

OSA-5 screening questionnaire for obstructive sleep apnoea in children

During the past 4 weeks, how often has the child had:	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time	Score
loud snoring?	0	1	2	3	
breath holding spells or pauses in breathing at night?	0	1	2	3	
choking or made gasping sounds while asleep?	0	1	2	3	
mouth breathing because of a blocked nose?	0	1	2	3	
breathing problems during sleep that made you worried they were not getting enough air?	0	1	2	3	

Total score:

A total score below 5 makes the diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnoea unlikely.

A total score of 5 or higher has good sensitivity but poor specificity for moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnoea.

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