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# Dedication

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#### Abstract

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The aim of the current study was aimed to assess the association between perceived stress, poor sleep quality, and mental well-being. It was hypothesized that there would be an association between perceived stress, poor sleep quality and mental well-being in young adults. A secondary hypothesis was sleep quality would be a moderator between perceived stress and mental well-being among young adults. A sample of 488 young adults including men (n=244) and women (n=244) ranging in age from 19 to 25 years (M = 20.38 and SD = 1.76) was taken from different private and government sector universities. Convenience sampling strategy was used to approach participants and collect data. Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (Buysse, 1989), Perceived Stress Scale (Cohen, 1983) and Warwich Edinburgh Mental Well Being Scale (Warwich and Edinburgh, 2008) were used to access the perceived stress, poor sleep quality and mental well-being. Pearson product moment correlation and moderation analysis through AMOS were used to test hypotheses. For additional findings independent samples *t*-test were applied. The findings of the study revealed that perceived was found to have a positive association with poor sleep quality and negative association with mental well-being. Additional findings revealed that there were significant differences in perceived stress, poor sleep quality and mental wellbeing in young adults related to the family system, gender and universities. The present study had implication in clinical and counseling psychology.

*Keywords:* perceived stress, poor sleep quality, mental well-being, young adults, universities, association.

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