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NUESTROS RELOJES EN PANDEMIA: UN ESTUDIO SOBRE LA DISRUPCIÓN DE LOS RITMOS CIRCADIANOS Y SU RELACIÓN CON LA EXPOSICIÓN A LA LUZ SOLAR Y EL USO DE DISPOSITIVOS DIGITALES DURANTE LA PANDEMIA COVID-19

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RESUMEN

Nuestros ritmos biológicos son de gran importancia y su disfunción pueden causar efectos disruptivos en el sueño, afectando nuestro desempeño en diversas actividades y la salud humana. Las cuarentenas adoptadas debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 produjeron muchos cambios en nuestra vida cotidiana, reduciendo la exposición a la luz solar y alterando los horarios de nuestras actividades sociales. Por este motivo, y debido a que son los principales factores que afectan nuestros ritmos biológicos, se partió de la idea de que la cuarentena realizada en la Argentina pudo haber afectado a nuestros ritmos circadianos, el sueño y el jet lag social. Adicionalmente, se espera que el uso de dispositivos digitales haya aumentado, el cual es otro factor que puede alterar el reloj. En el presente estudio, se propone abordar una nueva mirada sobre nuestros relojes biológicos en la pandemia, enfatizando en la importancia de su funcionamiento y su vinculación con la salud humana.

Palabras clave

Ritmos circadianos - Jet lag social - Luz solar - COVID-19 - Cronotipos - Dispositivos digitales

ABSTRACT

OUR CLOCKS IN PANDEMIC: A STUDY ON THE DISRUPTION OF CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS AND ITS RELATION TO EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT AND THE USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Our biological rhythms are of great importance and their dysfunction can cause disruptive effects on sleep, affecting our performance in various activities and human health. The different lockdowns adopted due to the COVID-19 pandemic produced many changes in our daily lives, reducing exposure to sunlight and altering the schedules of our social activities. Since these are the main entrainment factors for biological rhythms, we proposed that the quarantine carried out in Argentina could have affected our circadian rhythms, sleep and social jet lag.

Additionally, we hypothesized that the use of digital devices has increased during the pandemic, which is another factor that can disrupt the clock. In this study, we proposed to take a new look at our biological clocks in the pandemic, emphasizing the importance of their proper functioning and their relation with human health.

Keywords

Circadian rhythms - Social jet lag - Sunlight exposure - COVID-19 - Chronotypes - Digital devices

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