

NARCOLEPSY — HAVE WE FOUND ALL MYSTERIES OF THE ILLNESS?

Summary

Narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder, characterized by excessive daytime sleepiness, cataplexy and disorders of REM sleep. Narcolepsy is linked with hypocretin deficiency in central nervous system. There is ongoing evidence that loss of

hypocretin neurons is caused most probably by autoimmune process. This paper presents clinical characteristics of narcolepsy, diagnostic and therapeutic management in narcolepsy, as well as the most recent data on etiology of the disorder.