

# WHAT IS SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING (SDB)?

As a root cause to many common conditions, what are the signs and symptoms?

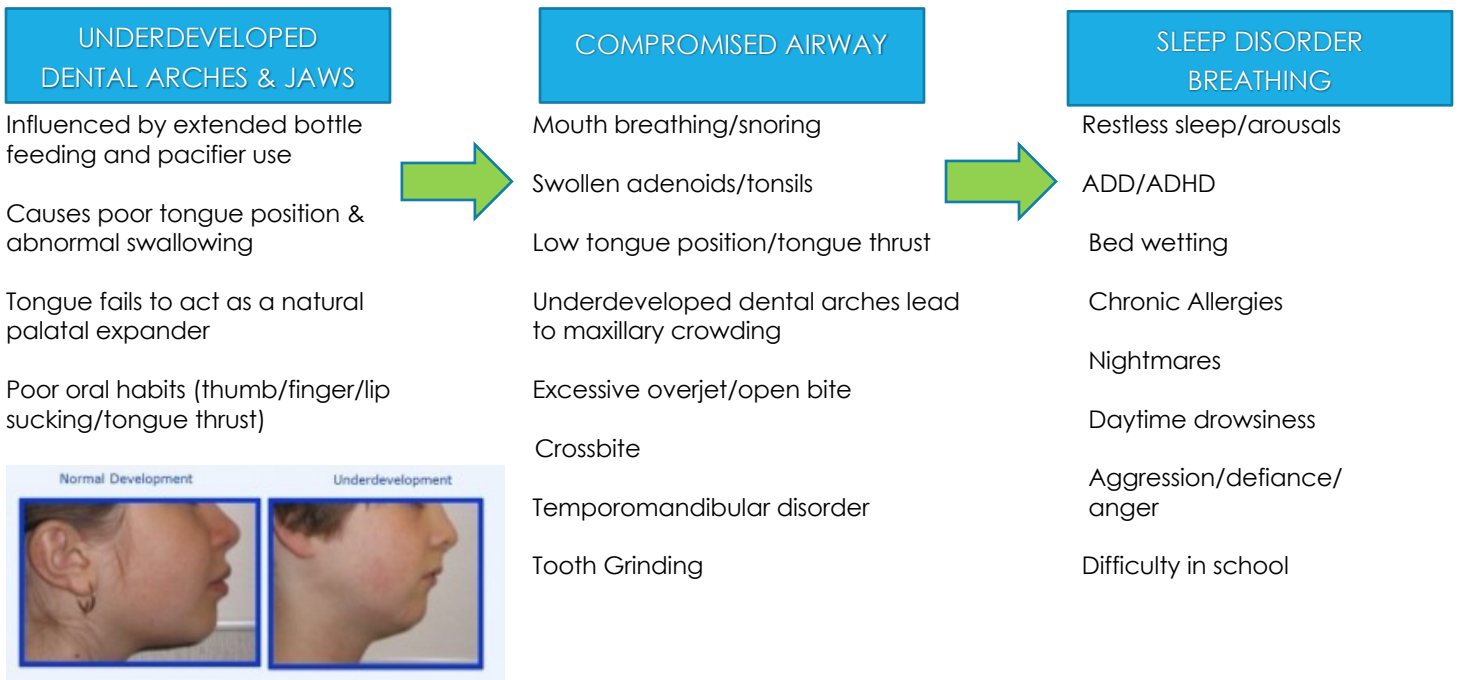
## COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH SDB

ADD/ADHD	Difficulty in school
Aggressive behavior	Delayed or stunted growth
Depression/Anxiety	Dark circles under eyes
Bed wetting	Asthma
Mouth breathing/snoring	Chronic allergies
Restless sleep	Swollen adenoids/tonsils
Nightmares	Tooth grinding
Frequently wakes up at night	Digit sucking
Daytime Drowsiness	Obstructive sleep apnea



## HOW DOES SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING CAUSE THESE ISSUES?

- Mouth breathing reduces air flow and oxygen and increases CO2.
- Unlike nasal breathing, mouth breathing fails to warm, filter and humidify air or release nitric oxide (NO), which kills dust mites and helps prevent inflammation.
- Most prominent symptoms are waking up during the night, restless sleep talking, and easily or frequently falling asleep watching tv or on car rides.
- Affects the brain by reducing REM sleep, lessens toxin removal, and reduces daytime electrochemical transmission between brains cells.
- Affects memory, judgement, attention, awareness, and alertness, causing poor school performance, attention deficit, speech issues and depression/anxiety.
- Affects the immune system by increasing allergies, infections, illnesses, middle ear infections, eczema and asthma.





## Interesting Facts

*Children 6-9 years old with <10 hrs sleep were 1.5-2.5x more likely to be obese.*

*3 consecutive nights of 4-5 hrs of sleep can cause irreversible brain cell damage.*

*Antibody levels increase 56% for each additional hour of sleep.*

*1 night of incomplete sleep can affect endocrine and immune system.*

*90% of the brain is developed in the first 5 years of life, so don't delay having your child thoroughly evaluated for SDB.*

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY CHILD HAS SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING?

Identify and partner with a multi-disciplinary treatment team with leading expertise in pediatric sleep-disordered breathing

Have comprehensive evaluation

Review planned treatment, alternatives, risks, expectations, and other questions

Begin treatment with the multi-disciplinary team

## TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD FOR A SLEEP/AIRWAY/TONGUE TIE CONSULT, CONTACT DR. BRYNN LEROUX AT:

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## WHAT COULD I EXPECT IN A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM?

Pediatric sleep screening and complete medical history review

Soft tissue evaluation, including lip and tongue tie

Caries risk assessment

Patient & parent education

Discussion of appropriate oral appliances that could include but are not limited to: oral habit appliances, myo munchiee appliance, or orthodontics

Potential referral to appropriate therapist and/or orthodontist

Potential referral to ENT surgeon for further airway evaluation

Collaboration with current medical team

