Changes:**

- Previously believed to be a complete emptying of the bladder, later identified as both complete and incomplete emptying of the bladder
- Previously wetting in discrete portions while asleep after the age of five
- Changed to be consistent with the ICCS definition

### Terminology

**Symptoms case:**

- Nocturnal polyuria:
  - 2010: not defined as a symptom
  - 2018: passing large volumes of urine at night
- Previously only considered as a sign, however, patients can report passing large volumes of urine at night, especially relative to the day

### CASE (ambulatory)

- Daytime frequency: 5x
- Nocturia episodes: 0x
- Maximum voided volume: 570ml
- 24h urine volume: 1250ml
- Nocturnal urine volume: 570ml + ??
- NPI at least 46%

Hour	Voided volume	Incontinence
7:30 AM	200ml	+
2:30 PM	120ml	
7:55 PM	250ml	
10:30 PM	110ml	
3:10 AM		**
6:30 AM	570ml	

### CASE (hospitalisation)

- Daytime frequency: 5x
- Nocturia episodes: 0x
- Maximum voided volume: 570ml
- 24h urine volume: 1430ml
- Nocturnal urine volume: 570ml+280ml+850ml
- NPI 59%

Hour	Voided volume	Residual volume	Incontinence volume
7:30 AM	200ml	80ml	
2:30 PM	120ml	130ml	
7:55 PM	250ml	90ml	
10:30 PM	110ml	110ml	
3:10 AM			280ml
6:30 AM	570ml	10ml	

### CASE

**Signs:**

- Enuresis
- Nocturnal Polyuria

### Terminology

**Signs case:**

- Enuresis
  - Not defined as a sign in previous terminology documents
  - 2018: « wetting » while asleep

### Terminology

**Signs case:**

- Nocturnal Polyuria:
  - 2010: excess (over 20-30% - age dependent) proportion (nocturnal voided volume/total 24hr voided volume x 100%) occurs at night (or when patient is sleeping)
  - 2018: excessive production of urine during the individual's main sleep period. The definition used to quantify 'excessive' will need to be highlighted in both clinical and research settings and derived from a bladder diary.

### Nocturnal Polyuria

**Changes:**

- Numerous ways of classifying nocturnal polyuria:
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Obstructive sleep apnoea
  - Peripheral oedema
  - Excessive night-time fluid intake
  - Abnormality in nocturnal secretion or action of arginine vasopressin
  - Oedema-forming states (heart failure, chronic renal disease, liver failure)
  - Autonomic nervous system dysfunction, Alzheimer's disease, multisystem atrophy, stroke, parkinsonism
  - "normal aging"

### Nocturnal Polyuria

**Changes:**

- Regardless of what definition is applied, the diagnosis of NP includes a differential diagnosis of following causes:
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Obstructive sleep apnoea
  - Peripheral oedema
  - Excessive night-time fluid intake
  - Abnormality in nocturnal secretion or action of arginine vasopressin
  - Oedema-forming states (heart failure, chronic renal disease, liver failure)
  - Autonomic nervous system dysfunction, Alzheimer's disease, multisystem atrophy, stroke, parkinsonism
  - "normal aging"

### CASE

**Based on the results:**

- Enuresis due to overdistension of the bladder with overflow + reduced bladder sensation
- Further exploration underlying causes of nocturnal polyuria

### CASES background

Symptoms as nocturia, frequency and urinary incontinence

- typically attributed to underlying detrusor overactivity
- can also be the result of bladder outlet obstruction, detrusor underactivity, nocturnal polyuria and loss of bladder sensation

>> all conditions that occur more frequently with increasing age

### CASES background

Abnormal filling or emptying of the bladder can be linked to intermittent overdistension of the bladder, especially in older patients with nocturnal polyuria

*Storage and voiding capacities may be strengthened by the continuous presence of nocturnal polyuria. However, this may lead to nocturia in patients with a normal bladder sensation and nocturnal voiding or incontinence in patients with a reduced bladder sensation.*

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      A["Disorders of the filling phase  
(storage capacities)  
• Stress urinary incontinence  
• Detrusor overactivity"]
      B["Disorders of the emptying phase  
(voiding capacities)  
• Bladder outlet obstruction  
• Detrusor underactivity"]
      C["Nocturnal polyuria"]
      D["Intermittent bladder overdistension  
• Normal bladder sensation  
→ frequent nocturia  
• Reduced bladder sensation  
→ frequent nocturnal voiding, nocturnal incontinence"]
      A --> C
      B --> C
      C --> D
  
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### CASES background

Detrusor underactivity is not necessarily caused by a diminished detrusor contractility, but can also be the result of dysfunctional processing of afferent information from the filling bladder, with a diminished bladder sensation

>> typically seen in patients with diabetes mellitus, an age-associated disease

### CONCLUSION

Term	Definition
<b>Enuresis</b>	- <i>Symptom:</i> complaint of intermittent incontinence that occurs during periods of sleep - <i>Sign:</i> * wetting * while asleep
<b>Nocturia</b>	- <i>Symptom:</i> waking at night to pass urine - <i>Sign:</i> the number of times an individual passes urine during their main sleep period, should be quantified using a bladder diary
<b>Nocturnal polyuria</b>	- <i>Symptom:</i> passing large volumes of urine at night - <i>Sign:</i> excessive production of urine during the individual's main sleep period, should be quantified using a bladder diary
<b>Nocturnal urine volume</b>	- <i>Sign:</i> total volume of urine produced during the individual's main sleep period; should be quantified using a bladder diary
<b>24-hour voided volume</b>	- <i>Sign:</i> total volume of urine passed during a 24-hour period excluding the first morning void of the period; should be quantified using a bladder diary

### CONCLUSION

Using a standardized terminology is important both clinically and in research

In older people it is not always easy to get a correct view on the symptoms and signs (unreliable history / voiding diary), which might have implications on treatment

In case of doubt regarding nocturnal LUTS, hospitalisation to get a good frequency-volume chart can be helpful

Thank you!

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# FALLS AND NOCTURNAL LUTS

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# Falls ∞ nLUTS

= intersection of ageing and  
co-existing disease

= vulnerabilities versus reserves


## Common Geriatric Syndromes\*

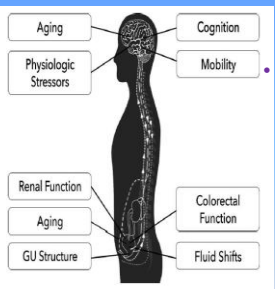
- Delirium (cognitive issues)
- Sleep and circadian rhythm
- Falls
  - 1:3 >65 yrs fall once/year
- Urinary incontinence (Vaughan et al 2018)
  - complete and irreversible
  - ranked least important by physicians, nurses and nursing executives
- Interact with each other; common comorbidities



Bidirectional relationship: disease & bladder function

\* Interfere with ADL, ↓life expectancy






### UI: Vulnerabilities?

- **Neurological:** innervation, sensory dysfunction
- CVD:** oedema; NP; white matter; hypertension, oxidative stress
- DM:** UAB; polyuria; sensory changes
- Obesity:** UUI; SUI
- Vascular:** change in blood flow to bladder and brain

Vaughan et al. J Am Geriatr Soc 66:773–782, 2018

## nLUTS

- Multiple interacting contributing conditions
  - Mobility limitations
  - Bladder changes
  - Physiological redundancy
  - Circadian rhythm disruption
  - Sleep disturbance
  - Cognitive changes
  - Acute disease and pharmacotherapy
  - Other Geriatric Syndromes



↻ exacerbates impaired detrusor innervation, function and control + NUV and sleep changes

## Nocturnal influences

- **Ageing kidneys** (Andersson 2017)
  - ↓ creatinine clearance
  - ↓ response to ADH
  - low aldosterone → Na wasting
  - ↑ rate of nocturnal urine production
    - ± extremity oedema / DM / non-dipping hypertension
- **Sleep disturbance** → excess diuresis (Mahler & Kamperis 2012)
- **Balance and gait impairments** significantly and independently associated with urgency UI (Fritel 2013)
  - Standing balance and step length ↓ after arousal from W sleep (McBean 2016)

## Balance

- **Static vs Dynamic: leg strength important**
  - 7.5 weaker dorsiflexors in fallers vs non fallers
  - Weak leg muscles= slower speed, > tripping
- **Systems**
  - Visual: environment, location, direction, speed
    - Age → loss of spatial information, depth perception and peripheral vision
  - Vestibular: information about head movement
    - Age → loss of sensory cells
  - Somatosensory: body contact and position
    - Age → ↓ cutaneous sensation
- **Fear of falling changes posture: to protect head**
  - Avoid movement → weakness, inefficient gait

## Falls in the community

N=92,660 Korean men; slip / fall over last 1 year (Kim 2017)

- Falls prevalence 14.6%
- OR falls in elderly adults significantly ↑ in all age groups as the frequency of nocturia ↑
  - AOR 1.26 n=1 [1.12±1.41]
  - AOR 1.36 n=2 [1.20±1.54]
  - AOR 1.34 n=3 [1.15±1.56]
  - AOR 1.59 n=4 [1.29±1.95]
  - AOR 1.73 n=5 [1.41±2.11]

## Falls in the community

- **Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (using ESS)** (Hayley et al 2015)
  - Signif ↑ risk of falls both genders
  - Signif assoc nocturia and EDS (F: p<0.03; M p< 0.01)
- **Medication use and falls**
  - 25% in no medications group
  - 48% in x5 medication group (Blake 1988)
  - Diuretics 3x more common in fallers than non fallers
  - Mechanisms: dizziness, confusion, withdrawal insomnia, ataxia, reversible dementia, ↓ blood pressure
- **Environment, footwear and non-use of prescription glasses**

## Nocturia, Falls and Mortality in elderly

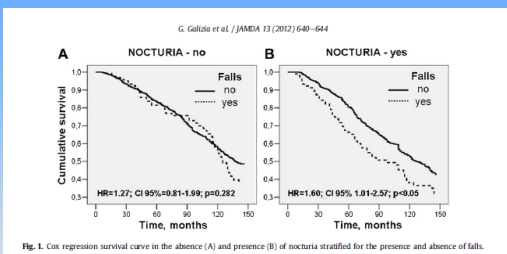


Fig. 1. Cox regression survival curve in the absence (A) and presence (B) of nocturia stratified for the presence and absence of falls.

Nocturia & falls: HR 1.6 (1.01-2.57)

No nocturia and falls: HR 1.27 (-.81-1.99) (Galizia 2012)

## Esther: 84 year old female

### Med History:

- Normal pressure hydrocephalus; shunt off
- IHD; dyslipidaemia; AF
- Depression
- GORD
- Previous SDH
- Asthma
- RUTI
- Unilateral knee pain
- SDB

### Falls risk high

- Dizzy, impulsive, tired
- 4 wheel frame
- Lives alone
- X5 admissions for a fall

### LUTS

- N=8 last 1 year
- NP
- UII with standing up
- Day frequency 7-9
- SUI with cough
- Nil PVR
- Recent fall at night – family “forbidden” night toileting

### UDI // DO, SUI, no DV or BOO

Falls as a GS: at least 3/ month or the fear of falling prevents regular activities

## Esther in the Hall with UI

- FVC: NUP1600mL;  
day VV<200mL
- Sleeps 9 hours
- FUST 2 hours

Date: 16-1-18 AND 17-1-18					
FLUID INTAKE			URINE OUTPUT		
Time	Type of Drink	Amount of Drink	Time	Amount of Urine Passed	Degree of Leakage
08:15	MILK	250ml	09:00	250ml	✓
11:30	COFFEE	250ml	12:30	185ml	✓
12:50	COFFEE	250ml	13:50	100ml	✓
14:30	TEA	250ml	15:30	100ml	✓
16:30	COFFEE	250ml	17:30	180ml	✓
18:20	TEA	250ml	19:15	160ml	✓
19:20	COFFEE	250ml	20:00	200ml	✓
19:30	MILK	250ml	20:15	400ml	✓
19:40	---	---	20:20	375ml	✓
19:50	---	---	20:30	325ml	✓
20:00	---	---	20:45	150ml	✓
20:10	---	---	21:00	150ml	✓

## Points of dysfunction → nLUTS

- Afferent information
  - Late sensation; ? white matter disease
- Reception and integration of CNS information
  - Cognitive changes
- Appropriate efferent output
  - Lumbar spine narrowing; sciatic nerve compression
- Mobility
  - ↓ gait speed; ↓ stride length; wider base of support;
  - Requires gait aid; wears glasses
- End-organ ability to respond
  - OAB; blood flow changes; post-UTI inflammation
- Other age-related change
  - ADH; small capacity bladder

## How likely do you consider the following causes of nLUTS?

- Geriatric syndrome UI
  - ? complete and irreversible
- OAB: hypoperfusion, hypoxia and oxidative stress
- Geriatric syndrome SCR / Sleep disorder / Falls
- Idiopathic nocturnal polyuria (NP)
- NP related to cardiovascular condition
- Pain from knee and lumbar spine
- Frailty

## Which diagnostic evaluations?

- Extensive clinical examination
- Cause of dizziness
- Pain management
- Sleep study
- Estimate of NUV
- Falls and Balance evaluation



## Falls review

(NZ Falls Toolkit Algorithm)

**Falls Algorithm**

**ASK**  
 Working up: Patient send in accompanying family/whānau notes  
 • Read notes  
 • Complete self assessment in Day Independent fracture

**ASSESS**  
 Clinician/Doctor/nurse identify patients at risk by  
 The patient's self assessment within 24hrs independent fracture

**ASKING**  
 Have you slipped, tripped or fallen in the last year?  
 Do you get out of a chair without using your hands?  
 Are you confident some activities because you are afraid you might lose your balance?

**YES**  
 Develop dual interventions of most recent fall or near fall) Take a full history Educate patient on risk of falling increasing with age

ASSESS	ACT
Balance, strength and gait	Balance balance and strength
Mobility	Improve or assist mobility
Muscle strength and tone (especially lower limbs)	Prescribe vitamin D supplements if at risk of deficiency
Feet and footwear	Address foot problems and ensure safe footwear
Multifactorial interventions	Review and optimize medicines and
Diagnosis or potential diagnosis	Manage and monitor hypertension
Cognition	Address any cognitive problems
Vision	Optimize vision
Continence problems	Manage continence problems
Any other health problems that may increase the risk of falling	Address other health problems
Home safety	Optimize home safety

## Appropriate treatment options?

- Adaptive reserves?
- Treatment of
  - Sleep disordered breathing
  - Mobility and balance
  - Voiding mechanics
  - OAB: Bladder training and beta 3 agonist
  - PFM rehabilitation for SUI
- “For most geriatric syndromes single-component interventions are less effective than multicomponent interventions...”  
(Vaughan et al 2018)

## In-Hospital Falls

- Multifactorial
- Associated with comorbidities, function and cognition (Lim 2018)
- Older patients have a poor recognition of their own falls risk (Lim 2018)
  - 18% under-aware
  - 51% over-estimate risk
- Falls risk factors
  - Age & gender
  - History of falls
  - Slow gait ± poor balance
  - Muscle weakness
  - Dizziness
  - Vision limitation
  - Medication for DM, epilepsy, mood/ behaviour
- Significant predictor: benzodiazepine within 12 hours (Domingue et al 2018)

## In-patient falls

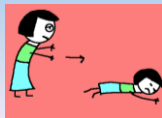


- Incidence: 3.1-6.1 / 1000 patient days
- Falls in hospital →
  - longer admission
  - ↓ confidence
  - ↓ function at discharge
  - ↑ healthcare needs (Morello 2015)
- Severity of injury unrelated to falls risk classification
- After CVA 46% chance of falling in hospital



## Falls during Night

- 32% of falls (127/402 incidents)
- Falls related to toileting
  - Belgium: 36%; Australia: 34%
  - No category for falls related to toileting (RiskMan)
- Falls related to toileting at night
  - Australia 15% all falls; Belgium: 27%
  - 46% all night falls
- Night toileting falls injuries
  - 22/59 no harm
  - 34/59 minor injuries
  - 3/59 fractures (5%)



## Toilet-related falls at night

- Most falls 23:00-23:59hrs or 5:00-5:59hrs
- Toileting-related night falls:
  - Half occur before 1am
  - \*most Nocturnal Polyuria within 2-3 hours of sleep
- Location of toileting-related night falls
  - 46% bedside
  - 27% in bathroom
  - 20% in middle of room
- Activity before toileting-related night fall
  - 36% going to toilet
  - 32% getting out of bed
  - 10% returning from toilet



## Toileting-related Falls at night (RMH)

- 88% in patients **not** considered **independent**
- 80% patient **not using recommended assistance** level
- 90% ✓ Falls Risk Management Plan
  - 48% no strategies selected
  - 48% “encouraged to use bell for toileting”
- Diagnoses and co-morbidities
  - 58% **cognitive** compromise
  - 19% using diuretics at time of fall
  - LL fracture 17%; **delirium /dementia 8.5%**



## Esther in the Hospital

- Admitted for rehab
- Fall in bathroom
  - 12.30am
  - Lost balance; hit head
  - En route to toilet
  - Dizzy at the time
  - Using frame; no assistance requested
  - Lacerations and rib pain
- Associated factors
  - Early sleep disruption
  - Effort to avoid incontinence
  - Cognition
  - Strength
  - Emotional state
  - Motivation
  - Nutrition
  - Sleep
  - Medication
  - Health attitude
  - Communication





## Is in-patient management different?

- Overactive bladder
- Dizziness
- Sleep disorder
- Nocturnal polyuria
  - NUV; type of diuresis; ? related to CVD / shunt / ankle
  - Intervention
- Other?
  - Individualised care plan for toileting
  - Sleep strategies: reduce disturbance

## Is in-patient management different?

### First treat

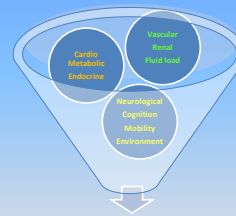
- Environmental factors
- Unmanaged medical issues (dizziness, DO, shunt)
- Modifiable factors
  - Immediate (sleep, SDB, pm plan)
  - Longer term (CVD, NP)
  - Multidisciplinary input
- Post -discharge referral
  - Falls, Continence, Sleep services



## Gaps in Evidence

- Unclear how to evaluate types of nLUTS
  - Is overflow UI back?
  - Does type of incontinence change management?
- No current treatment algorithms for nLUTS
  - In-patients & community dwelling older people
  - Which system / comorbidities to target first?
- Awaiting trials of multicomponent therapies

## Summary: Falls and nLUTS bi-directional



UI and nLUTS in older people



## Leg Oedema, Obvious?

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### Causes

• **Acute unilateral edema:** deep vein thrombosis, ruptured Baker's cyst, compartment syndrome

• **Chronic unilateral edema:** venous insufficiency, lymphedema, pelvic tumour, reflex sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS).

• **Acute bilateral edema:** deep vein thrombosis, sudden deterioration of heart failure or renal disease.

• **Chronic bilateral edema:** venous insufficiency, heart failure, drugs, idiopathic edema, lymphedema, premenstrual oedema, pregnancy, pre-eclampsia, pulmonary hypertension, obesity, kidney disease (nephrotic syndrome, glomerulonephritis), liver disease, pelvic tumour, continuous sitting with the legs bent (elderly patients who sit for prolonged periods and paralysed patients), anaemia, hypoalbuminaemia, severe hypothyroidism.

### History

- Was the onset of leg edema acute or chronic (more than or less than 3 days)? If sudden, be aware of DVT.
- **Current medication:** It should be checked whether the patient is using medication with the potential of causing edema:
  - calcium-channel blockers and other antihypertensive drugs
  - anti-inflammatory drugs
  - pioglitazone and rosiglitazone (anti-diabetic)
  - corticosteroids
  - sex hormones.
- **Systemic diseases** (heart, liver and kidney disease)
- Does the patient have a history of pelvic or abdominal cancer or radiotherapy (lymphedema)?
- Does the swelling reduce during the night (reduction occurs in venous insufficiency, but not in lymphedema)?

Edema: Diagnosis and Management. KATHRYN P. TRAVES, MD, and JAMES S. STODOLFO, MD, SARAH PICKLE, MD, AMBER S. TOLLE, MD. American Family Physician, July 25, 2013. Volume 88, Number 2, 102-113

### Physical examination

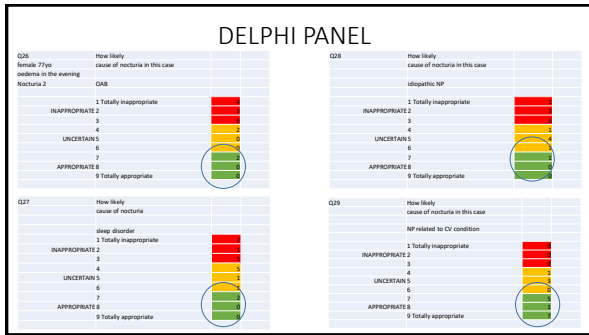
- Does the patient have pitting edema evidenced by an indent in the skin following finger pressure, most marked over the tibia?
  - Pitting = deep vein thrombosis, venous insufficiency, early stages of lymphedema.
  - Non-pitting = that remains unchanged overnight is rare = disturbance lymph flow.
- Does the edema cause pain?
  - DVT, erysipelas, reflex sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS) are painful conditions.
  - Lymphedema is usually painless.
  - Chronic venous insufficiency may cause some aching.
- Any asymmetry of the edema should be determined by measuring the circumference of both calves at their thickest point.
- Skin discoloration may be noted as well as visible varicose veins, in erysipelas, local edema is often present in addition to skin redness and tenderness.

### Case

- Female, 77 years old, good general health, no significant daytime LUTS
- Complains about heavy and swollen legs in the evening, no pain since 3 months
- Some dyspnea at exercise
- Complains about nocturia 3x per night

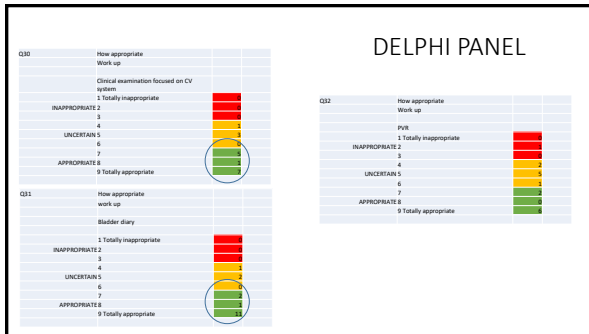
### How likely do you consider the following causes of nocturia in this case?

- Overactive bladder
- Sleep disorder
- Idiopathic nocturnal polyuria
- Nocturnal polyuria related to cardiovascular condition



### How appropriate do you consider following diagnostic evaluations?

- Clinical examination focused on cardiovascular pathology
- Bladder diary
- Postvoid residual volume



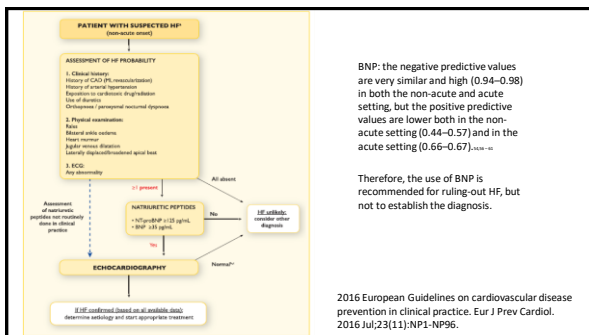
**Table 4.1** Symptoms and signs typical of heart failure

Symptoms	Signs
<b>Typical</b>	<b>More specific</b>
Breathlessness	Elevated jugular venous pressure
Orthopnea	Hepatogastric reflux
Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea	Third heart sound (gallop rhythm)
Reduced exercise tolerance	Laterally displaced apical impulse
Fatigue, tiredness, increased time to recover after exercise	
Ankle swelling	
<b>Less typical</b>	<b>Less specific</b>
Nocturnal cough	Weight gain (>2 kg/week)
Wheezing	Weight loss (in advanced HF)
Richest feeling	Tissue mottling (cyanosis)
Loss of appetite	Cardiac murmur
Confusion (especially in the elderly)	Peripheral oedema (ankle, sacral, scrotal)
Depression	Pulmonary crackles
Palpitations	Reduced air entry and dullness to percussion at lung bases (bilateral effusion)
Dizziness	tachypnoea
Syncope	Irregular pulse
Bandages <sup>1</sup>	Tachypnoea
	Crackles
	Cheyne Stokes respiration
	Hepatomegaly
	Anaemia
	Cold extremities
	Oliguria
	Narrow pulse pressure

2016 European Guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention in clinical practice. Eur J Prev Cardiol. 2016 Jul;23(11):NP1-NP96.

**For screening:**

- Dyspnea/orthopnea
- Fatigue
- Ankle swelling



### Case – clinical evaluation

- Cardiovascular evaluation: moderate cardiac failure
- Bladder diary: nocturnal polyuria, normal bladder capacity
- No postvoid residual volume

### Classifying heart failure

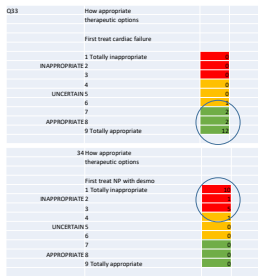
NYHA Class	Patients with Cardiac Disease (Description of HF Related Symptoms)
Class I (Mild)	Patients with cardiac disease but without limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause undue fatigue, palpitation, rapid or pounding heart beat, dyspnea (shortness of breath), or anginal pain (chest pain).
Class II (Mild)	Patients with cardiac disease resulting in slight limitation of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Ordinary physical activity results in fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain.
Class III (Moderate)	Patients with cardiac disease resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Less than ordinary activity causes fatigue, palpitation, dyspnea, or anginal pain.
Class IV (Severe)	Patients with cardiac disease resulting in the inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure at the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

The Criteria Committee of the New York Heart Association. Nomenclature and Criteria for Diagnosis of Diseases of the Heart and Great Vessels. 9th ed. Boston, Mass: Little, Brown & Co; 1984:233-238.

### How appropriate are the following options?

- First treat cardiac failure
- First treat nocturnal polyuria with desmopressin
- First treat nocturnal polyuria with daytime furosemide

### DELPHI PANEL



### Desmopressin and heart failure

Desmopressin for nocturia is contraindicated in patients with congestive heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II to IV) or uncontrolled hypertension

Desmopressin should be used with caution (e.g., monitoring of volume status) in patients with New York Heart Association Class I congestive heart failure because of the risk of fluid overload and electrolyte abnormalities, patients with heart failure may also be at increased risk for low sodium concentrations.

### What if...

- Cardiovascular evaluation: no cardiac failure but uses calcium channel blocker for hypertension
- Bladder diary: nocturnal polyuria, normal bladder capacity
- No postvoid residual volume

### Strength of Recommendations

Key clinical recommendation	Label	References
Treatment with an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin-receptor blocker should be considered in patients with calcium channel blocker-induced pedal edema.	A	29, 30
Spirolactone (Aldactone) should be used to decrease morbidity and mortality rates in patients with NYHA class III or IV heart failure.	B	15
The use of a transponder in the preoperative period may be superior to large-volume paracentesis in relieving ascites and prolonging survival.	B	22, 23
Travel stockings (ie, "support hose") should be worn during flights longer than seven hours to prevent edema and DVT.	B	27
Spirolactone should be used in patients with cirrhosis and grade 2 or 3 ascites to combat hyperaldosteronism.	C	18
Paracentesis is the treatment of choice in patients with grade 3 ascites and should be used in conjunction with sodium restriction and diuretic therapy.	C	18
Long-term use of compression garments in conjunction with meticulous skin care and avoidance of blood pressure measurements and other constrictions should be considered in patients with lymphedema.	C	34

NYHA = New York Heart Association; DVT = deep venous thrombosis.  
 A = consistent, good-quality patient-oriented evidence; B = inconsistent or limited-quality patient-oriented evidence; C = consensus, disease-oriented evidence, usual practice, opinion, or case series. See page 2028 for more information.

Treatment of Edema. JAMES G. O'BRIEN, M.D., and SHOBHA A. CHENNUHOTLA, M.D., RAMANA V. CHENNUHOTLA, M.D. American Family Physician, June 1, 2005 Volume 71, Number 11, 2111-7

### What if...

- Cardiovascular evaluation: **no cardiac failure but varicose veins at lower limbs**
- Bladder diary: nocturnal polyuria, normal bladder capacity
- No postvoid residual volume

### What if? No cardiac pathology, but varicose veins

- First treat varicose veins
- First treat nocturnal polyuria with desmopressin
- First treat nocturnal polyuria with daytime furosemide

### DELPHI PANEL

Q16	How appropriate		
What if	Therapeutic option		
Varicose + NP + no DT/LUTS	First treat varicose	1	1
	2 Totally inappropriate	2	2
	3	3	3
	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	6	6	6
	7	7	7
	8	8	8
	9 Totally appropriate	9	9
	37 How appropriate		
	therapeutic options		
	First treat NP with diuretic	1	1
	2 Totally inappropriate	2	2
	3	3	3
	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	6	6	6
	7	7	7
	8	8	8
	9 Totally appropriate	9	9

### EBM

Table 6. Strength of Evidence for Major Recommendations

	Strength of Recommendation*
<b>Diagnostic recommendations</b>	
Relative frequencies of causes of edema in Tables 1–3 <sup>1,5,9</sup>	C
Clinical findings that help distinguish venous edema, lymphedema, and lipedema <sup>4,5,11,12,13,24</sup>	C
Important components of physical exam <sup>10,12,24</sup>	C
Important components of physical exam <sup>10,12,24</sup>	C
Echocardiogram recommended in patients over age 45 <sup>1</sup>	C
Medications that cause edema <sup>11,14,16,17,25,17</sup>	C
Normal D-dimer rules out deep vein thrombosis <sup>26,16</sup>	B
Use of Doppler exam to confirm or rule out deep vein thrombosis <sup>17,29</sup>	B
<b>Treatment recommendations</b>	
Diuretics to treat venous insufficiency <sup>7</sup>	C
Horse chestnut seed extract to treat venous insufficiency <sup>31,48</sup>	B
Compression stockings to treat venous insufficiency <sup>8</sup>	C
Diuretics to treat idiopathic edema <sup>11,16</sup>	C

\* Strength of recommendation classified according to the 3-component SOE system<sup>21</sup>. A, denotes recommendation based on consistent and good-quality patient-oriented evidence<sup>21</sup>; B, denotes recommendation based on inconsistent or limited-quality patient-oriented evidence<sup>21</sup>; C, denotes recommendation based on consensus, usual practice, opinion, disease-oriented evidence, or case series for studies of diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or screening.<sup>21</sup>

Approach to Leg Edema of Unclear Etiology  
 July 17, 13 JGIM March–April 2008 Vol. 19 No. 2

### Summary

- Oedema and specially leg oedema causes nocturnal polyuria and nocturia through resorption of the fluid when supine resulting in an immediate excess in urine output and a delayed increase in ANP related salt diuresis
- Leg oedema are seen with liver, heart or kidney disease or following varices of the legs, lack of physical activity or muscle paralysis
- Medications can cause leg edema
- Diagnosis/therapy are based on expert opinion rather than science and the available guideline documents do not mention nocturia.
- Normal BNP excludes heart failure
- Desmopressin is contraindicated from class 2 HF or higher and careful monitoring needed if class 1

## Blood Pressure and nocturnal LUTS

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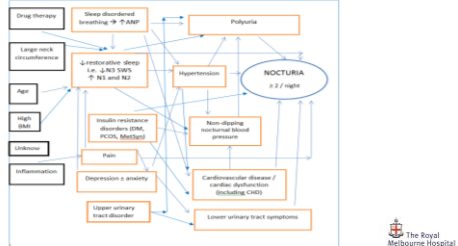
## Nocturia

Many papers

- Associated with many systemic disease
  - (Poorly controlled) diabetes and metabolic syndrome
  - Hypertension and congestive heart failure
  - Autonomic dysfunction
  - Impaired circulation
  - Renal
  - Malignant disease
  - Sleep disordered breathing
  - Anxiety



## Nocturia – causal inter-relationships: outcome of a literature review Bower 2017




## Targeting Aetiology of Nocturia Guides Outcomes



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### TANGO Nocturia Tool




Place an 'X' beside each statement to indicate whether or not it is true for you.		True	False
SYMPTOM NOT TYPICAL	My ankles, feet or legs swell during the day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I take fluid tablets (e.g. Lasix).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have kidney disease.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I take tablets to control my blood pressure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other anti-diuretic tablets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SLEEP	I have high blood sugar (CR) diabetes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	My blood sugar levels are difficult to keep stable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have 5 hours or less sleep per night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I would describe my sleep quality as bad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I take me longer than 30 minutes to fall asleep at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
URINARY TRACT	I have difficulty emptying myself at night because of my bladder.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other symptoms pain at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have been told I should empty CR stop breathing at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I need to get up to pass urine within 3 hours of going to sleep.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I experience a sudden urge to urinate on most days.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WELL-BEING	I have a bladder urgency accident once a week or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I often need to strain or push to start urinating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have an enlarged prostate gland (Males ONLY).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	In general, I would say that my health is not good.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have trouble staying awake while driving, eating or during social activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have had a fall in the last 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I don't look forward to things with as much enjoyment as I used to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**TANGO Nocturia Screening Tool**


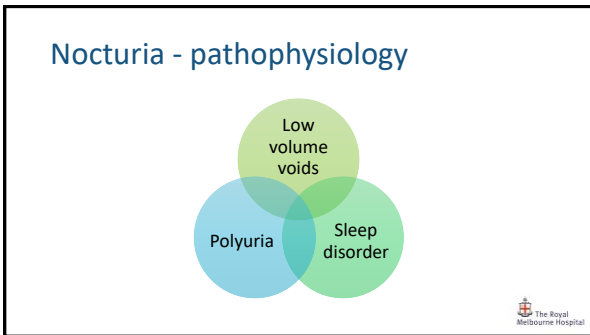
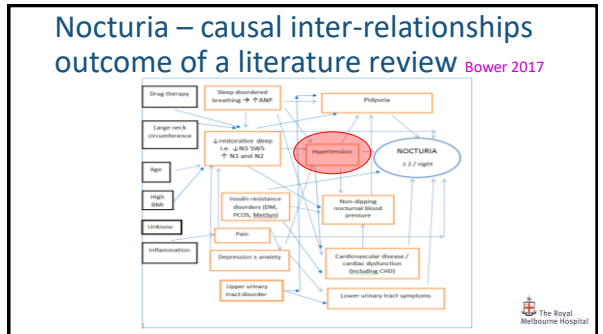
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## Targeting Aetiology of Nocturia Guides Outcomes


- 22 item questionnaire
- Patient-completed
- Fully validated
- Red flags for all-cause nocturia

### Nocturia - pathophysiology

- Small volume voids
  - Detrusor overactivity
  - Impaired emptying
- Nocturnal polyuria
- Combination of these – common
- 1° sleep disturbance

- Defined on a bladder diary

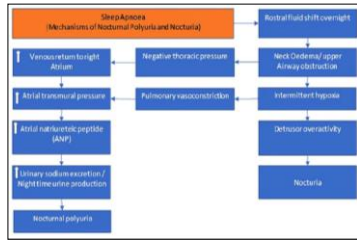






## OSA and nocturia – proposed mechanisms

Kass-Iliyya, Hashim 2018



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## Orthostatic (postural) hypotension

- Feature of autonomic dysfunction
- Parkinson's Disease a common cause
- Nocturnal polyuria very common
  - ↓renal perfusion when upright
  - ↑renal perfusion when supine

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## 90yo Male

- Past History
  - Rheumatoid arthritis 1998
  - TURP 2004
  - Low-grade lymphoproliferative disorder – no Rx
  - Severe postural hypotension
  - Subsequent Dx of Parkinson's Disease, and (later) dementia
- Medications
  - Salazopyrine, sertraline.
  - Later levodopa
- LUTS
  - Daytime 6 - 10
  - Nocturia 4 - 8
  - Urgency usual
  - Urgency leakage >=once a day
  - Voiding "normal"

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## Examination

- Blood pressure
  - Supine 180/95mmHg
  - Standing 120/80mmHg
- No ankle oedema
- Void 135 mL
- PFR 8 mL/s
- PVR 25 mL
- Poor balance

## Investigations

- Bladder diary
  - Voids 50-150mL daytime, up to 300mL nocte
  - Overnight output 780mL
  - NPI 61%
  - FUST as low as 1 hour
- Urinary tract US
  - Prostate volume 93ml
- Urodynamics
  - Detrusor overactivity
  - No obstruction

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## Formulation

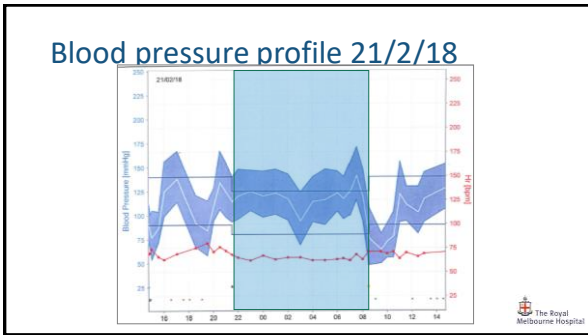
- Nocturia
  - Detrusor overactivity
  - Nocturnal polyuria (due to postural hypotension)
- Poor balance
- (Dementia)
- Wife assisting with toileting

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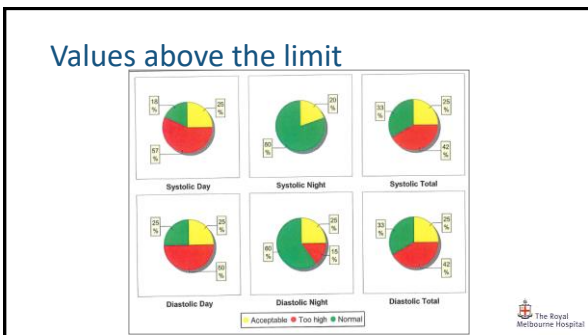
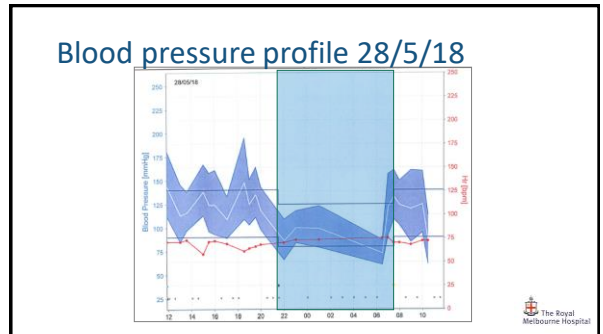
## Management

- Detrusor overactivity
  - Caffeine limitation
  - Oxybutynin
  - Changed later to mirabegron because of cognitive decline
  - (Limit nocte fluid intake)
- Postural hypotension
  - Fludrocortisone
  - Midodrine
  - Below-knee compression
- Overall limited success re nocturia

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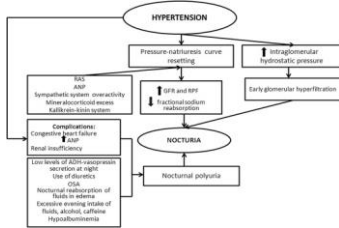
- ### Management
- **Formulation**
    - Nocturnal hypertension
  - **Treatment**
    - Glyceryl trinitrate 25-50 mg transdermal patch
    - Overnight while in bed
  - **Outcome**
    - ↓ Nocturia
      - February 4-7 voids, average 5
      - May 0-6 voids, average 2
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- ### Hypotensives and nocturia
- Many studies show correlation [Bulpitt 1999](#)
  - Drug groups
    - diuretics [Asplund 2002; Kupelian 2009](#)
      - thiazides – long half life
      - loop diuretics – timing may be relevant
        - furosemide 6hrs before bed ↓ nocturia [Reynard 1998](#)
    - calcium channel blockers [Hall 2012](#)
      - fluid-retaining (especially amlodipine)
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## Hypertension and nocturia - Proposed mechanisms

Feldstein 2013

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## Summary

- Are we meeting the needs of older people with nLUTS?
  - Nocturia is a marker for poor health
  - Blood pressure clearly associated with nocturia
  - Consider nocturnal hypertension in persisting nocturia
  - Review hypertension Rx regimen in persisting nocturia

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