

STOP BANG

Screening for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Ask your patient to answer the following questions to determine if he or she is at risk of obstructive sleep apnea.

S (snore)	Have you been told that you snore?	YES	NO
T (tired)	Are you often tired during the day?	YES	NO
O (obstruction)	Do you know if you stop breathing, or has anyone witnessed you stop breathing while you are asleep?	YES	NO
P (pressure)	Do you have high blood pressure, or are you on medication to control high blood pressure?	YES	NO

If the patient answered yes to two or more questions on the STOP portion, he or she is at risk of obstructive sleep apnea.

To find out if the patient is at moderate to severe risk of obstructive sleep apnea, he or she should complete the BANG questions below.

B (BMI)	Is your body mass index greater than 28?	YES	NO
A (age)	Are you 50 years old or older?	YES	NO
N (neck)	Are you a male with a neck circumference greater than 17 inches, or a female with a neck circumference greater than 16 inches.	YES	NO
G (gender)	Are you a male?	YES	NO

The more questions the patient answers yes to, the greater his or her risk of having moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea.

OSA **Low Risk**: Yes on 0–2 questions

OSA **Intermediate Risk**: Yes on 3–4 questions

OSA **High Risk**: Yes on 5–8 questions

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