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Clinical Features of REM Sleep Behavior Disorder in the Population-Based CLSA Cohort: Can We Improve the Screening Tools?

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REM sleep behavior disorder (RBD), featured as acting out of dream, is the strongest known predictor for parkinsonism. It is estimated that idiopathic RBD patients have around 80-85% of phenoconversion rate to parkinsonism within five years, upon the first clinical visit. Since polysomnography sleep testing is expensive and time-consuming, several questionnaires were developed over the years to pre-screen for possible RBD patients in clinic. This webinar presents research that aims to improve the accuracy of RBD screening tools using the population-based cohort from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA).

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