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How no sleep makes health issues worse

Video	Audio
Vivien Williams VO: Adult sleeping or woman tossing in bed	The CDC says one 1 of 3 adults doesn't get enough shut-eye.
Virend Somers, M.D., Ph.D. (3:35) Cardiovascular Disease Mayo Clinic	"The body is not designed to tolerate long term, months and months of not sleeping adequately."
Vivien Williams VO: Sleeping person to graphics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heart disease• Obesity• Depression	Dr. Virend Somers says long-term sleep deprivation can cause issues, such as heart disease, obesity and depression. And it can also make health problems you already have worse.
Virend Somers, M.D., Ph.D. (2:08)	"There are things that happen during sleep that carry over into the daytime and can have very dramatic effects on causing daytime disease."
Vivien Williams VO: Sleeping person with C-Pap	For example, when you have obstructive sleep apnea, you stop breathing during sleep. Your oxygen levels go down and carbon dioxide levels go up.
Virend Somers, M.D., Ph.D. (4:20)	"What that does is raises the sympathetic activity, your fight or flight system."
Vivien Williams VO: Blood pressure monitor/person tossing and turning	Blood pressure rises and may stay higher into the next day. Dr. Somers says brief periods of occasional sleep loss is not a big deal.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Vivien Williams.