

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2005 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Will a Nasal Dialator Help Prevent Snoring?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective of this study was to investigate if using a nasal dialator would help prevent snoring.

Methods/Materials Materials:

10 Human Subjects

10 Nasal Dialators

2 Video Cameras

1 Pulse Oximeter

Methods:

- 1) Survey 20 people
- 2) From the results of the survey, pick 10 people that meet the test criteria (Heavy Blockage and a lot of snoring)
- 3) Record the human subjects# oxygen level awake using an oximeter without a nasal dialator
- 4) Record the human subjects# oxygen level awake using an oximeter with a nasal dialator
- 5) Using a video camera, tape the human subjects# oxygen level while sleeping without a nasal dialator
- 6) Using a video camera, tape the human subjects# oxygen level while sleeping with a nasal dialator

Results

After completing this sleep study, we have determined that using a nasal dialator allows you to have a more restful sleep. The main objective was to find out if using a nasal dialator prevented snoring, and we found out that it extremely reduced snoring, and tossing and turning. By using the nasal dialator the human subjects# snoring was reduced by an average of about 5 hours. The nasal dialator reduced the tosses and turns by an average of about 11.

Conclusions/Discussion

We have concluded that a nasal dialator reduces snoring, as stated in our hypothesis, which also attains to our objective. This project will expand the knowledge of sleeping by advising the society of a device that will prevent snoring and allow a better night#s sleep. By doing this project, we are going to educate the public about a new, more reliable device that helps prevent snoring.

Summary Statement

The focus of our project was to see if using a nasal dialator while sleeping would help prevent snoring.

Help Received

Uncle provided supervision and equipment for this project.