

For the ongoing data collection, we invite participants by mail; they are asked to contact us to schedule a date if they wish to participate. There is a two-stage screening process for exclusions. First, as participants are contacted to schedule their overnight visits, they are screened for eligibility by a telephone interview. During the interview they are asked if they are currently being treated for any serious medical conditions. They are excluded from participation if: currently pregnant; have had recent upper airway surgery; have a tracheostomy; have had recent cancer surgery; or have unstable or decompensated cardiopulmonary disease. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage for exclusions involves a mailed History and Physical Form which must be completed within the 30 days prior to their admission for the study. If the form is not received from the volunteer, they are called and the form is completed over the phone. A copy of this is referred to our study physician for review. If all items on the questionnaire are marked “NO,” or “YES, but is NOT a current serious health problem,” the form is signed and submitted to the GCRC. If any item is marked “YES”, the study physician phones the participant for further inquiry about their stability to undergo the protocol and this decision is based on physician discretion.