

### Yale Sleep Medicine Seminar



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# RCTs of Cardiovascular Outcomes in Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Is it Time for an Alternative Trial Design



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#### NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Large epidemiological studies consistently find that obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is an independent and modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular events. However, randomized control trials of the effect of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) treatment of OSA on cardiovascular events have been negative, which is inconsistent with epidemiological data. In this session, we will discuss the major biases in RCTs that could explain the negative results. We will present an alternative trial design that can robustly assess the cardiovascular benefit of CPAP in real-world patients, overcoming biases in RCTs.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this talk, individuals will:

I. Understand OSA disease heterogeneity and its implications for clinical trials.

- 2. Learn about the recent randomized controlled trials of CPAP therapy of OSA and its effects on cardiovascular events.
- 3. Understand biases in randomized clinical trials of cardiovascular outcomes in OSA.

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