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Sleep Disorders Laboratory

**Abbie J. Lane Building
4th Floor**

**Please have a seat in the chairs
outside of Room 4013.**

**A technologist will come and get
you.**

What is a sleep study?

- Your doctor has referred you for an overnight sleep study in the Sleep Disorders Laboratory (Sleep Lab).
- You will not be admitted to the hospital.
- We will observe (watch) you as you sleep overnight in the Sleep Lab.
- Electrodes will be attached to your skin with a small amount of paste, glue, and/or tape.
- As you sleep, you will be monitored by a technologist using audio visual and other monitoring equipment.

Getting ready for your visit

- **Please call 902-473-4298 (option 1) at least 72 hours (3 days) before your appointment to confirm that you are able to attend.**
- Missed appointments cause longer wait times for other patients. Please make every effort to attend your scheduled appointment.
- **Call the Sleep Lab as soon as possible if you have a cold, flu, chest infection, or any health problem which may affect your test.**
 - › Phone: 902-473-4298 (option 1)

On the day of your test:

- **Do not** drink alcohol.
- **Do not** eat or drink items that have caffeine after 5 p.m. (like coffee, tea, cola, or chocolate).
- Keep your usual daytime schedule.
Do not nap.
- **Do not** bring large amounts of money or valuables with you to the hospital. The hospital is not responsible for the loss of any item.

What to bring:

- All of your medications in their original containers. Take your medications as usual unless told otherwise by lab staff.
- Your CPAP or BiPAP device (if you have one), and your mask(s) and tubing.
- 2-piece sleep clothing (like pajamas, or walking shorts and a T-shirt), no silky material.
- A change of clothes for the next day.
- **You must wear underwear.**
- Your own pillow (if you wish).
- A book, newspaper, DVD, or other material to help you relax. There is no TV service, but we have a portable DVD player.

- A snack, if you would like one before going to sleep.
- Shampoo and a comb or brush.
- Toothbrush and toothpaste.

If you have an appointment for an Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) after the study, bring snacks or money for the cafeteria. **We do not provide meals.**


You may wish to bring a book, hobby, or DVD to use between naps during the day.

Before you come for your appointment:

- Wash your hair, shower, and shave any facial stubble (beards are OK). This makes it easier to attach the electrodes. It also improves the overall quality of the test.
- **DO NOT** use moisturizers or hair products that leave an oily residue.
- **Do not wear perfume or other scented products.** All Nova Scotia Health facilities are scent-free.
- Remove all nail polish and artificial nails.



What will happen during the study?

- **Please arrive on time for your appointment.** Wait outside of Room 4013 in the hallway. A technologist will meet you there at your scheduled appointment time.
 - You will be in a private room. The technologist will be in a room nearby and will be able to see and hear you.
 - You may visit the washroom at any time.
 - **Your cell phone must be turned off at bedtime.**
 - If someone needs to contact you with an **urgent** message, they can call the hospital switchboard and ask to be connected to the sleep technologist.
 - › Phone: 902-473-2700
 - You will be asked to turn the lights off around 10:30 to 11 p.m. The study will stop between 6 to 6:30 a.m. the next morning. You will leave the Lab by 7 a.m.
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What will happen after the study?

You may wash yourself using the large sink. There is no shower. We provide towels and face cloths.

Hours:

- › 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday to Friday.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call the Sleep Lab:

- › Phone: 902-473-4298, ext. 1

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<https://library.nshealth.ca/PatientEducation>

Contact your local public library for books, videos, magazines, and other resources. For more information, go to <http://library.novascotia.ca>

Connect with a registered nurse in Nova Scotia any time:

Call 811 or visit <https://811.novascotia.ca>

Learn about other programs and services in your community:

Call 211 or visit <http://ns.211.ca>

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and scent-free environment.*

Please do not use perfumed products. Thank you!

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