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Lecture

Highlights of the new Dutch OSA guideline

The new Dutch OSA guideline is a thorough makeover of the previous edition that was published in 2009. Meanwhile, insights in the pathogenesis and clinical presentation of OSA have changed profoundly. The essentials of these new features and the implications for treatment will be reviewed.