

EVALUATING SLEEP QUALITY



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The Importance of Quality Sleep



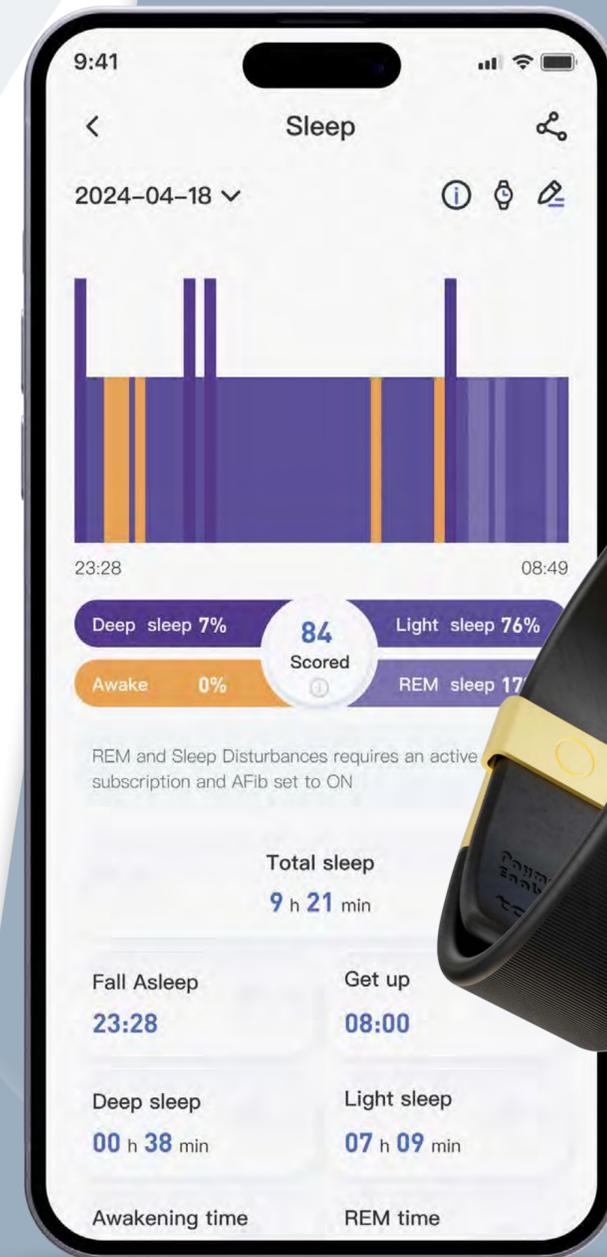
Quality sleep is an important factor in maintaining health, as it is necessary for the body to restore and repair bodily systems.



Short and poor-quality sleep have been directly linked to a series of chronic health problems, including weight gain and obesity, insulin resistance, hypertension, depression, adverse cardiovascular consequences, weakened immune response, and more.



Research shows that excessive sleep can contribute to health concerns as well, with one study recommending that the optimal amount for adults is seven to eight hours nightly.



Vyvo Technology wearables, equipped with a cutting-edge PPG function, provide useful sleep monitoring and analysis for everyday consumer use.

Patterns of Sleep

Sleep is a naturally recurring state divided into two very distinct types:

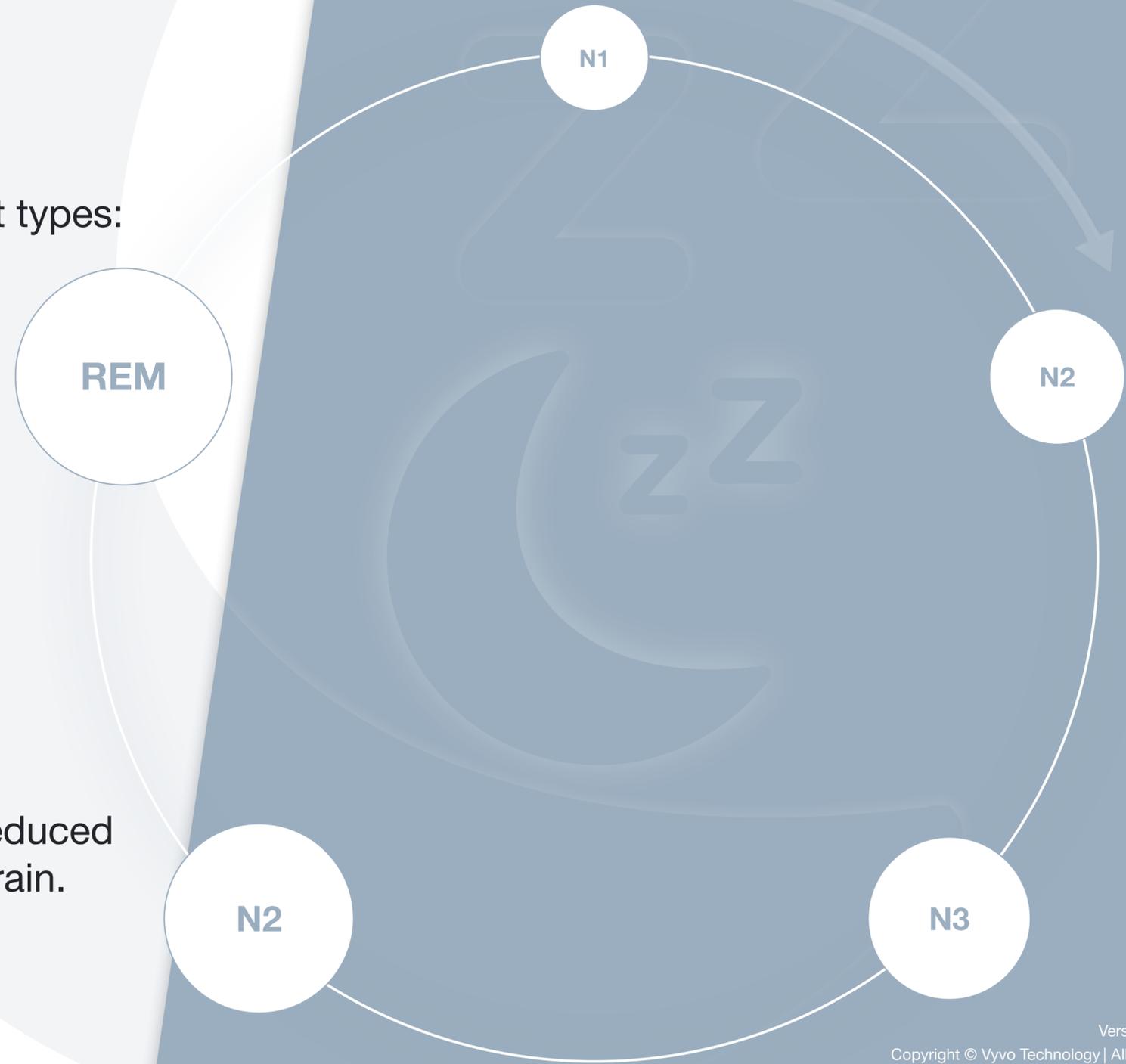


Non-rapid eye movement (NREM) sleep



Rapid eye movement (REM) sleep

NREM or deep sleep, which occurs first, is characterized by reduced body temperature and heart rate, and less energy use by the brain.



Sleep Disturbance Impacts



Loud snoring



Periods when breathing stops and restarts (reported by another person)



Gasping for air during sleep



Waking with a dry mouth



Morning headache



Difficulty staying asleep



Excessive daytime fatigue



Difficulty paying attention while awake



Irritability



Reduced Heart Rate Variability

REM Sleep



Known as the dream state, it represents a smaller percentage of overall sleep. It involves fast brain waves, eye movements, and relaxed muscle tone.



REM is a critical, necessary sleep state that happens every night when you sleep properly, and it provides numerous benefits for your health.



REM stages can be monitored and reported with the right technology. Easily track and analyze REM with a wearable from Vyvo Technology and the Vyvo Smart App so you can know how much REM sleep you get, and work to improve.



All you have to do is wear your device while sleeping and you will automatically get insights on your sleep quality, including REM sleep and any sleep apnea incidents!

This feature is active when 24h monitoring is enabled on your device, which requires a Wellness+ subscription.

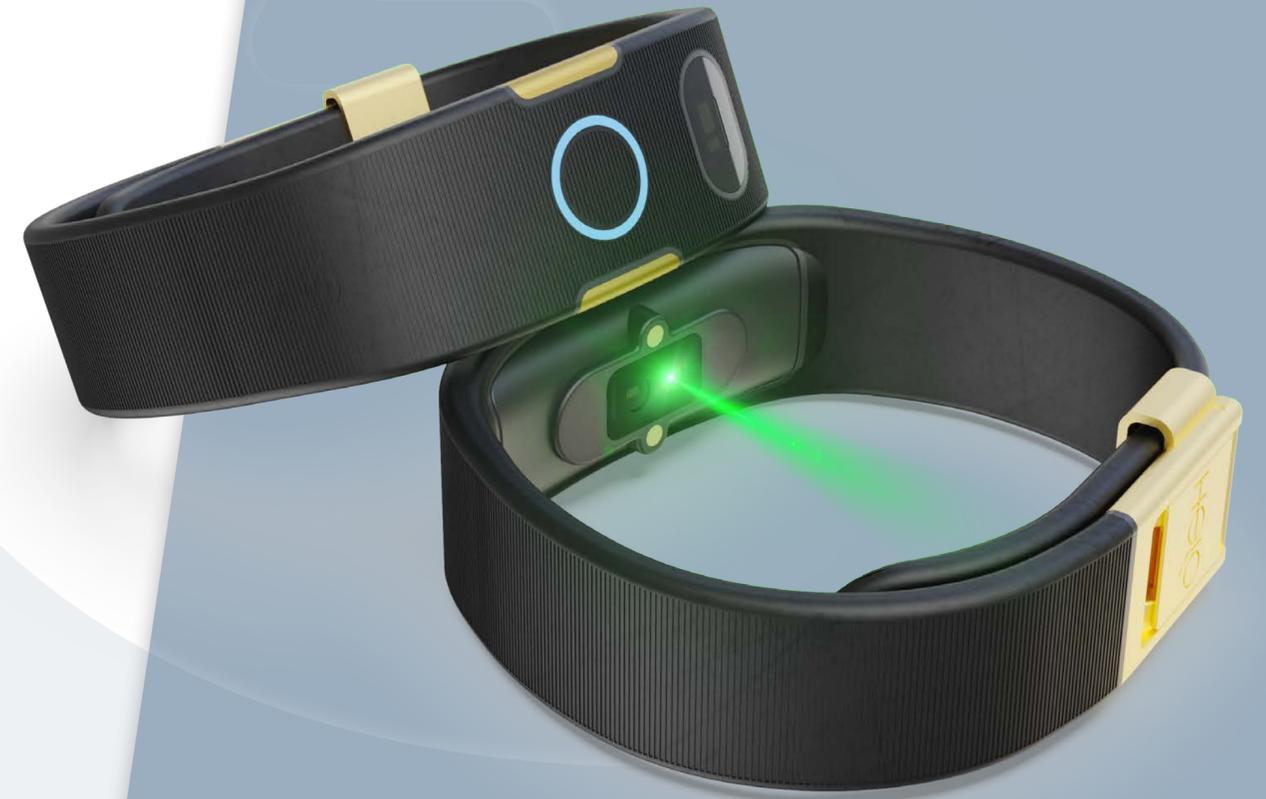
Benefits of REM Sleep

- Learning
- Memory processing
- Stress management
- Forming new neural connections in the brain (cortical plasticity)
- Restoration of aminergic cell/receptor function
- Heightened creativity



Evaluating Sleep Quality

- Given its impact on overall health, quality sleep should be a priority for everyone.
- There are different methods for measuring and evaluating sleep quality. Polysomnography (PSG) is considered the «gold standard» and this method measures and records numerous parameters as a polysomnogram.
- Another method is actigraphy. However, it can only be used to automatically approximate sleep-wake patterns and cannot reliably distinguish between the different stages of sleep.
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) can be used to evaluate sleep by analyzing cardiopulmonary coupling using two features of the signal, heart rate variability and respiratory modulation of QRS waveform on a beat-to-beat basis. However, the ECG sensor still requires multiple electrodes to be attached to the body, which might limit prolonged use at home.
- Photoplethysmography (PPG) can also be used for monitoring sleep.
- Wearable devices are also usually equipped with accelerometers, which can improve sleep monitoring accuracy.



Using PPG to Evaluate Sleep

- Photoplethysmography (PPG) is an optical method for measuring blood volume changes in a bed of tissue, such as a finger or earlobe, by illuminating the skin and measuring light absorption.
- PPG has the ability to capture the modulation of the autonomic nervous system during sleep.
- Research shows that wrist-worn PPG is promising for long-term sleep monitoring.



PPG in Wearables from Vyvo Technology

- Wearables from Vyvo Technology utilize high quality wrist PPG sensors and powerful analog front-end chips, paired with digital signal processing technologies and motion sensors, which enable quality wrist-based PPG readings and accurate sleep monitoring.
- During the night, the wearable captures respiration rate, heart rate, heart rate variability (HRV), body temperature and more.



Detecting Sleep Disturbances

- When sleep disturbances occur, your heart reacts in ways that can be detected, including an increased heart rate and changes to heart rate variability (HRV).
- HRV is a measure of the difference of time between heartbeats and is an indication of how well the heart can change rhythm in response to different situations and stimuli.
- Devices from Vyvo Technology optically monitor these changes in HRV to detect sleep disturbances
- The Vyvo Smart App reports a sleep disturbance score, based on incidents per hour:

Low: Less than 15 incidents per hour

Moderate: 15 to 30 incidents per hour

High: More than 30 incidents per hour



This feature is active when the 24-hour heart monitoring is enabled on your device. Understanding your sleep disturbance count helps you take action to protect your health and elevate the quality of your sleep. A Wellness+ subscription is required for 24h monitoring.

Sleep Monitoring from Vyvo Technology

- Researchers have found PPG to be a convenient and effective method for monitoring and reporting sleep quality.*
- Vyvo Technology wearable devices are equipped with PPG functionality for measuring sleep and, on the back end, applying algorithmic analysis to detect areas of concern, including sleep disturbances. Vyvo Technology supports device users' health by providing them with actionable insights that enable them to proactively improve their sleep habits.

All you have to do is wear your device while sleeping and you will automatically get insights on your sleep quality, including REM sleep and any sleep disturbances!

* Vulcan RS, André S, Bruyneel M. Photoplethysmography in Normal and Pathological Sleep. Sensors (Basel). 2021 Apr 22;21(9):2928. doi: 10.3390/s21092928. PMID: 33922042; PMCID: PMC8122413.





Note

Some features are not available in all markets.

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