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Sleep hygiene guidelines

- 1. Maintain consistent sleep onset and wake-up times.
- 2. When naps are taken, limit them to less than 30 minutes.
- 3. Perform any desired exercise or vigorous activities, including work projects, at least 4 to 6 hours before bedtime.
- 4. Devote 30 to 60 minutes to performing a relaxation routine, whether that be reading, watching television, doing a puzzle, or sorting through problems, <u>before</u> attempting to sleep.
- 5. Limit all caffeine products (i.e., coffe, tea, chocolate, sodas), especially in the evenings.
- 6. Recommend leaving the bedroom when not sleepy.
- 7. Use the bedroom for sleep and sexual relations only.
- 8. Avoid meals and heavy snacks before bedtime.
- 9. Avoid environmental disturbances that could be disruptive to sleep.
- 10. Avoid alcohol consumption.