

# Sleep right Sleep tight

Natural sleep before medicines

Sleep diary



#### What is a sleep diary?

A sleep diary is a daily log that can be used to record your sleep-wake pattern.

It helps you monitor when you go to bed and get up in the morning, how long it takes you to fall asleep, how often you wake during the night, and how restful your sleep is. It also allows you to record any food, drink or activities that may be affecting your sleep.

#### Why should I keep a sleep diary?

Keeping a sleep diary can help you and your doctor learn more about your sleep patterns and what can be done to improve your sleep.

#### How do I complete the sleep diary?

Fill out the diary every day, for one or two weeks.

Do this each day in the morning when you wake up and at night when you go to bed.

#### What else can I do?

You can learn more about your sleep and access information on sleep cycles, sleep problems, and find tips for a better night's sleep, by visiting:

#### www.nps.org.au/sleep

Use your *Medicines List* to keep a record of all your current medicines. This can help your doctor or pharmacist to check whether your medicines could be affecting your sleep. You can download a copy of *Medicines List* from www.nps.org.au/consumers.



## Try these tips for a good night's sleep



Try to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day



Be as active as possible during the day and spend some time outdoors



Reduce the amount of caffeine you have each day and avoid caffeinated drinks after lunchtime



Avoid naps during the day. If you do nap, keep it to 20 minutes and before 3pm



Avoid heavy meals, exercise or working on the computer late in the evening



Relax for 30 minutes before going to bed (e.g. have a warm bath)



Avoid smoking and drinking alcohol in the evening



Make sure your bedroom is not too hot or cold



Don't eat, work, watch television, read or discuss problems in bed



Ensure you are comfortable and your bedroom is guiet and dark



Don't stay in bed if you are awake for more than 20 minutes — go to another room and do something relaxing

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#### Week 1

#### **Complete in the morning**

Beginning date:	Went to bed last night at:	Fell asleep in:	Woke up during the night:	he bed in the		When I woke up s morning I felt:	Slept a total of:
Day						refreshed	
						partly refreshed	
	am / pm	minutes	times	am / pm		fatigued	hours
Day						refreshed	
						partly refreshed	
	am / pm	minutes	times	am / pm		fatigued	hours
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Day						refreshed	
						partly refreshed	
	am / pm	minutes	times	am / pm	Χ	fatigued	hours

N/A = not applicable

Week 1

### Complete at the end of the day

Exercised: Had a nap:		Had a nap:	Had caffeinated drinks (e.g. cocoa, coffee, cola, tea):		Within 3 hours before going to sleep, I had:		About 1 hour before going to sleep, I:		
X	morning		X morning		X	alcohol	Χ	watched TV	
	afternoon			afternoon		a heavy		worked	
	evening	minutes ,		evening		meal		read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon			afternoon		a heavy meal		worked	
	evening	minutes		evening				read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon	minutes		afternoon		a heavy		worked	
	evening			evening		meal		read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon	minutes		afternoon		a heavy		worked	
	evening			evening		meal		read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon			afternoon		a heavy meal		worked	
	evening	minutes		evening				read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon	minutes		afternoon		a heavy meal		worked	
	evening		X	evening				read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV	
	afternoon			afternoon	X	a heavy meal		worked	
	evening	minutes ,		evening				read	
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other	

#### Week 2

### **Complete in the morning**

Beginning date:	Went to bed last night at:	Fell asleep in:	Woke up during the night:	Got out of bed in the morning at:	\	When I woke up s morning I felt:	Slept a total of:
Day						refreshed	
						partly refreshed	
	am / pm	minutes	times	am / pm		fatigued	hours
Day						refreshed	
						partly refreshed	
	am / pm	minutes	times	am / pm		fatigued	hours
Day						refreshed	
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N/A = not applicable

Week 2

#### Complete at the end of the day

Exercised: Had a nap:		Had caffeinated drinks (e.g. cocoa, coffee, cola, tea):		Within 3 hours before going to sleep, I had:		About 1 hour before going to sleep, I:		
X	morning		X	morning	X	alcohol	Χ	watched TV
	afternoon			afternoon		a heavy		worked
	evening	minutes ,		evening		meal		read
	N/A	am / pm		N/A		neither		other
	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV
	afternoon			afternoon		a heavy		worked
	evening	minutes ,		evening		meal		read
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	morning			morning		alcohol		watched TV
	afternoon			afternoon	X	a heavy meal		worked
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	afternoon	minutes		afternoon		a heavy meal		worked
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