A NOVEL APPROACH TO QUANTIFY SLEEP-RELATED RHYTHMIC MOVEMENT DISORDER USING AUTOMATIC 3D ANALYSIS

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Background

Unlike other episodic sleep disorders, there are no agreed severity indices for sleep-related rhythmic movement disorder (RMD). Rhythmic movements (RMs) can be characterized by polysomnography, but sensor placement may inhibit movements. Actigraphy and 2D video can be used in the home, but have limitations. Actigraphy does not differentiate RMs from other movements, while manual scoring of 2D video is laborious.

Method

We developed a sensitive method to detect and quantify RMs using automatic 3D video analysis.

Result

Automatic 3D analysis demonstrated high levels of agreement with the manual approach (Cohen’s Kappa >0.9; F1-score >0.9). We also demonstrated how RM assessment can be improved using plots of our novel indices for ease of visualization.

Conclusion

3D video technology is widely available and can be integrated into sleep laboratories. Our automatic 3D video analysis algorithm yields reliable quantitative measurement of RMs, reducing the burden of manual scoring. Furthermore, our novel RMD severity indices offer standardized measures of utility to clinical and research practice.

THE UTILISATION OF A REMOTE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PATIENT CPAP COMPLIANCE

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Introduction

First-line treatment for obstructive sleep apnoea hypopnoea syndrome (OSAHS) is continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP). Compliance with CPAP is essential for treatment to be effective. Excess air leakage from the CPAP mask can be uncomfortable for patients and is an important independent predictor of CPAP compliance. As the incidence of OSAHS is rising, novel treatment pathways must be utilised to maintain service standards whilst also maximising CPAP usage. The aim of this study was to determine whether a novel remote monitoring pathway could decrease excess CPAP mask leak and increase usage of the CPAP machine.

Methods

Patients (n=48) started on CPAP were allocated to receive either Standard Care (SC) (n=22) or Remote Monitoring (RM) (n=26) follow-up according to their appointment time. Nurses consulted software (AirviewTM; Resmed Ltd) three times per week to review RM patients and contacted them if required. Additional contact could be initiated by patients from either group at any time. Patients were followed-up 4–6 weeks after CPAP issue; SC patients were reviewed in hospital, whilst RM patients were reviewed by telephone. Data was collected on median mask leak (L/min) and mean compliance (hrs/night).

Result

There was no significant difference in compliance between SC (4.76±2.39 hrs) and RM (5.20±1.78 hrs) groups (p=0.486) (figure 1). There was a significant difference in mask leak between SC (13.8±25) L/min and RM (3.1±7) L/min groups (p<0.001) (figure 2).
Discussion A novel remote monitoring system implemented within NHS Lothian did not significantly increase patient CPAP compliance. Excess leak from the mask was significantly reduced however, suggesting that compliance may be affected in a study inclusive of a greater number of patients and over a greater period of time. Therefore, this project aimed to design, develop and evaluate concepts for a neck stabilising aid for children with narcolepsy.

Methods Detailed ‘needs capture’ through a co-design workshop with children with narcolepsy and their parents to map and discuss their travel experiences resulted in an initial specification list. A second creative workshop for idea generation using existing products and early design concepts informed further development.

Results A detailed design specification list has been produced. Seven concept designs have been developed for further evaluation and selection at an upcoming ‘dragon’s den’-style workshop. Concepts will not reach prototype stage within the scope of the project so worksheets and interactive design activities will be used to capture early subjective user opinions.

Discussion The use of creative, co-design methods have proven effective in capturing the voices of children and families to ensure the project is generating meaningful solutions to the core issues in this area. The project is currently ongoing with a number of possible concepts being proposed and evaluated by children and families. The preliminary concepts and supporting evaluation data will be used to apply for future funding to develop the chosen concept to prototype level and beyond.

Introduction Narcolepsy is a disabling neurological sleep disorder characterised by excessive daytime sleepiness and attacks of muscle weakness precipitated by strong emotions, known as cataplexy. A previous exploratory technology workshop with children from the Sheffield Children’s Hospital narcolepsy clinic identified ‘Head and neck support in the car’ as their most important unmet need in terms of aids to daily living (32/39 participants). There is currently no suitable car seat or effective support on the market for these children. Therefore, this project aimed to design, develop and evaluate concepts for a neck stabilising aid for children with narcolepsy.

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Methods A mixed-methods questionnaire of 15-items including Likert scales, multiple-choice, open-ended, and demographic questions was designed to assess members’ needs and preferences for healthcare communication. The web-based questionnaire was informed by patients, their families and clinicians, and included a structured evaluation of website accessibility, readability, and information quality. 1,318 SATA members were invited by email to participate anonymously. Descriptive