Mayo Clinic Minute

Nap Facts

VIDEO	AUDIO
	Catnapper, take note:
	Sound of clock tick
	Your break should be quick.
Title: ERIC OLSON, M.D. SLEEP SPECIALIST Mayo Clinic	A short nap strikes that balance between allowing you to be refreshed, without giving you that hangover effect from the sleep.
	Dr. Eric Olson is a sleep specialist at Mayo Clinic. He says longer naps can take you into deeper stages of sleep.
	And, with that, then, it's harder to get going when you awaken.
	Doctors call it sleep inertia. Keeping your nap under 30 minutes can help avoid it.
	Sound of clock tick
	Dr. Olson says the need for a longer nap may be a sign of nighttime sleep trouble.
Graphic: Schedule Diet Bedtime routine	Your schedule, diet or bedtime routine could all be causes.
	Or, is there suspicion of a sleep disorder that's interfering with what seems like should be an adequate amount of time in bed?
	Sound of sleep mask being tightened

	A sleep study can identify a disorder and lead to treatment. Sleep specialists can also suggest improvement to bedtime habits.
	Sound of clock tick
	Getting help with your sleep can make napping simply refreshing, instead of required.
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