

Carotid Angioplasty Evolution – 2018



Accumulating two-year clinical and duplex ultrasound evidence from the CGuard **PARADIGM-Extend** prospective academic trial: Durability of stroke prevention

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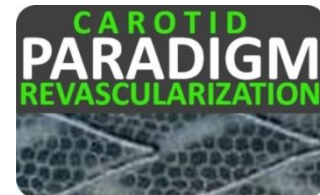
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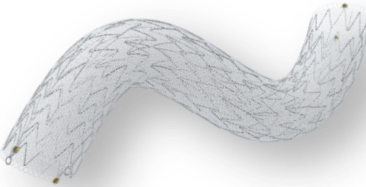
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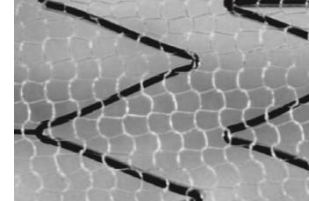




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Evidence
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CGuard Clinical Studies



- CARENET (MRI) *Multi-specialty*
- PARADIGM *Multi-specialty*
- Hamburg/Heide *INR*
- IRON-Guard *Vascular Surgery*
- TORINO (MRI) *INR*
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- CEA vs. TCAR-CGurad *Vascular Surgery*
- CGuard vs. Acculink RCT *(DW-MRI)*

2018 **IRON-Guard II** (n=500, *Vascular Surgery*)
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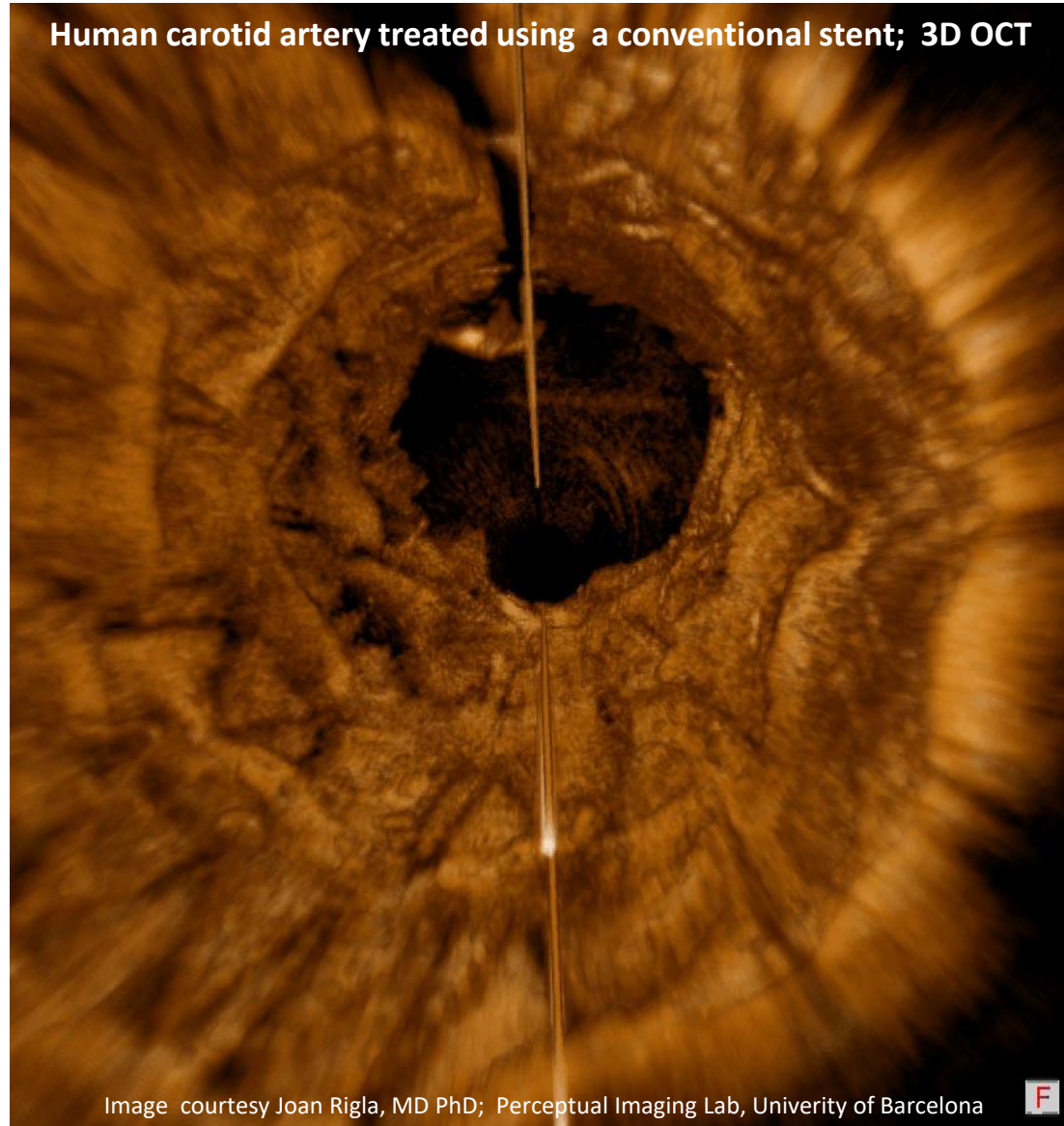
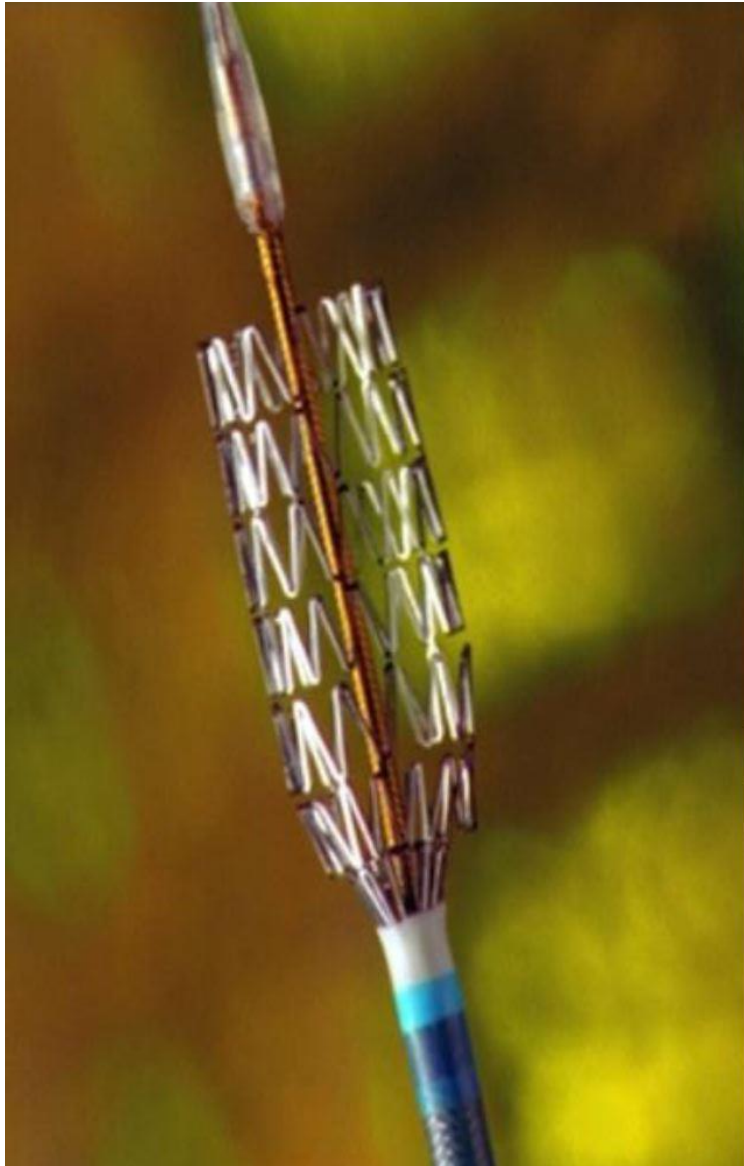
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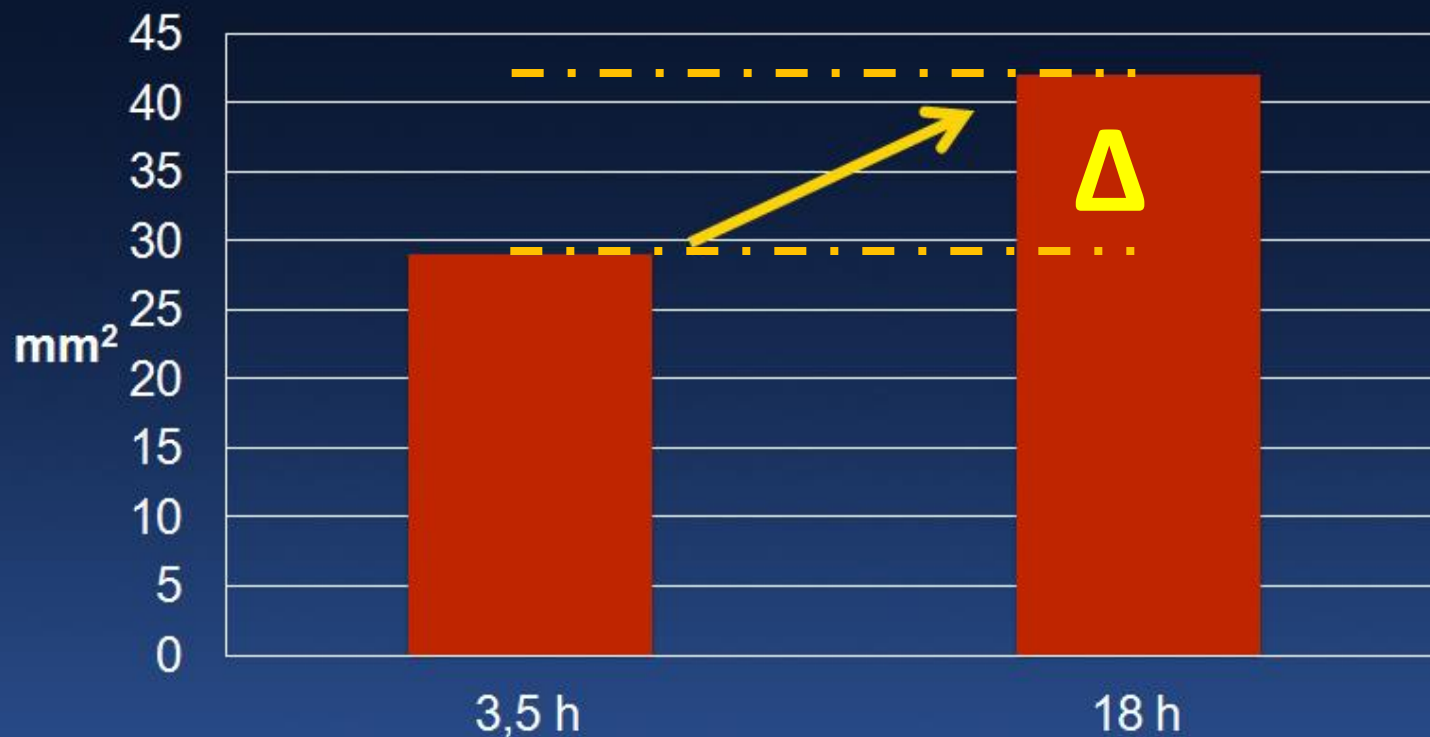
The Problem of Conventional Carotid Stents



Post-procedural Embolization with **conventional** carotid stents

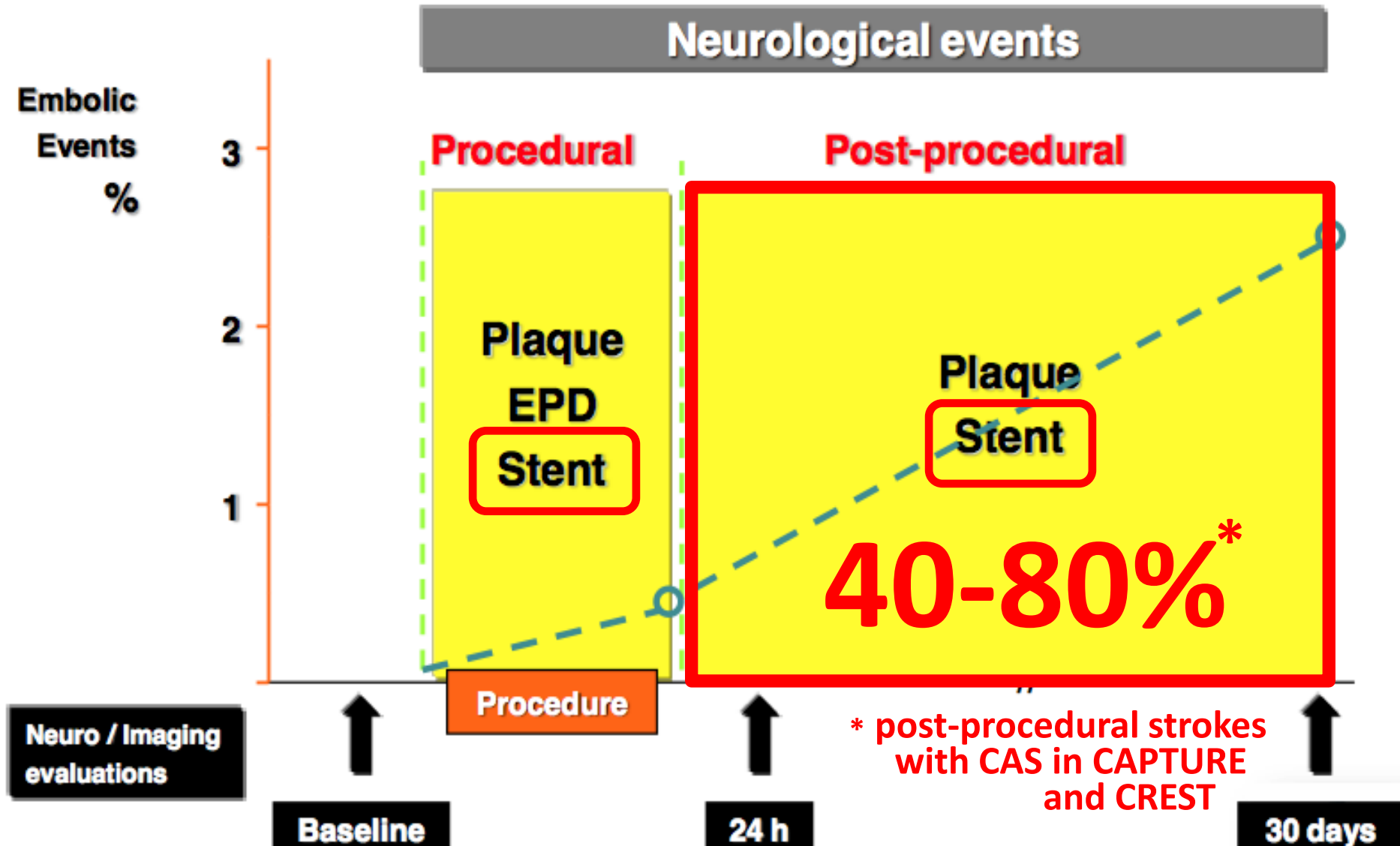
DW-MRI post CAS

Mean total lesion area



Schofer J et al, JACC Cardiovasc interv 2008

Timing of neuro-embolic events after CAS



Role of CAS in 2018

- CEA excludes the plaque
- In CAS, the stent should exclude the plaque too

Conventional Carotid Stent



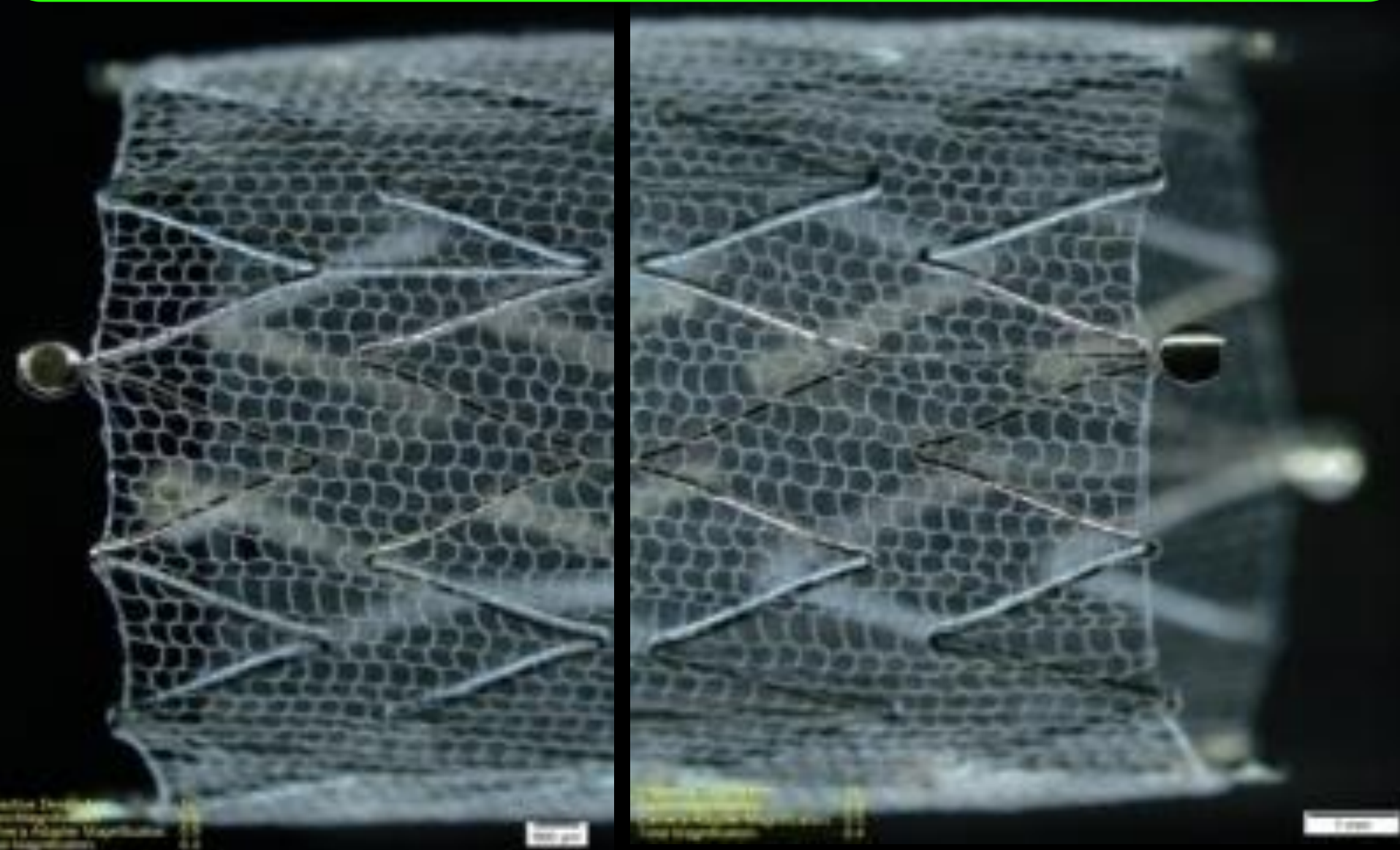
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Plaque protrusion may lead to early and late distal embolization



CGuard™ embolic prevention system

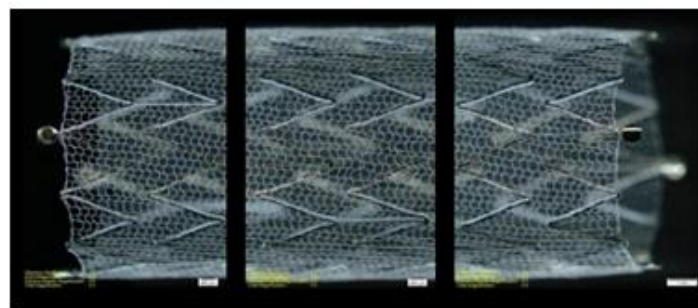


CGuard™ – Carotid Embolic Prevention System

System specifications	
Stent type	Nitinol – self expanding
Micronet aperture size	150-180 μm
Guidewire	0.014"
Sizes	
- Diameter	6-10mm
- Length	20-60mm



carotid-dedicated design



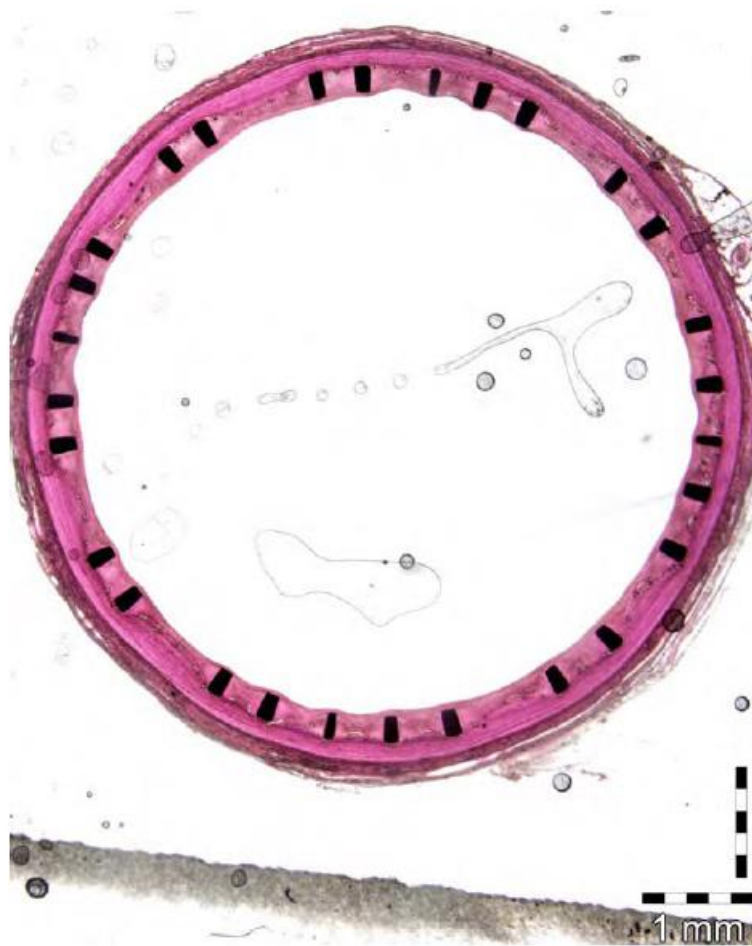
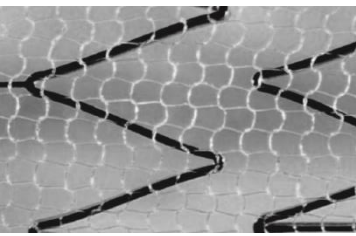
Nitinol frame open-cell area $\approx 21 \text{ mm}^2$

MicroNet closed-cell area $\approx 0.3 \text{ mm}^2$

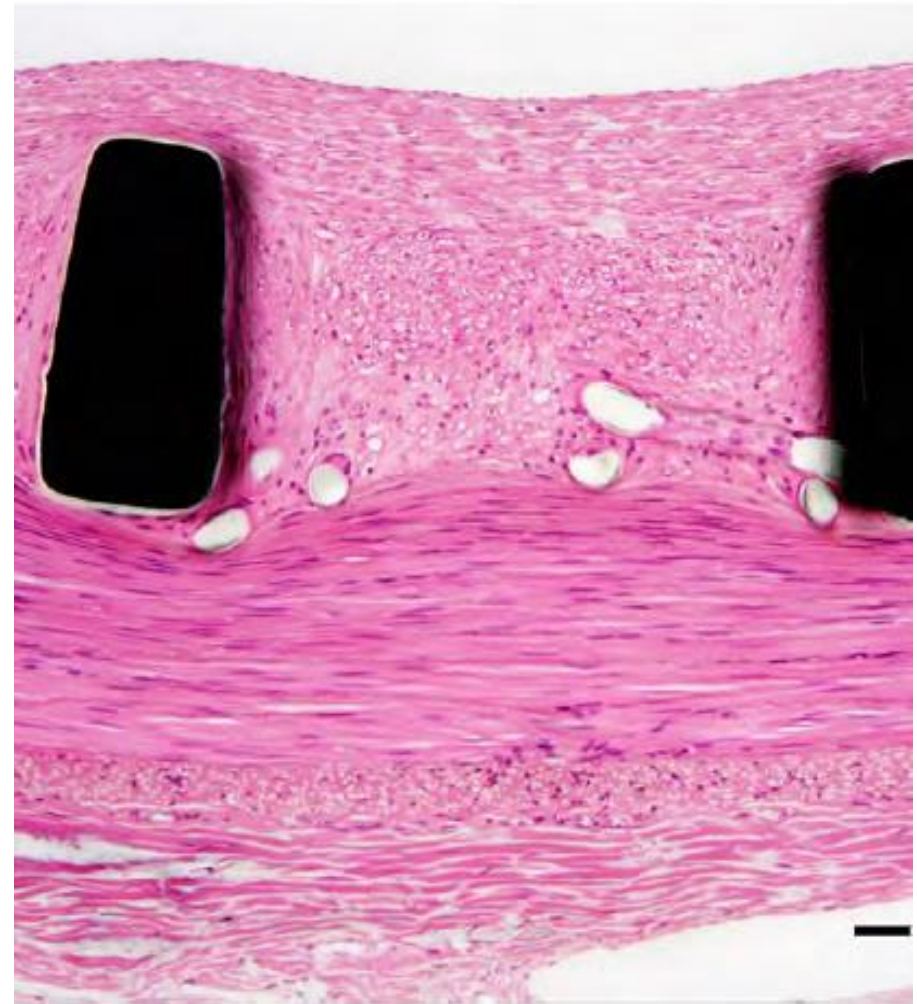
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CGuard EPS 90 days/pig

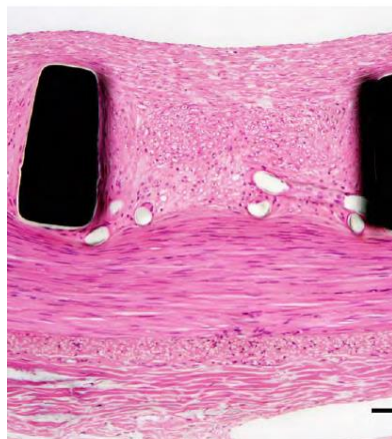
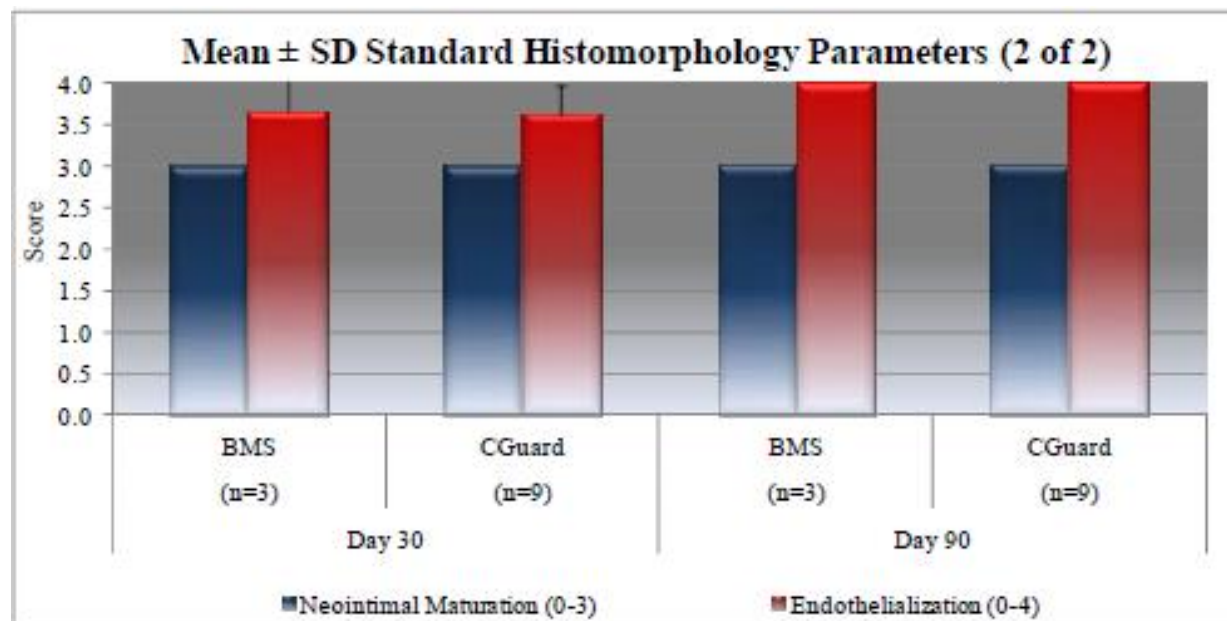


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CGuard EPS 30 & 90 days / pig

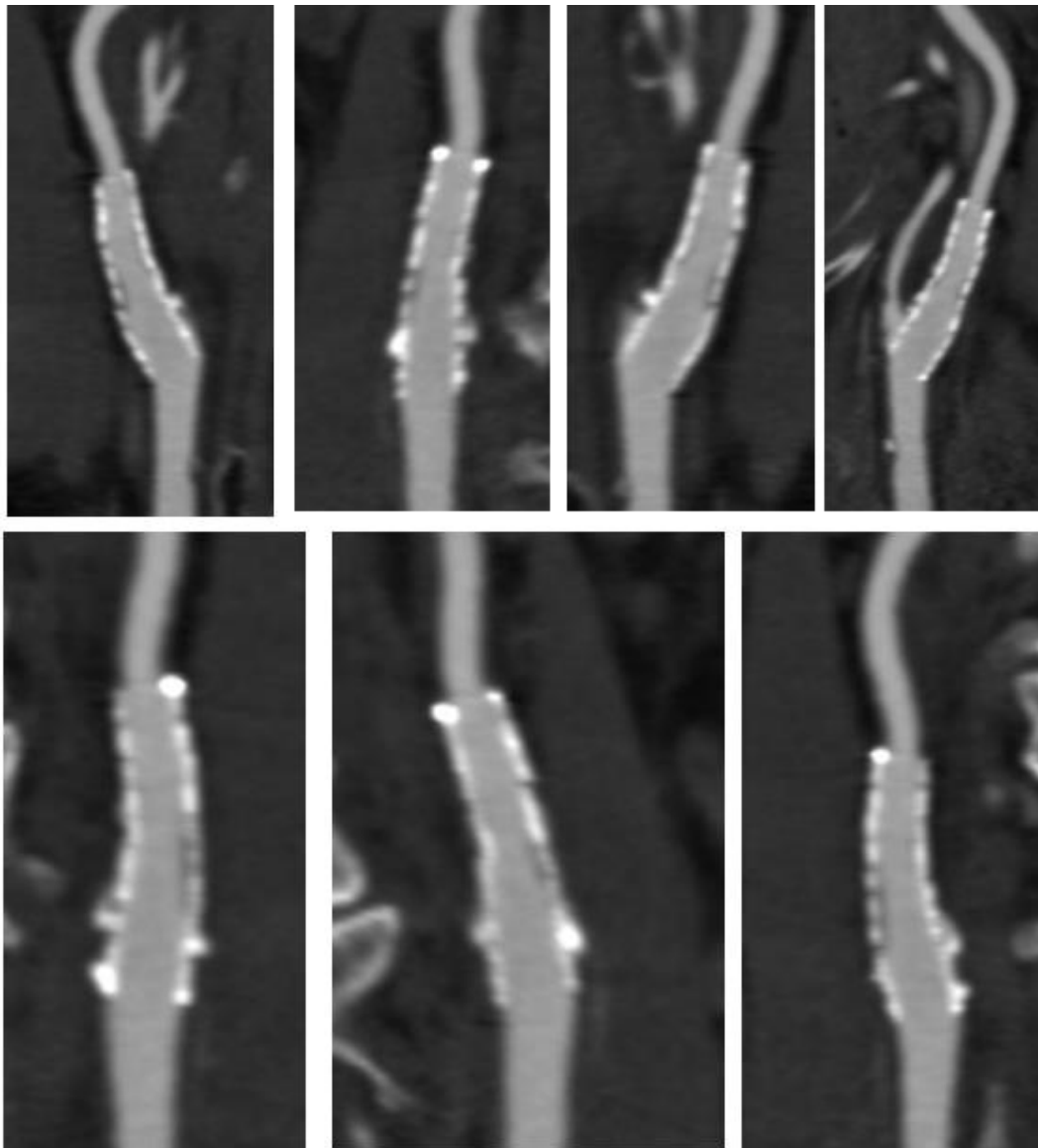


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Mean \pm SD and Median Standard Histomorphology Parameters								
Parameter	Day 30				Day 90			
	BMS (n=3)		CGuard (n=9)		BMS (n=3)		CGuard (n=9)	
Injury (0-3)	0.00 \pm 0.01	0.00	0.00 \pm 0.01	0.00	0.01 \pm 0.02	0.00	0.00 \pm 0.01	0.00
Inflammation (0-3)	0.43 \pm 0.23	0.51	0.41 \pm 0.22	0.36	0.17 \pm 0.16	0.11	0.09 \pm 0.08	0.07
Neointimal Fibrin (0-3)	1.13 \pm 0.23	1.00	0.82 \pm 0.37	1.00	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00
Adventitial Fibrosis (0-3)	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00	0.02 \pm 0.07	0.00	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00
Neointimal Maturation (0-3)	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00	3.00 \pm 0.00	3.00
Endothelialization (0-4)	3.67 \pm 0.42	3.80	3.62 \pm 0.35	3.80	4.00 \pm 0.00	4.00	4.00 \pm 0.00	4.00

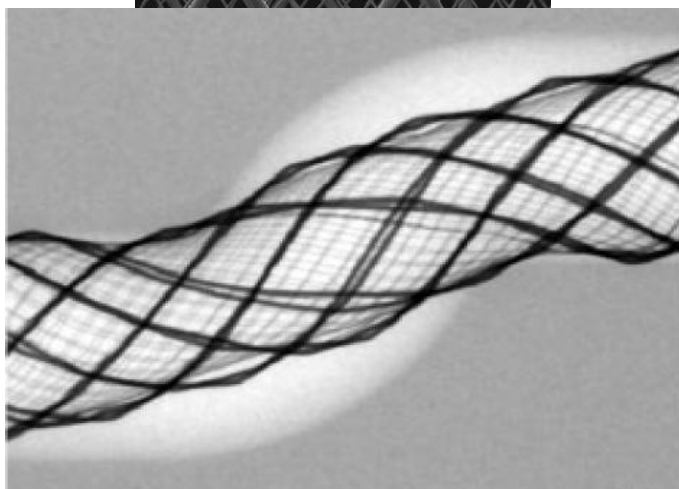
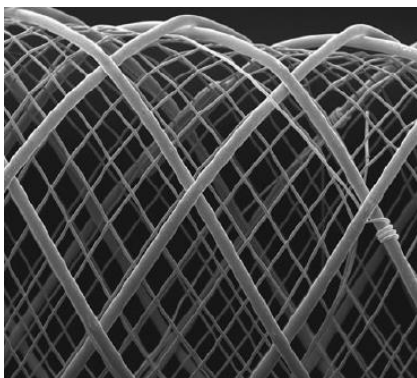
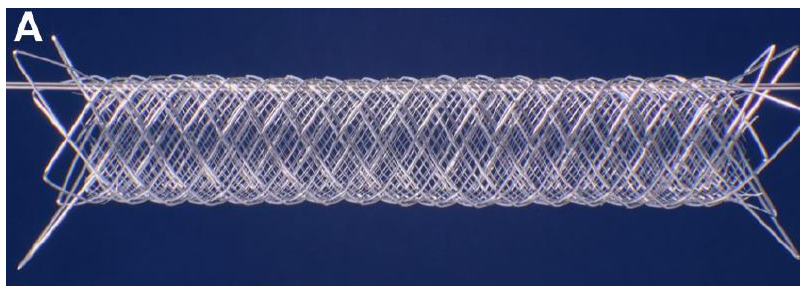
BMS = non mesh-covered CGuard nitinol frame; InspireMD data / used with permission

Normal Long-Term Healing

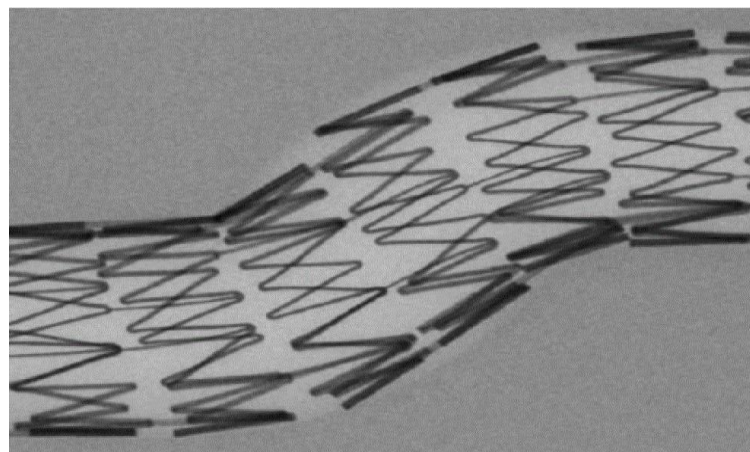
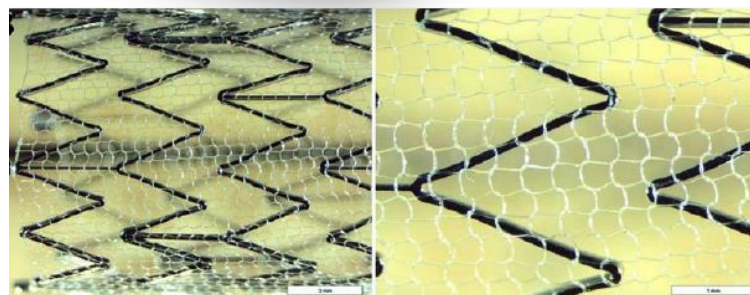


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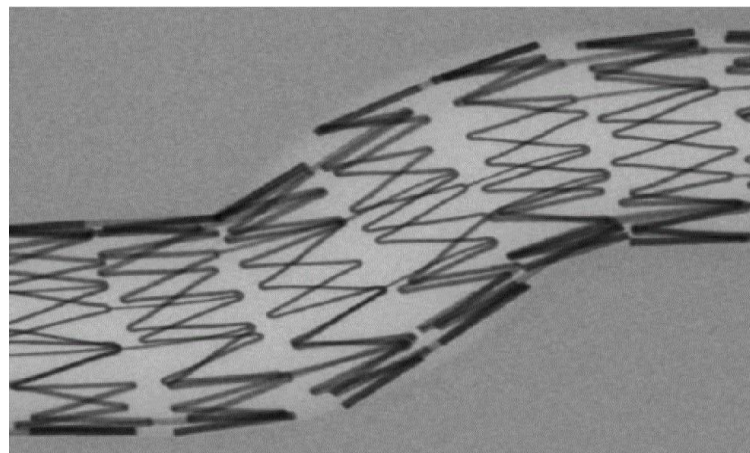
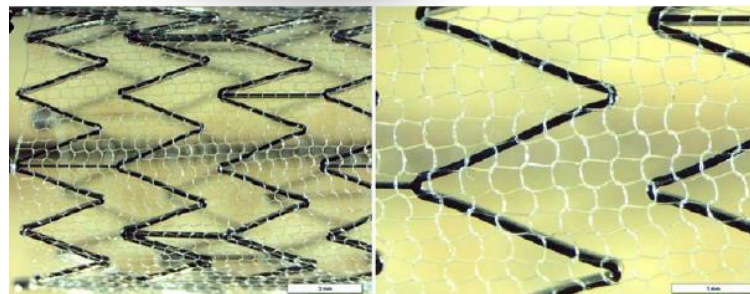
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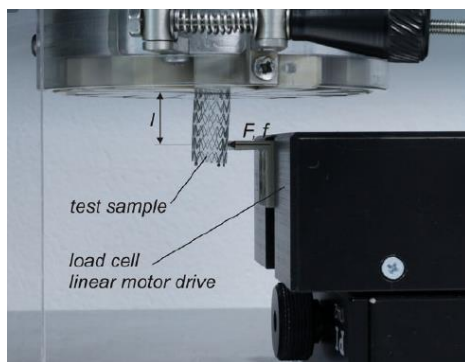


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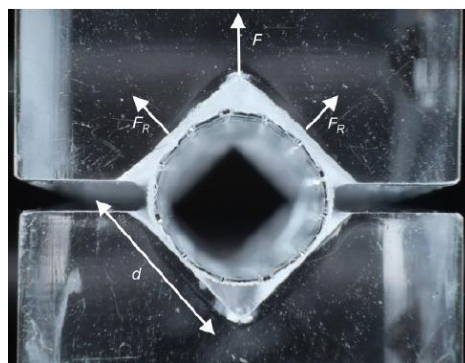


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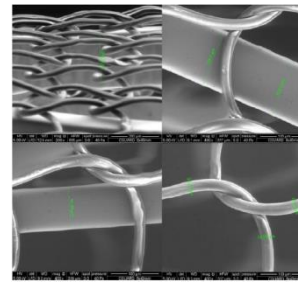
- Radial Force as the PRECISE stent
- NO foreshortening/elongation
- Widely open-cell structure of the stent frame results in a FULL APPPOSITION



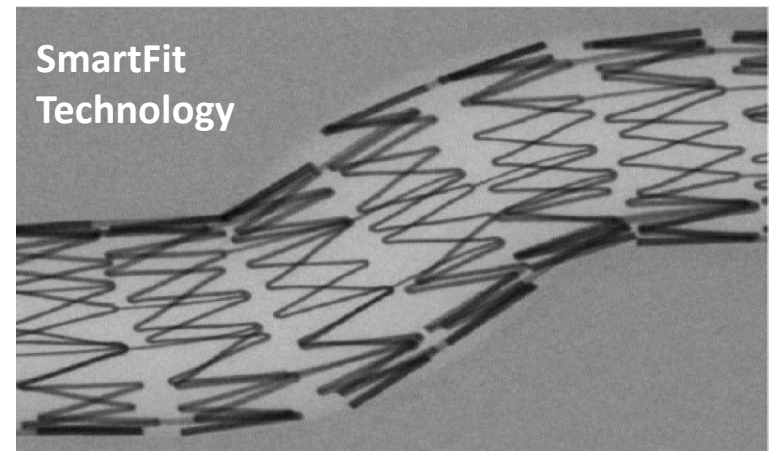
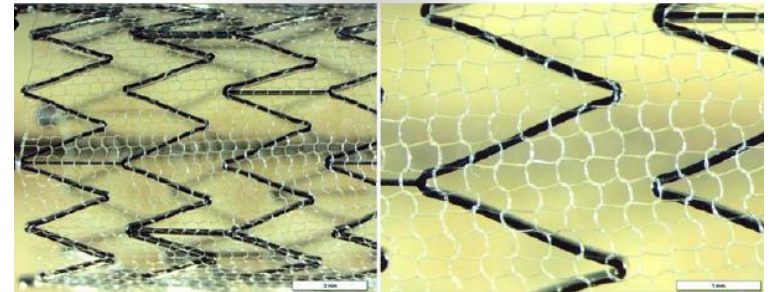
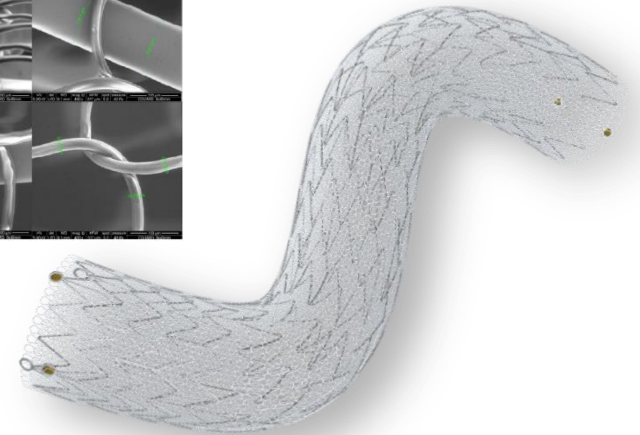
Bending Stiffness



Radial Force



SEM



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at B/L, 24-48h after CAS, and at 30 days**

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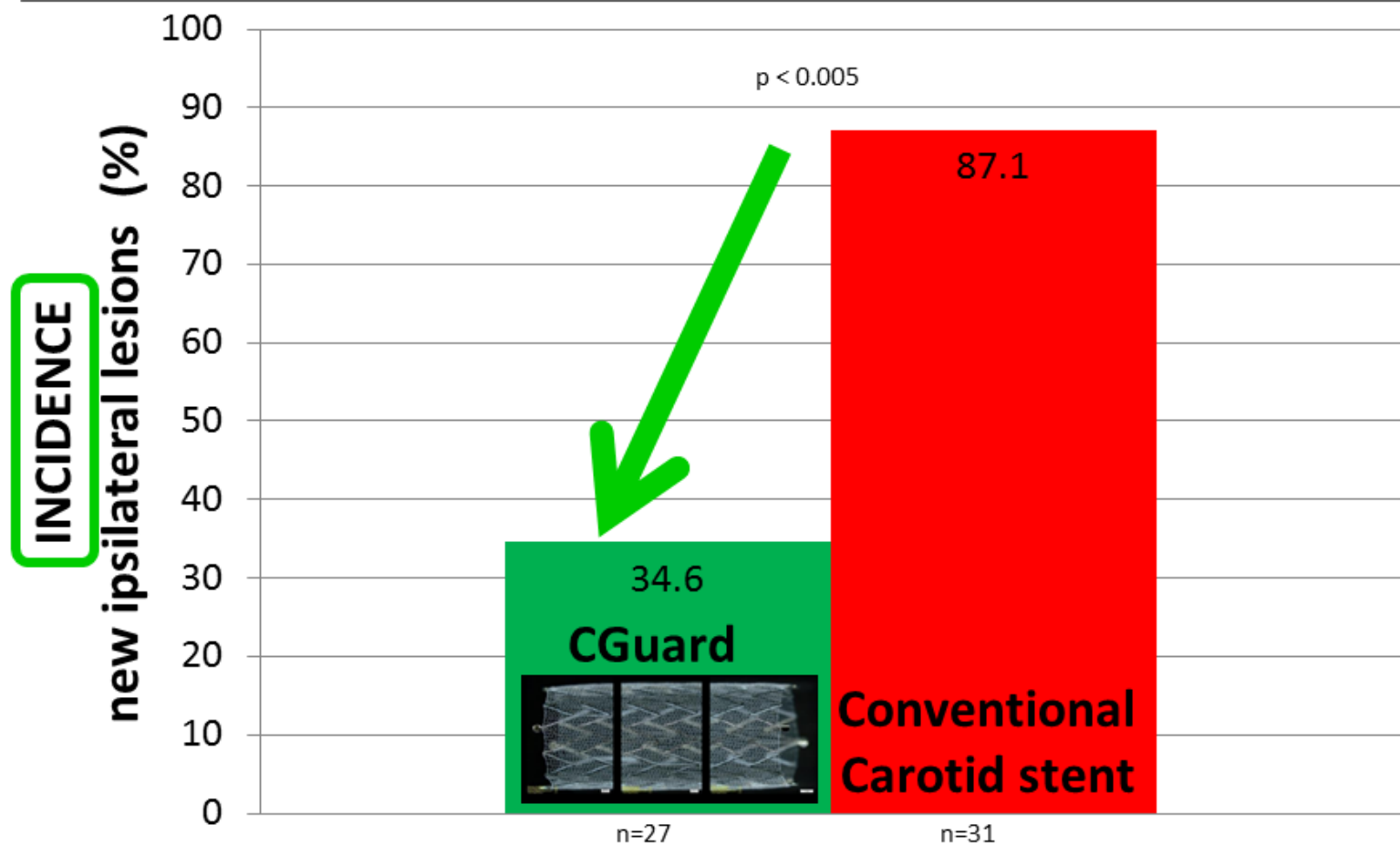
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CARENET vs PROFI: DW-MRI analysis

DW-MRI analysis @ 48 hours



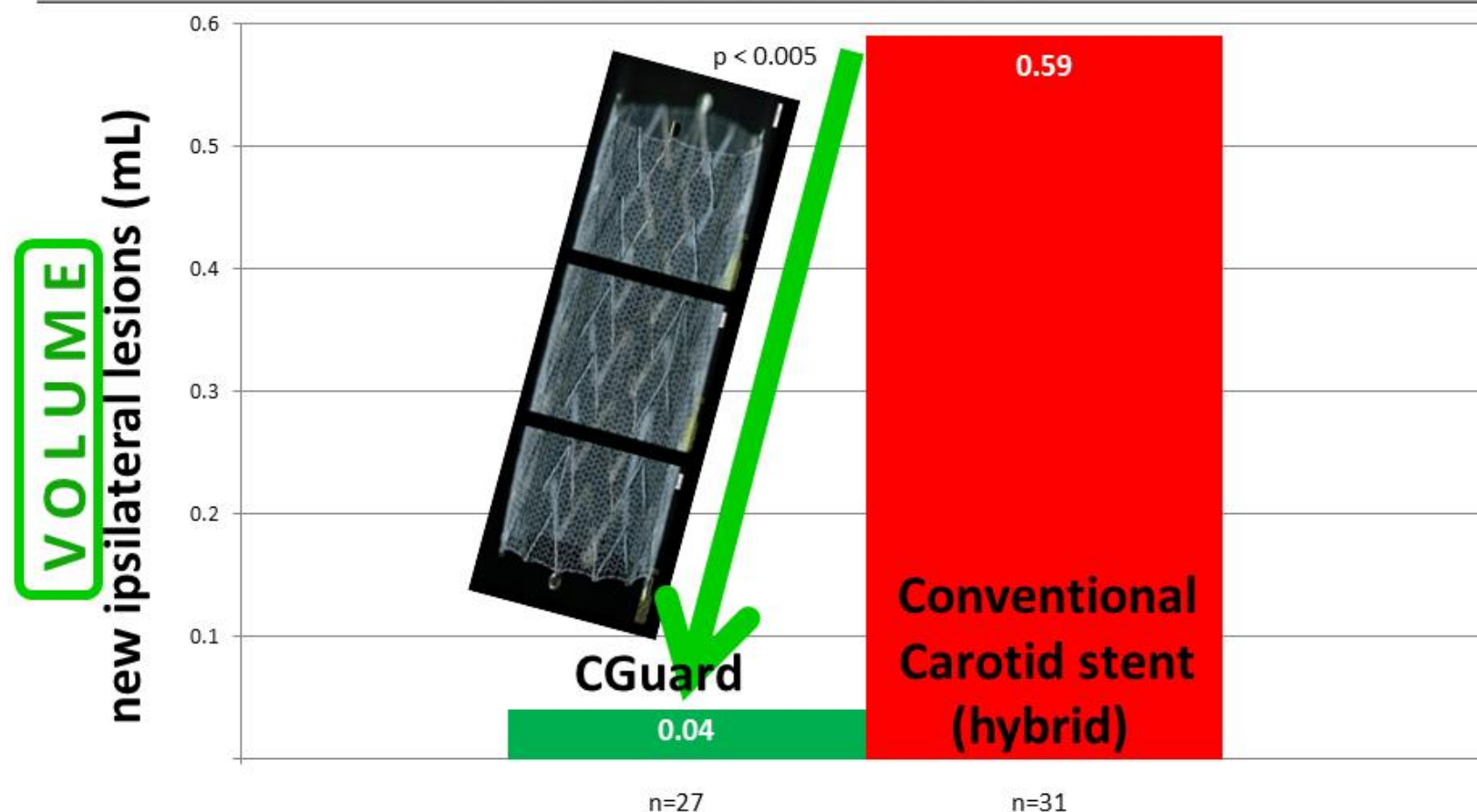
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CARENET DW-MRI analysis^{*}

All but one peri-procedural ipsilateral lesions

RESOLVED

DW-MRI analysis @ 30 days^{*}

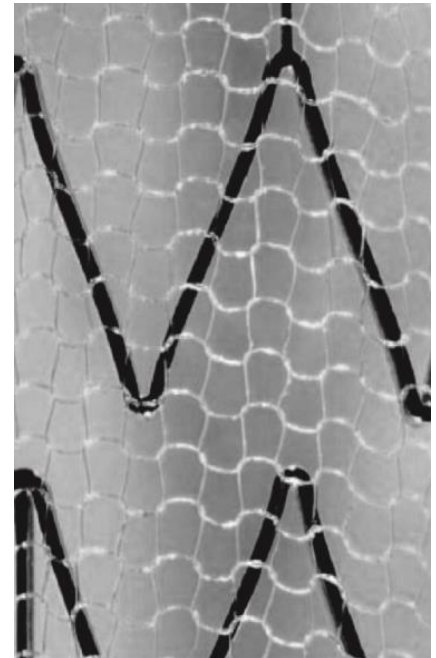
Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions	1
Average lesion volume (cm ³)	0.08 ± 0.00
Permanent lesions at 30 days	1

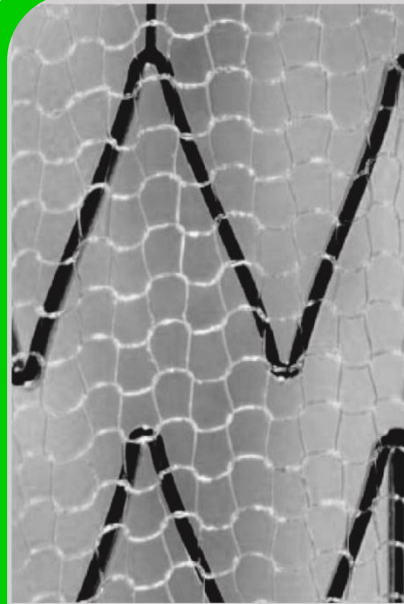
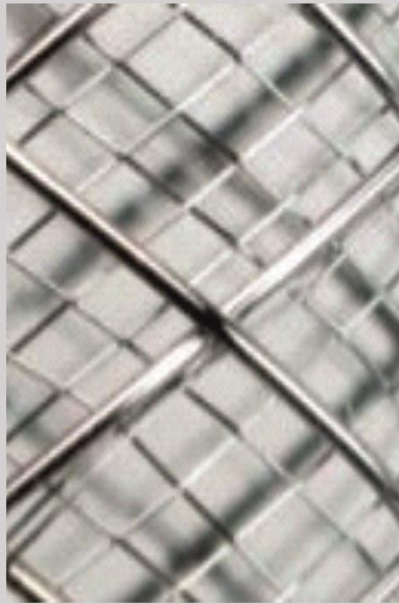
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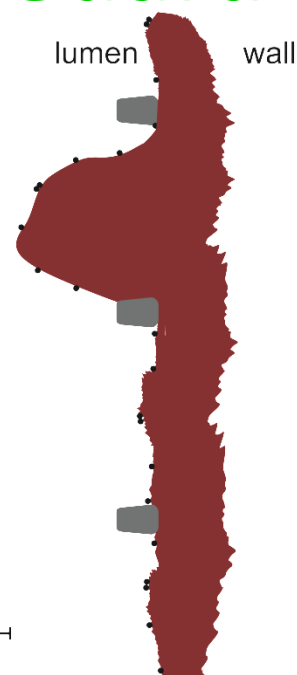
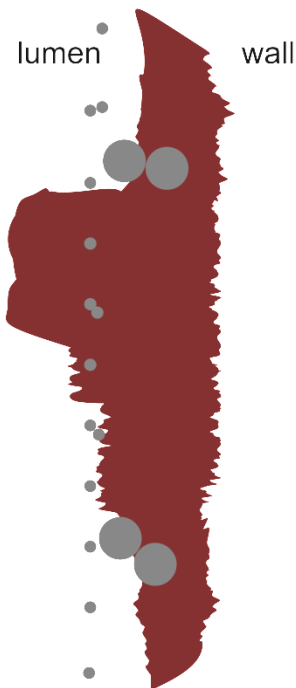
Human 3D OCT, symptomatic lesion

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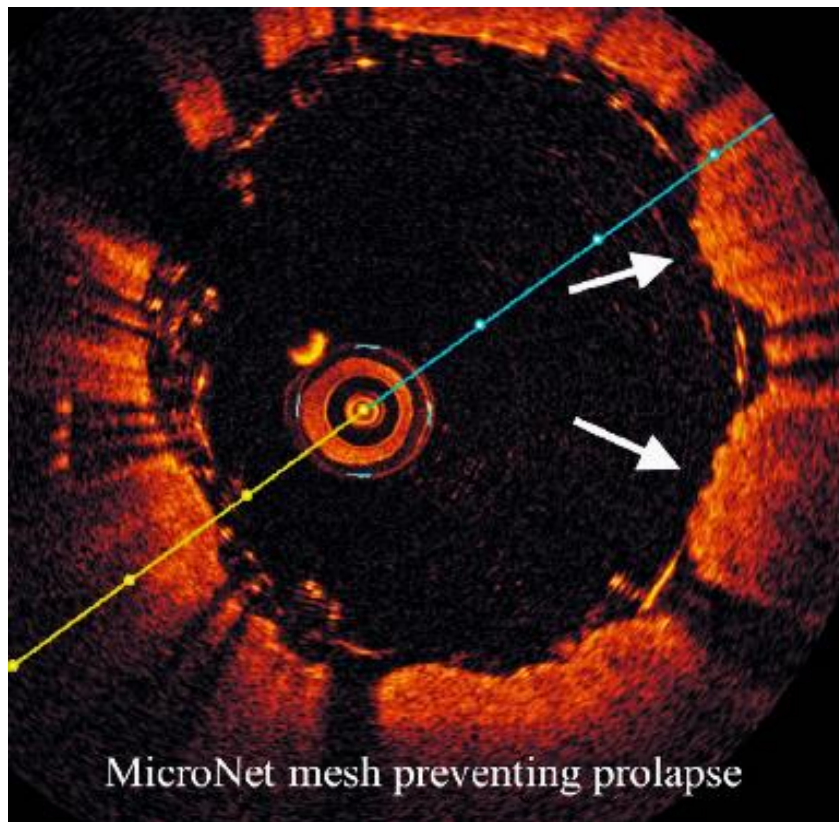




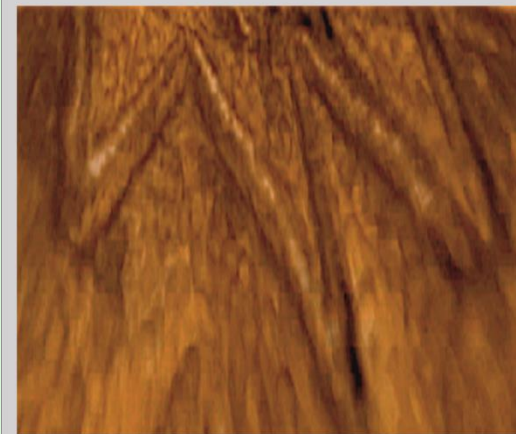
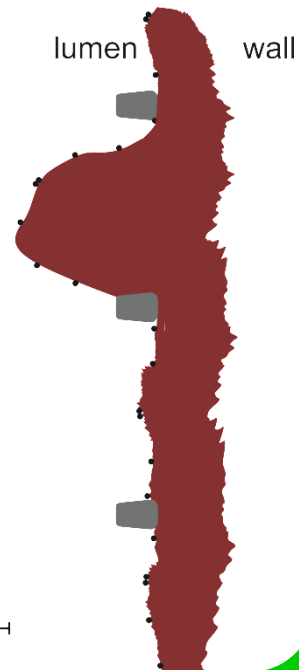
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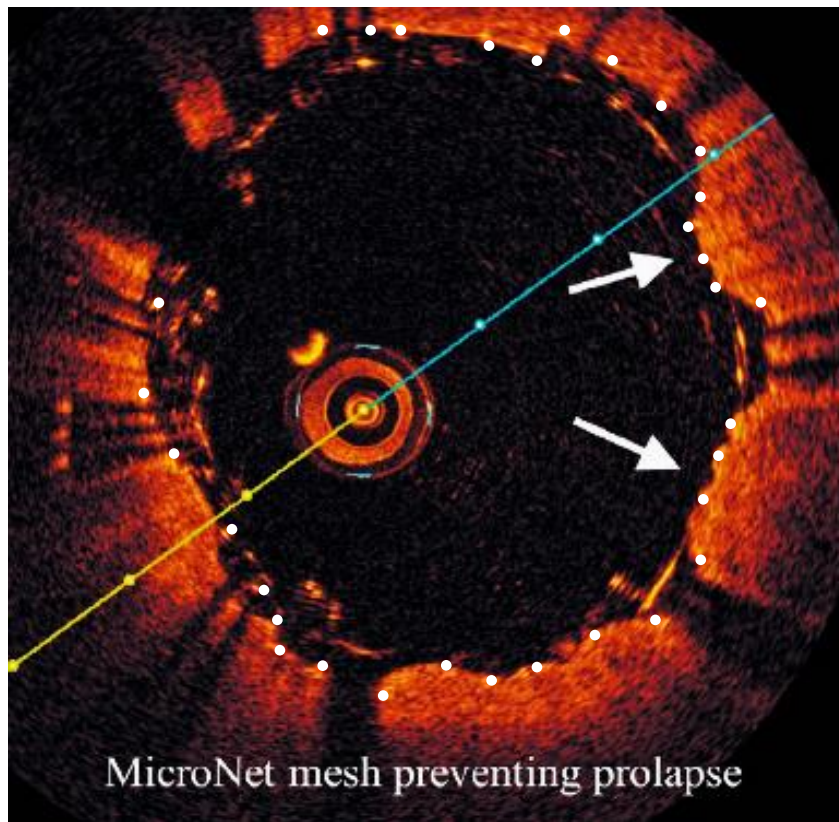
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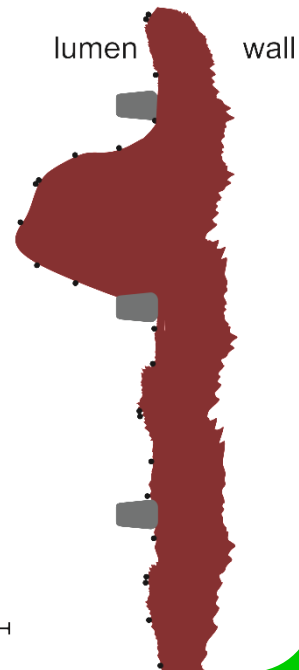
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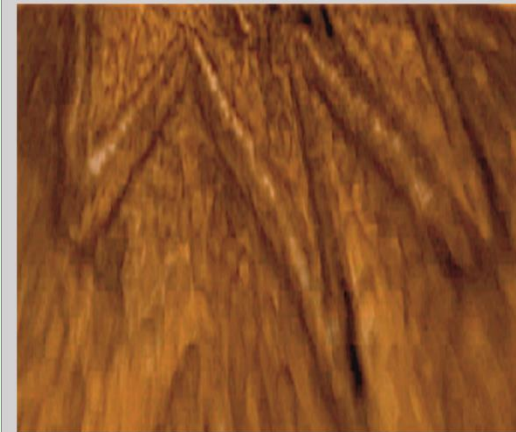
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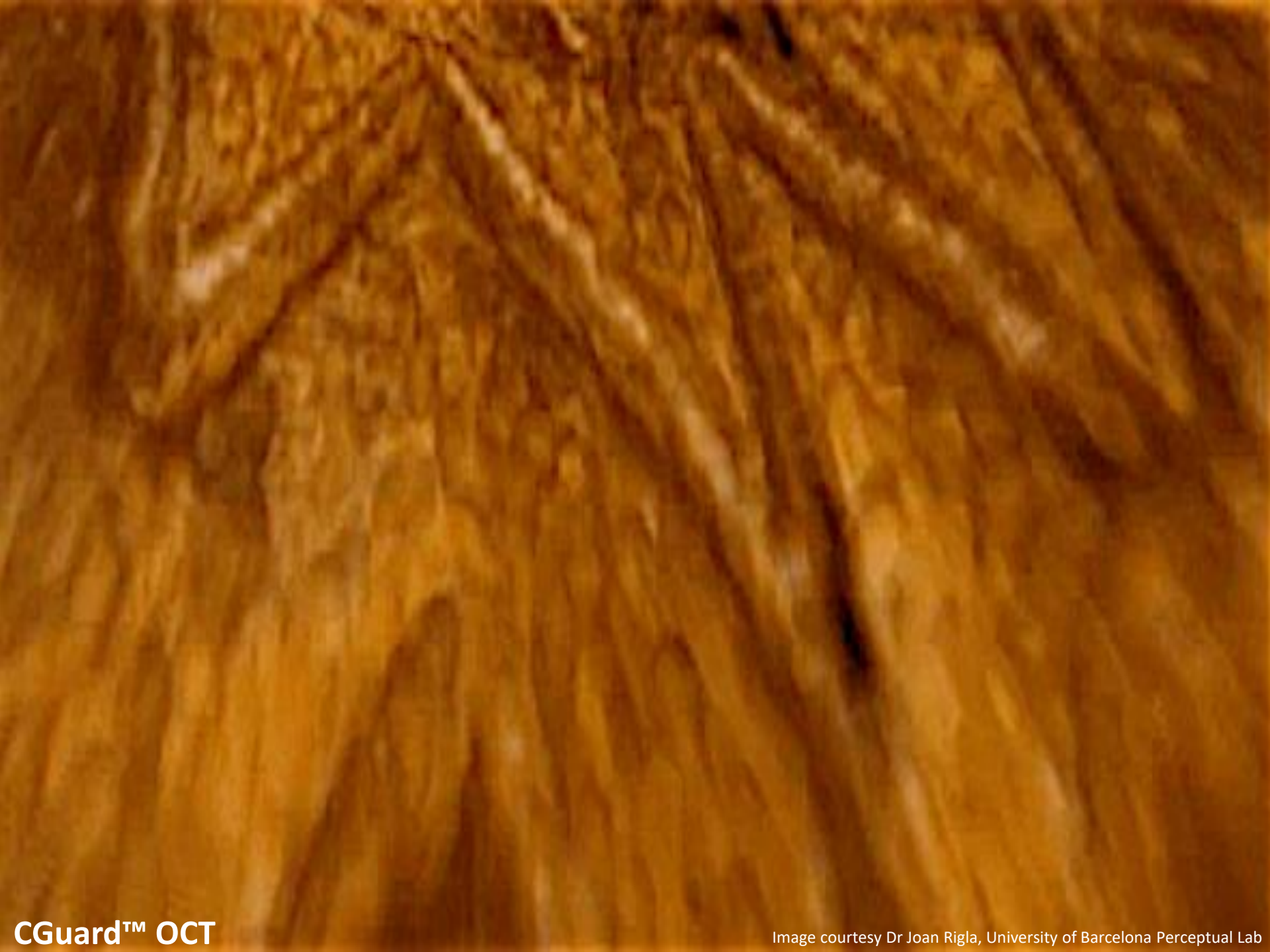
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12 months

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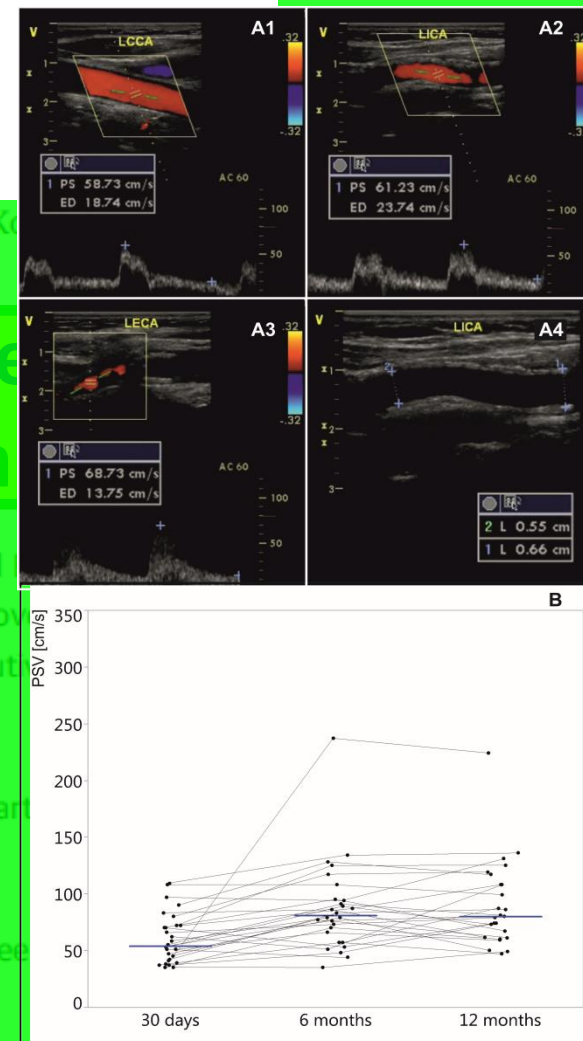
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- No ISR issue

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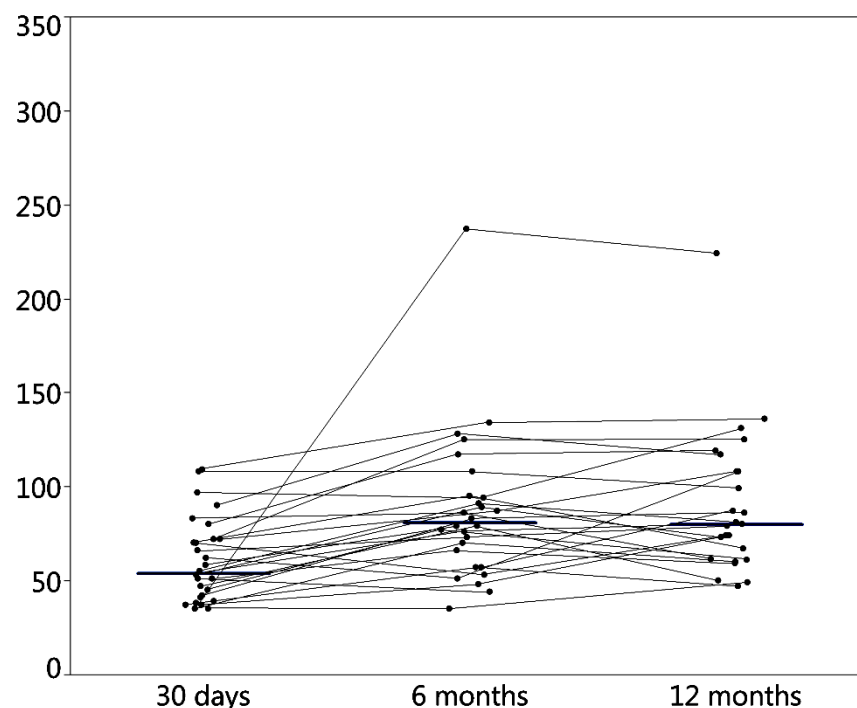
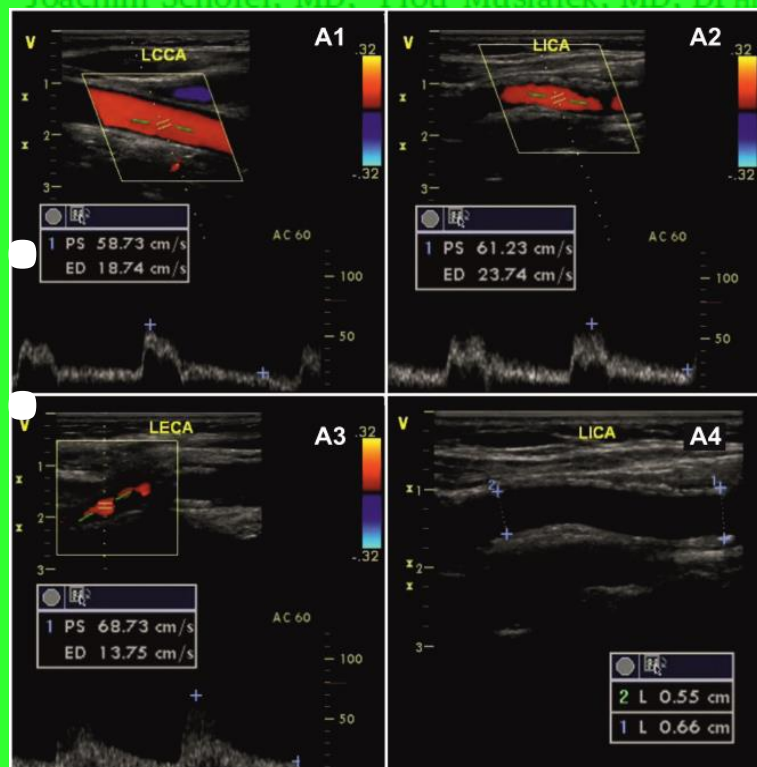


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The **PARADIGM** study

target

100 consecutive CAS pts / 12mo*





Objective

- to evaluate feasibility and outcome of routine anti-embolic stent system use in unselected, consecutive patients referred for carotid revascularization ('all-comer' study)

PARADIGM study: referrals flow chart

139 carotid stenosis patient referrals



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Neuro Vascular Team

- Neurologist
- Interventional angiologist
- Vascular surgeon
- Cardiologist

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**for carotid
revascularisation
108 patients**

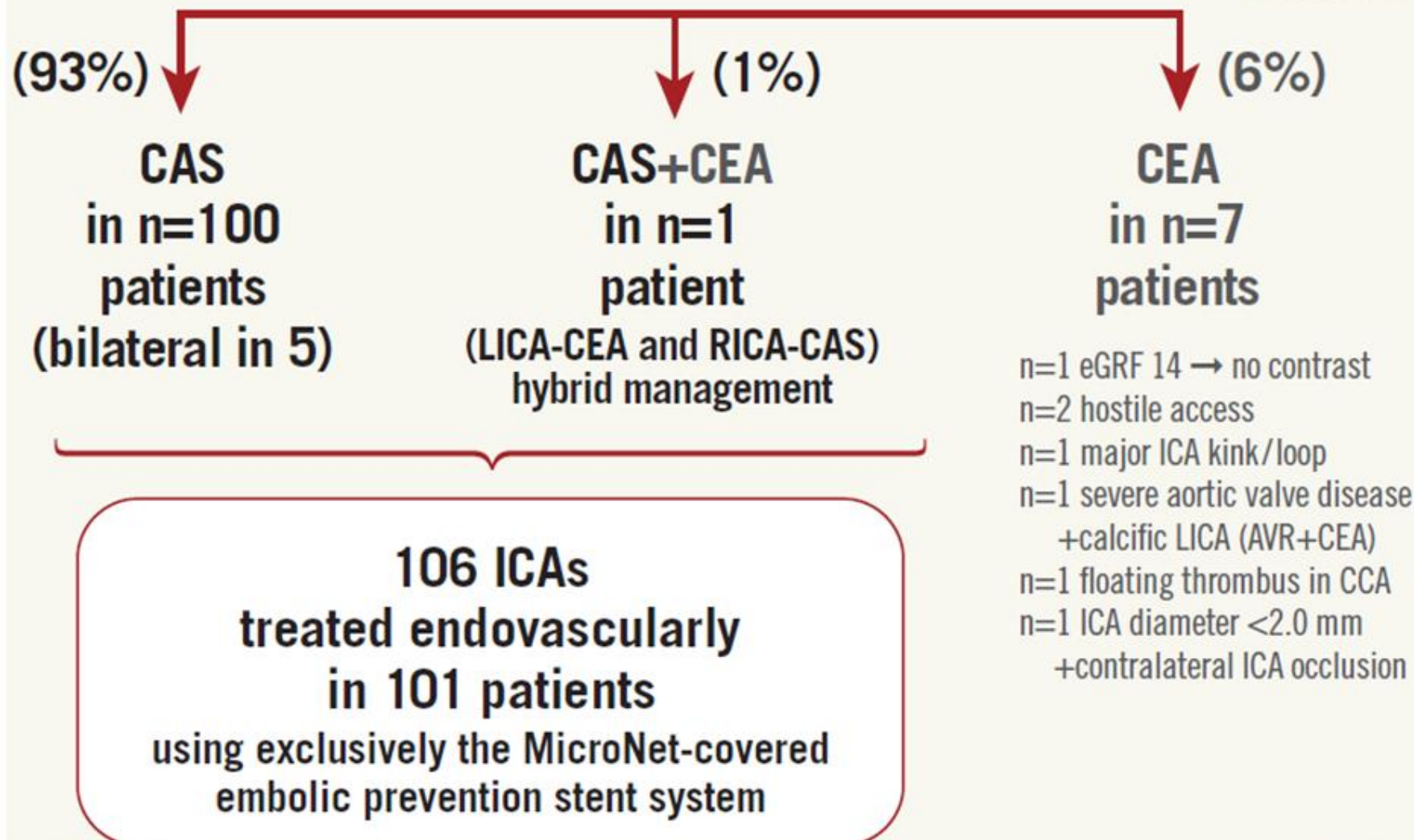
**NOT for carotid
revascularisation
31 patients**

n=24: increased stroke risk and/or lesion severity criteria not met
n=2: ICA totally occluded on verification
n=2: ICA functional occluded + h/o prior ipsilateral large cerebral infarct with haemorrhagic transformation
n=1: major post-stroke disability, ICA functionally occluded
n=1: severe circulatory failure (ICA stenosis asympt.)
n=1: malignancy with limited life expectancy (ICA stenosis asympt.)

P. Musialek, A. Mazurek et al. *EuroIntervention* 2016;12:e658-70

PARADIGM study: revascularisation flow chart

108 patients for carotid revascularisation



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Table 1. Clinical characteristics of the study patients (n=101).

Age, mean±SD (min-max)	69±7 (51-86)
Male, % (n)	70% (71)
Symptomatic, % (n)	55% (55)
Symptomatic ≤14 days, % (n)	22%* (12)
Acutely symptomatic (emergent CAS), % (n)	14%* (9)
Index lesion (CAS), % (n)	
RICA	51% (52)
LICA	49% (49)
RICA+LICA	5% (5)
CAD, % (n)	63% (64)
h/o MI, % (n)	32% (32)
CABG or PCI in the past, % (n)	40% (40)
PCI as bridge to CAS, % (n)	18% (18**)
AFib (h/o or chronic), % (n)	9% (9)
Diabetes, % (n)	41% (41)
h/o neck or chest radiotherapy, % (n)	6% (6)
*proportion of symptomatic patients; **simultaneous (one-stage) PCI+CAS in 4 patients; h/o: history of	

Table 2. Quantitative lesion characteristics (n=106), NPD type, CGuard MN-EPS in situ characteristics.

	All (n=106 lesions)	Symptomatic n=55	Asymptomatic n=51	p-value
Before CAS				
PSV, m/s	3.7±1.2	3.7±1.1	3.7±1.2	0.964
EDV, m/s	1.2±0.5	1.1±0.5	1.2±0.5	0.268
Diameter stenosis % (QA)	83±9	80±9	86±9	0.002
CAS				
EPD type				
Proximal	46% (49)	56% (31)	35% (18)	0.030
Distal	54% (57)	44% (24)	65% (33)	

**external
Corelab**

ICA reference diameter
4.99 ± 0.36mm (from 4.27 to 6.02 mm)

Lesion length
19.9 ± 5.8mm (from 8.19 to 30.25 mm)

* **Emboshield** (n=11); **FilterWire** (n=15); **Spider** (n=31)
Gore FlowReversal (n=6) or flow reversal with **MoMa** (n=43);
(mean flow reversal time was 6min 35s, from 3min 51s to 11min 2s)

Direct (primary) stenting in 9 (8.5%); predilatation in 97 (91.5%) lesions
Postdil. balloon: ø 4.5mm (n=9); ø 5.0mm (n=55); ø 5.5mm (n=37); ø 6.0mm (n=9)

Table 2.(cont'd) CGuard MN-EPS in situ characteristics.

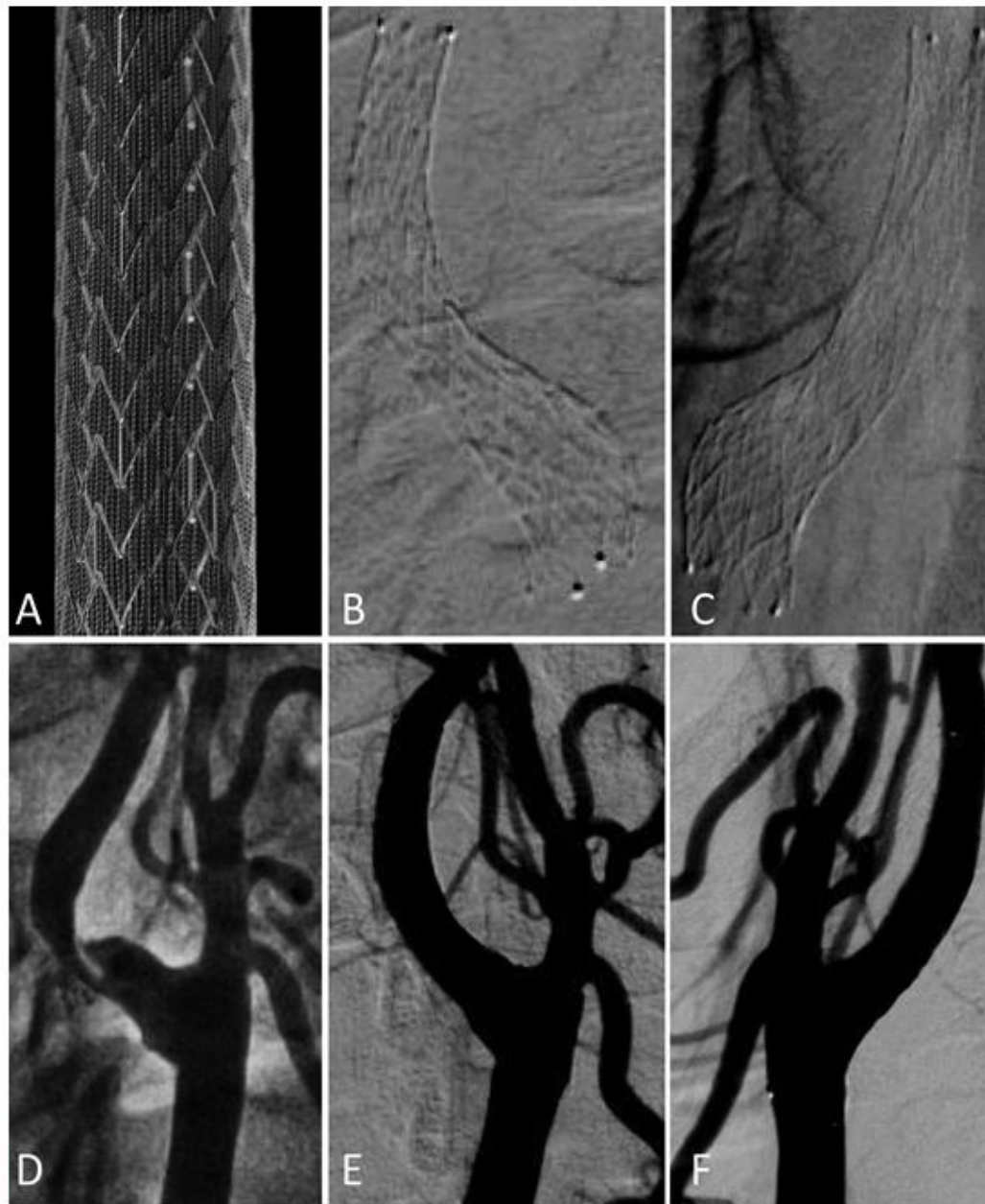
	All (n=106 lesions)	Symptomatic n=55	Asymptomatic n=51	p-value
After CAS				
Stent length (QA, CoreLab) [§]				N/A
Nominal 30 mm	29.82±0.68	29.83±0.76	29.80±0.59	
(min-max)	(27.83-32.62)	(27.83-32.62)	(28.83-31.89)	
Nominal 40 mm	39.89±0.59	39.80±0.70	39.97±0.51	
(min-max)	(38.88-41.43)	(38.88-41.43)	(39.14-41.01)	
Residual diameter stenosis	6.7±5%	6.1±5%	7.8±5%	0.262
In-stent PSV, m/s	0.68±0.29	0.64±0.26	0.72±0.31	0.121
in-stent EDV, m/s	0.18±0.08	0.16±0.07	0.19±0.08	0.087
[§] In three cases two overlapping stents were used to cover the whole lesion length; these are not included in the in situ stent length evaluation. N/A: not applicable				

**external
Corelab
analysis**

⇒ **'CAE-like' effect of CAS**

systematic

CEA-like
effect of
CAS



Clinical Results (MACNE)

- 0 peri-procedural death/major stroke/MI 0%
- 1 peri-procedural minor stroke* 0.9%
- 0 new clinical events by 30 days 0%

(100% follow-up, independent neuro evaluation)

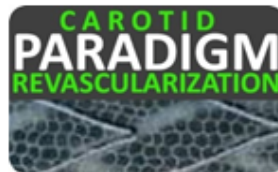
*One patient, with symptomatic RICA stenosis (minor right-hemispheric stroke 2 months prior to CAS), had **hypotonia** and transient, fluctuating cognitive dysfunction at 24-48h after CAS. The patient had additional neurologic evaluation on discharge (day 7) that showed **no change in NIH-SS [=3] and no change in modified Rankin scale [=1] against 48h (and baseline) evaluation.**

CT scan on day 2 showed no new cerebral lesions but day 6 CT indicated **an extension of the prior lesion in the right hemisphere.**

The event, in **absence of right haemispheric symptoms and in absence of any clinical sequelae**, was CEC–adjudicated as ‘minor stroke in relation to CAS’.

CGuard™ EPS Carotid **PARADIGM** Study

→ 12mo Clinical Outcome Data



12month data

- 106 index arteries / 101 study subjects
 - no patient withdrawals by 12 months
 - 100%
 - clinical
 - neurological
 - Duplex US
- } 12 month follow up

Z E R O Stroke Deaths
Z E R O Strokes 30d–12mo

Per-Protocol independent neurological evaluation

- 1 cardiac death @ 11mo (man 68y, heart failure death)
- 3 non-cardiac deaths @ 3mo, 5mo, 11mo
 - urosepsis (woman 73y)
 - pulmonary embolism (woman 67y)
 - microcellular pulmonary cancer (man 71y)

CGuard™ EPS Carotid **PARADIGM** Study

12mo Clinical Outcome Data



12month data

- **0% stroke**
- **0% TIA**
- **0% MI**

between 30 days and 12 months

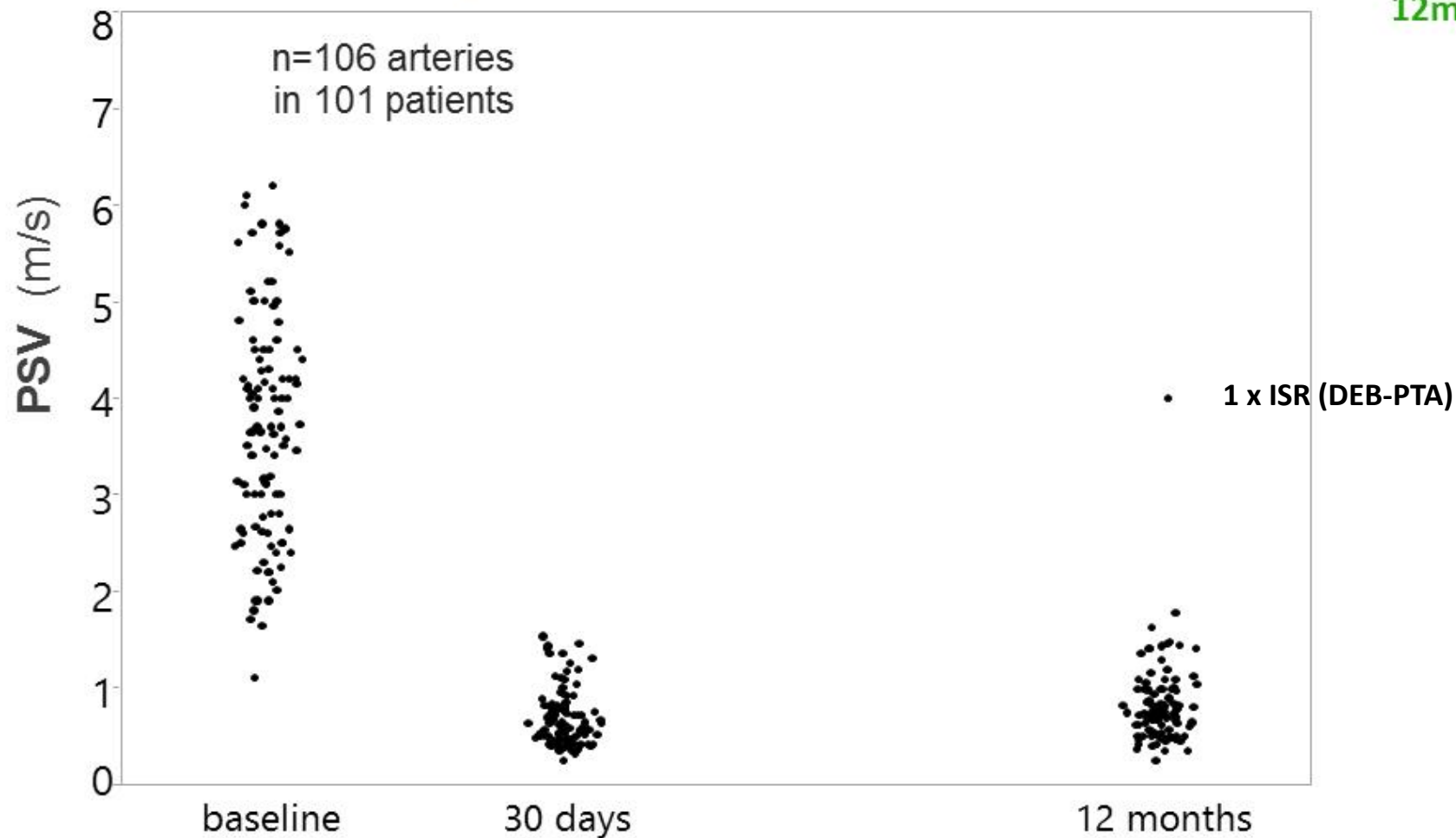
in n=101 ↗ stroke-risk patients
(55% symptomatic)

CGuard™ EPS Carotid **PARADIGM** Study

12mo Duplex Ultrasound Data

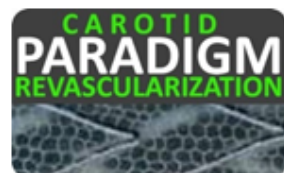


12month data



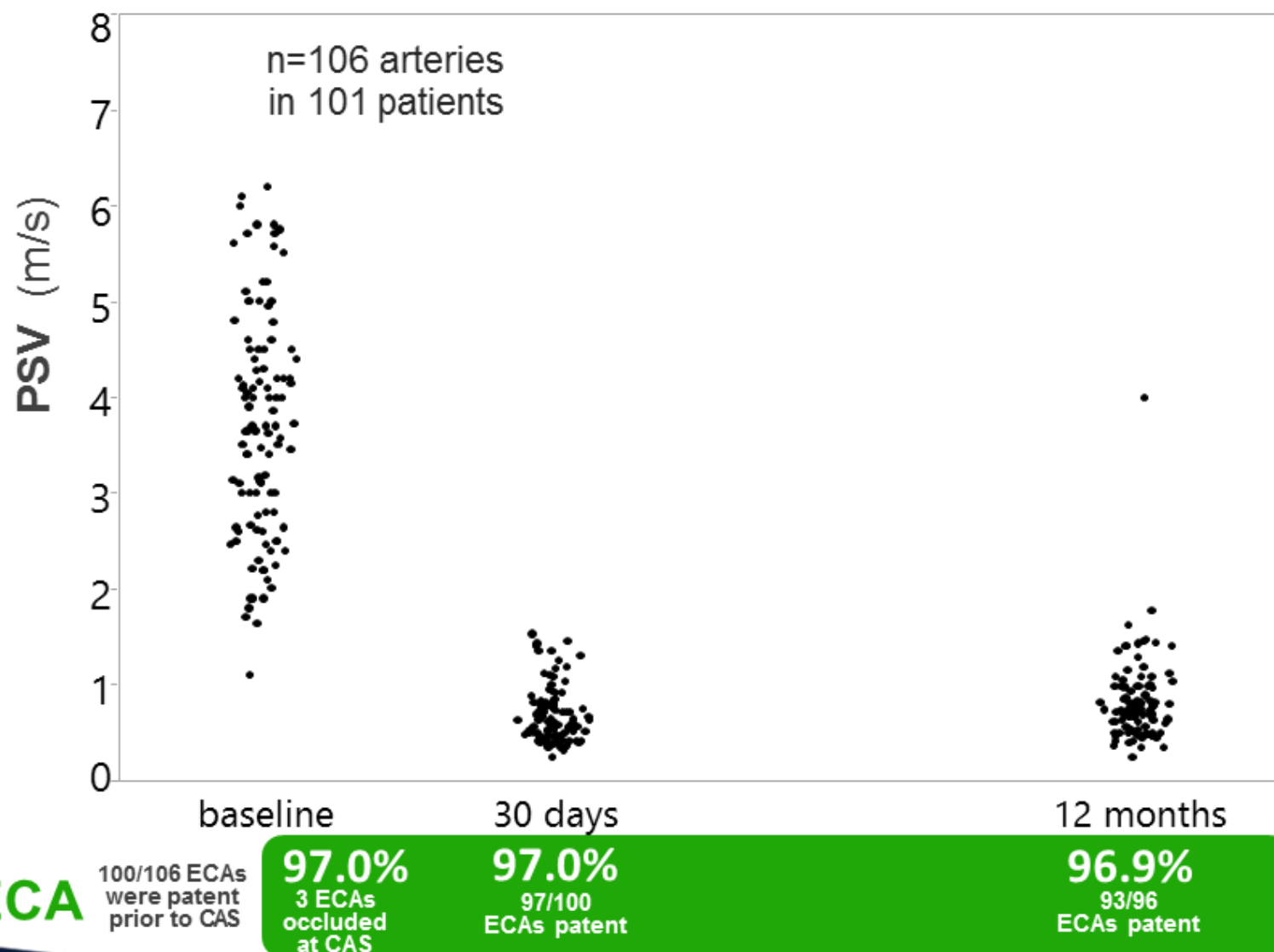
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12month data

ECA*
patency



PARADIGM – Extend

continues as an **ALL-Comer Study**



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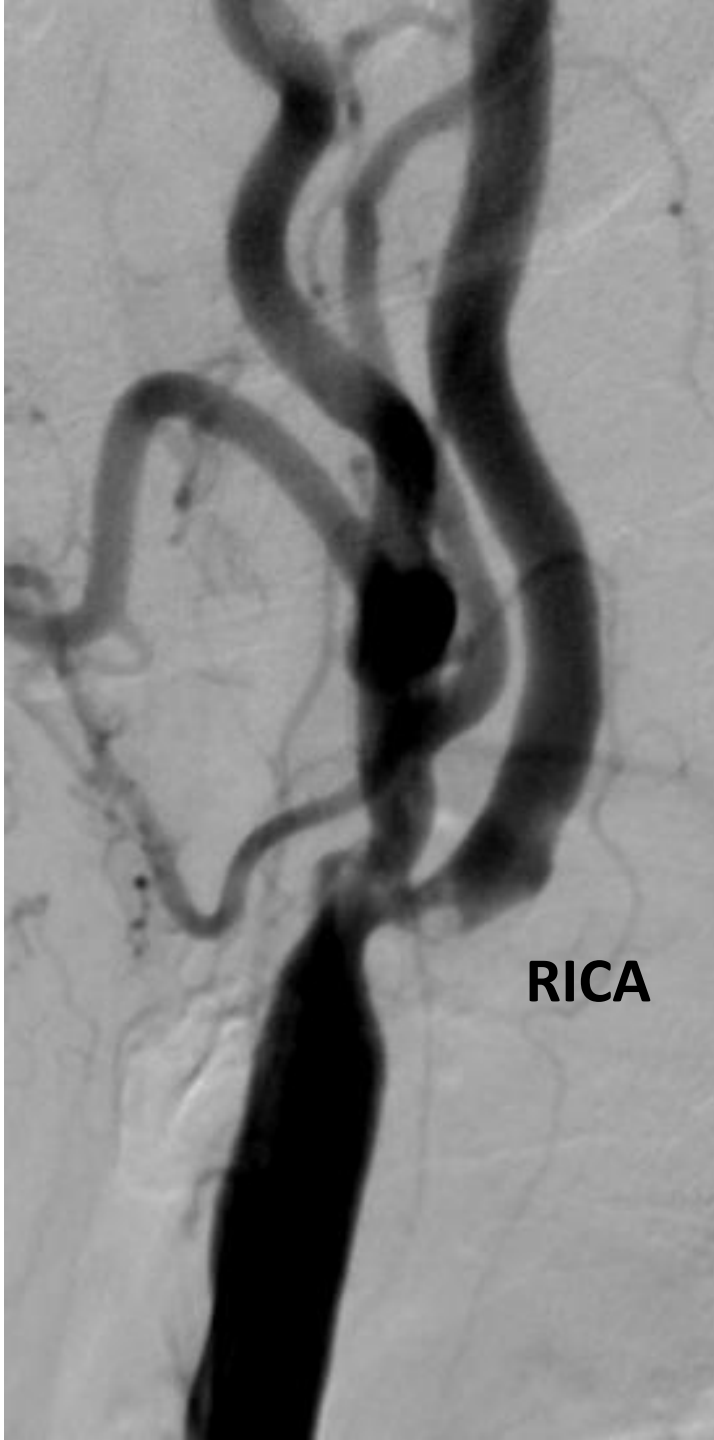
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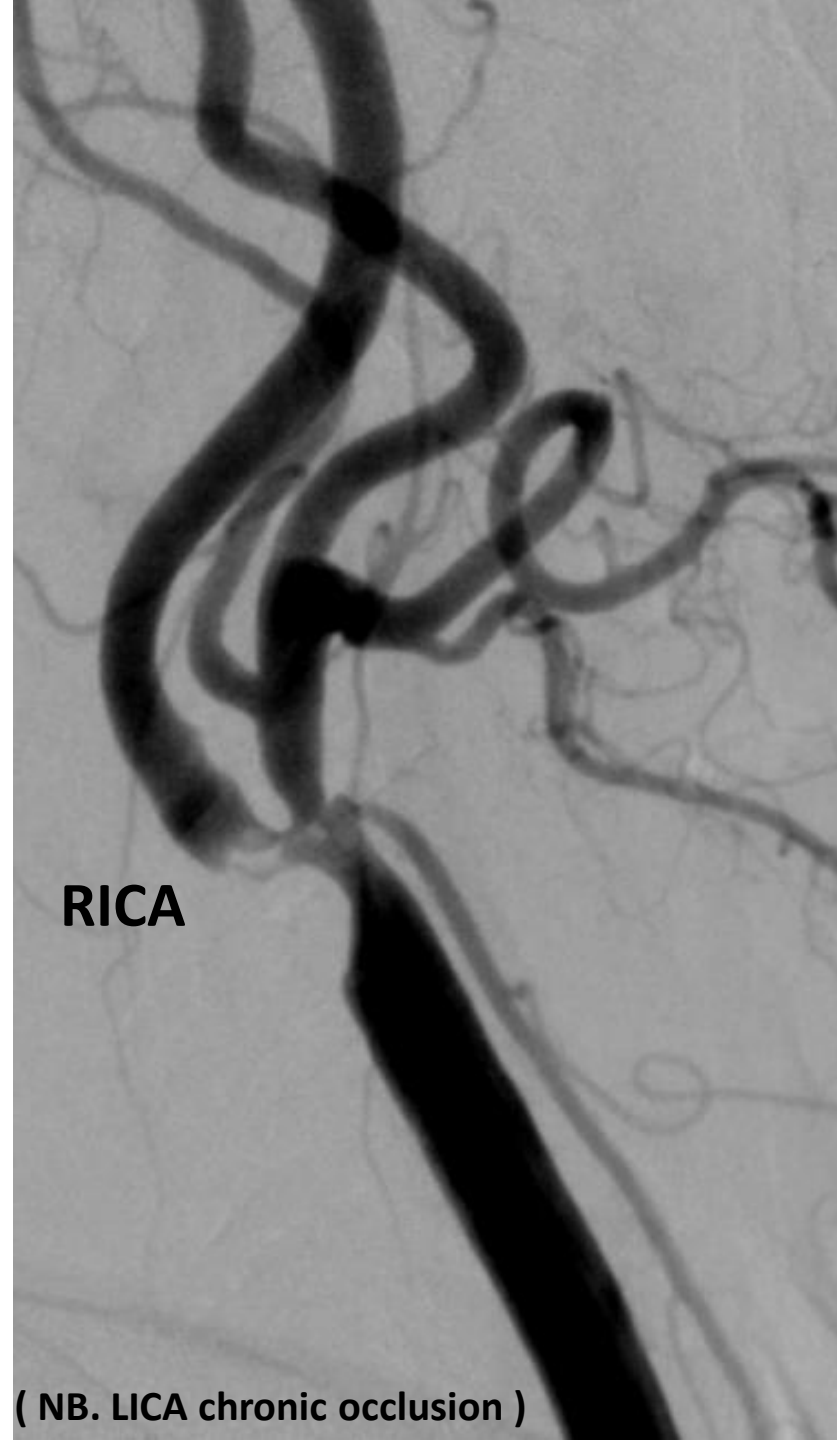
ZS, lady, 64 years

November 8, 2017

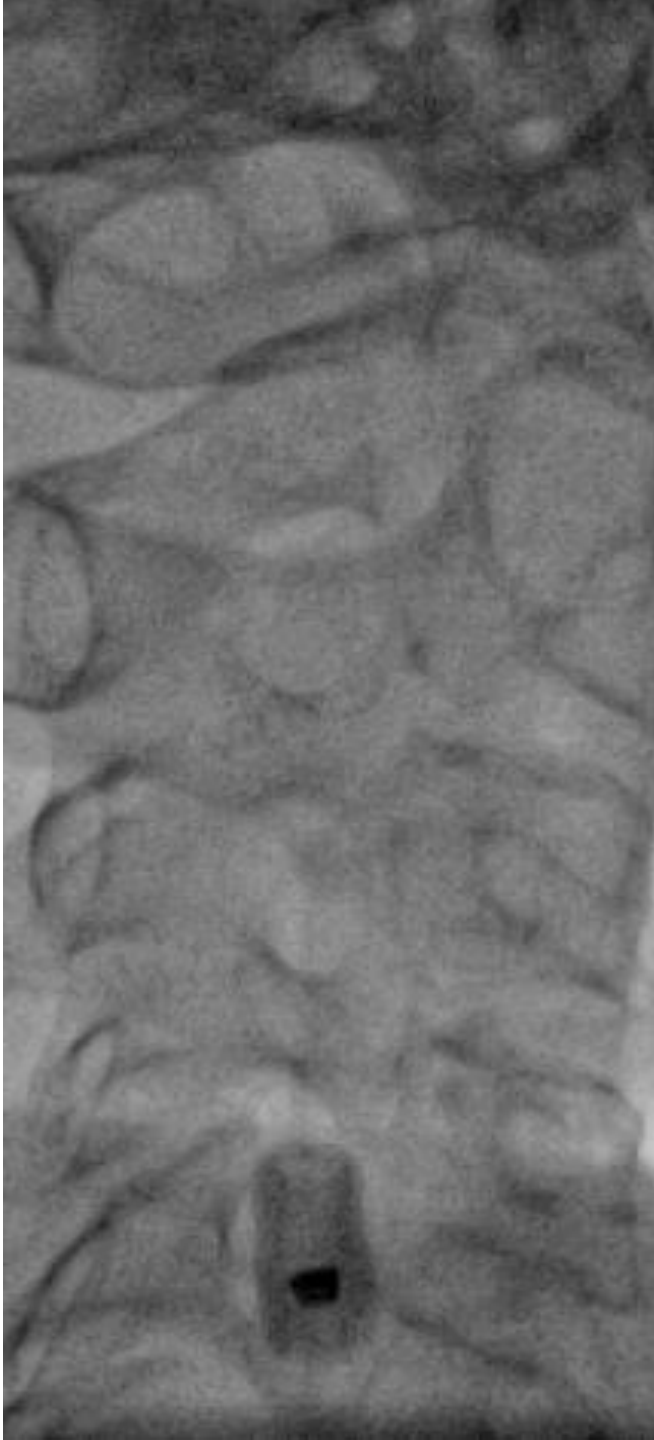
- h/o 3 minor strokes (2003, June 2017, July 2017)
- diagnosed with LICA chronic occlusion (DUS, CT-angio)
- RICA 4.7/1.4 m/s, soft, highly irregular plaque suggestive thrombus
- MRI – September 2017
- referral delayed to GI bleeding requiring transfusion
- currently recurrent TIAs from both L and R hemisphere...



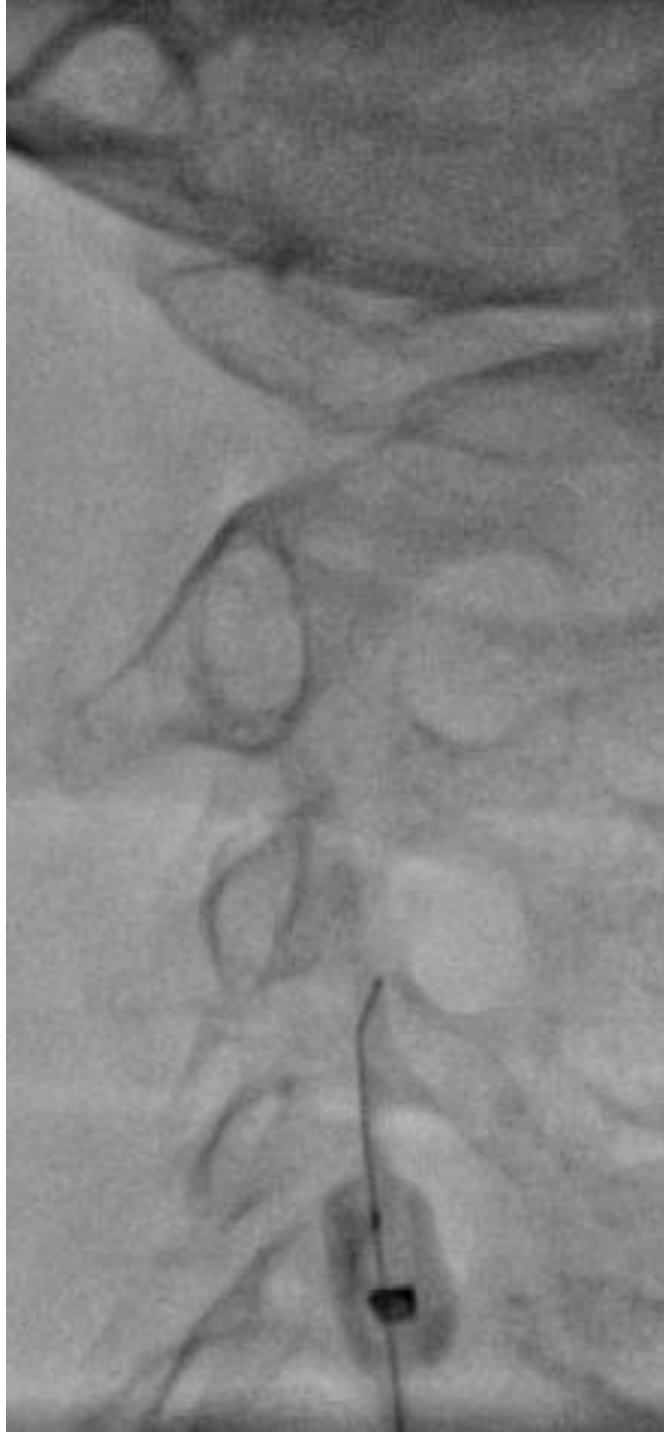
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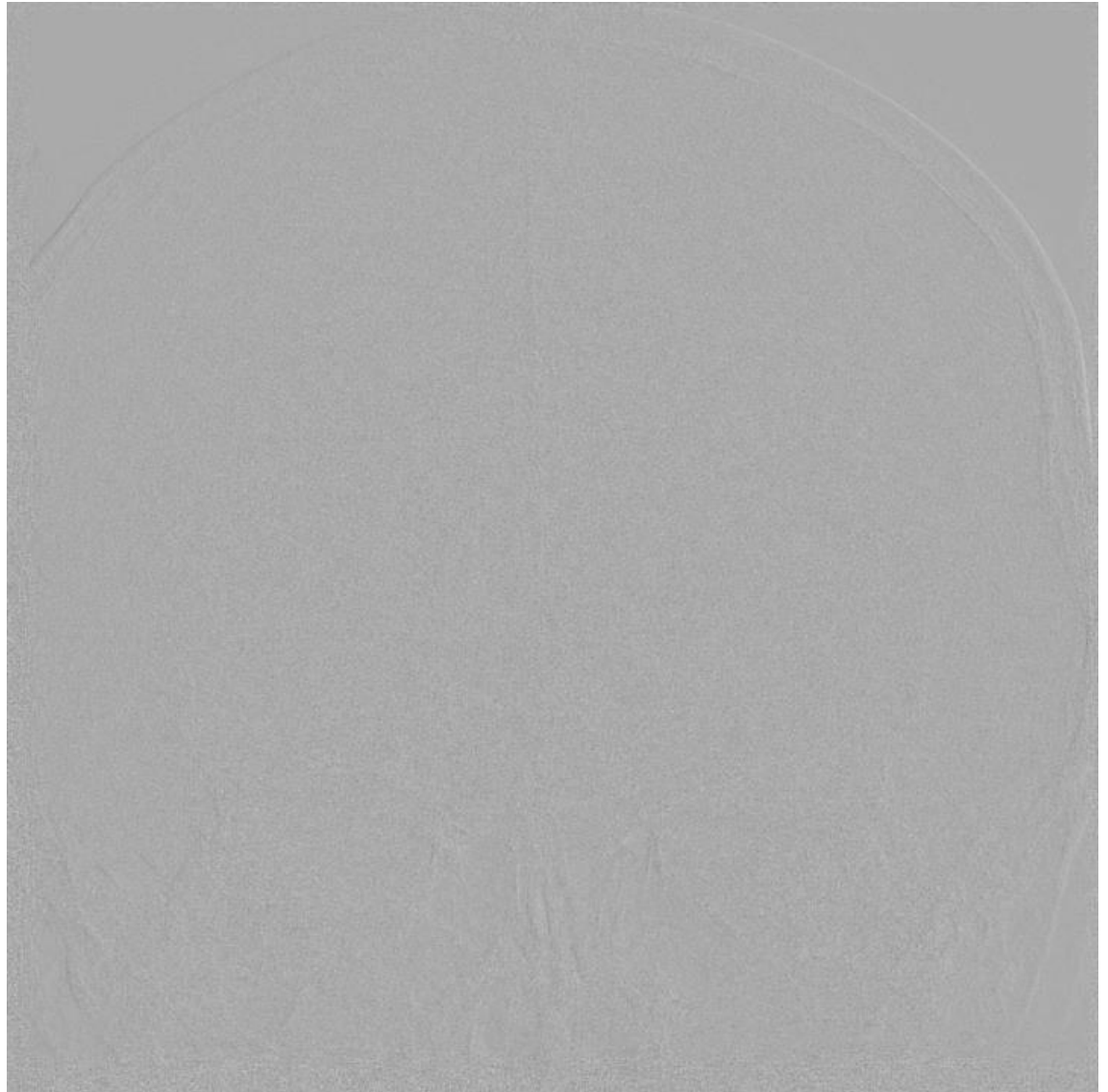
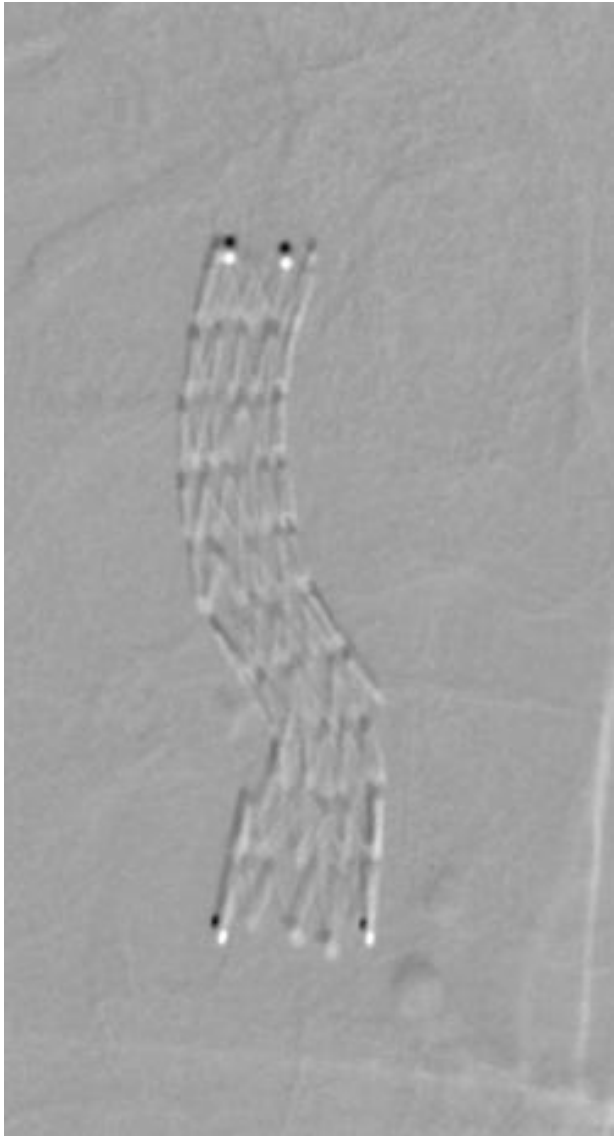
(NB. LICA chronic occlusion)

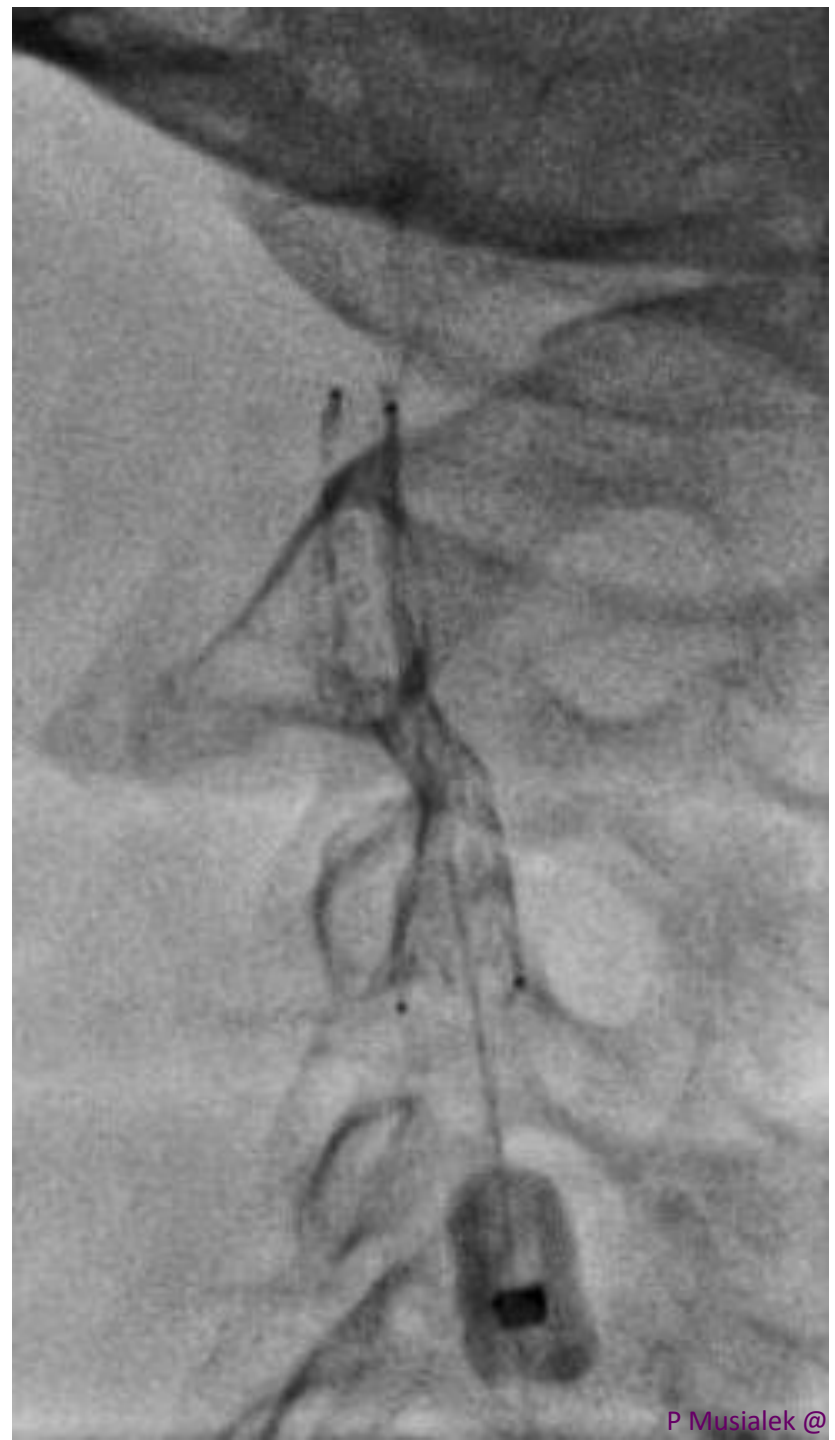
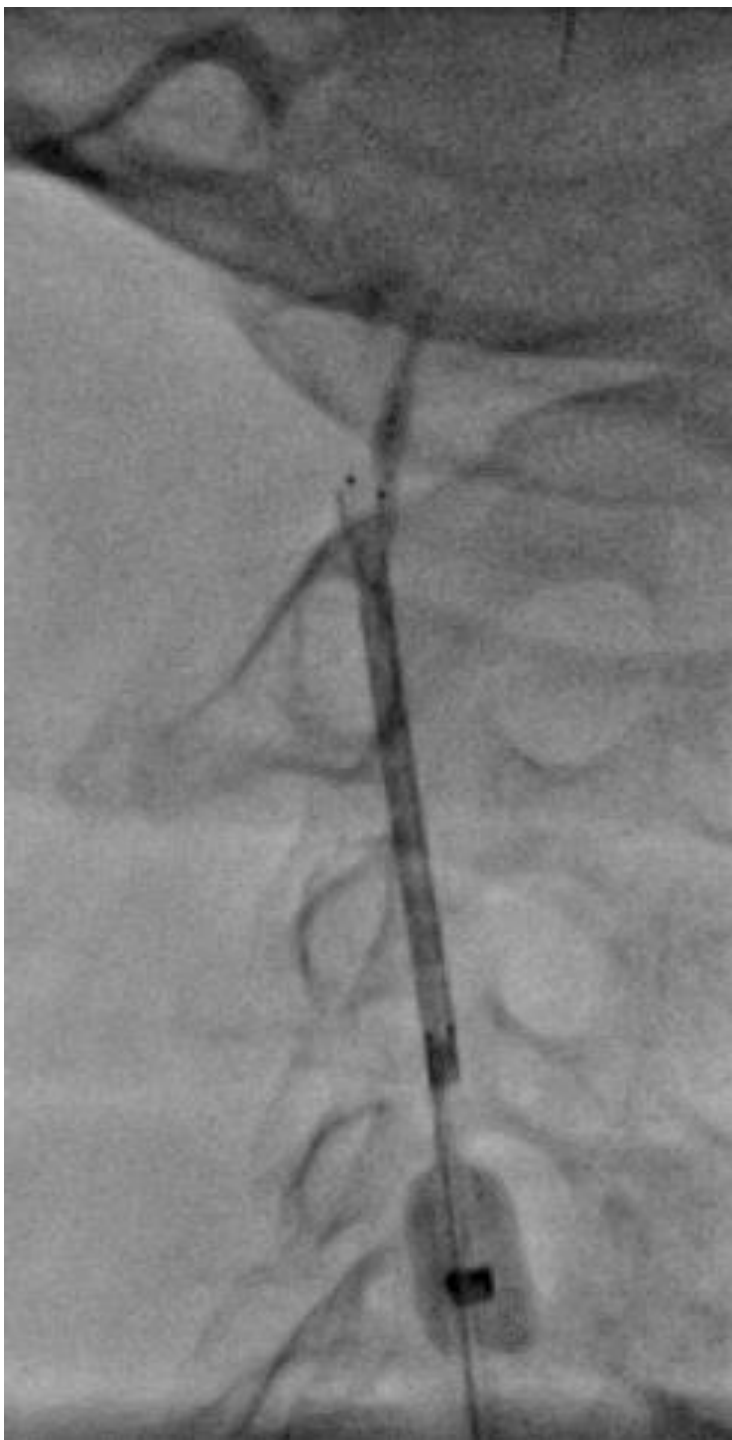


Back pressure 58/47mmHg
(4min tolerance test)



Final Result



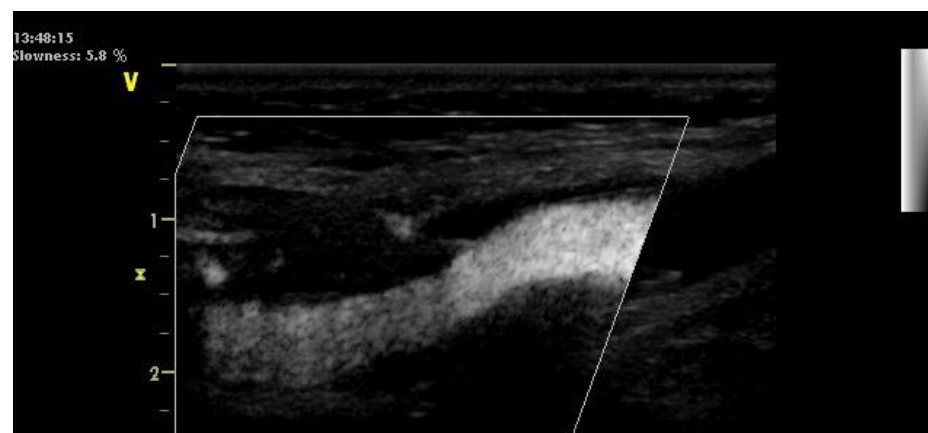
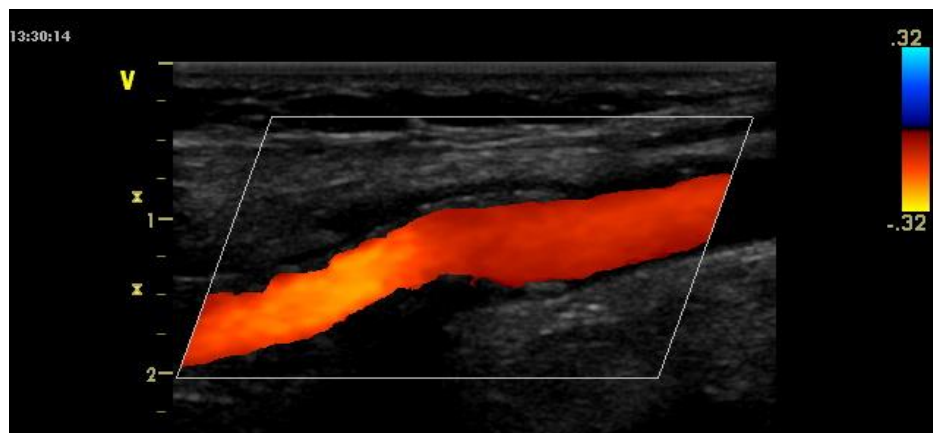




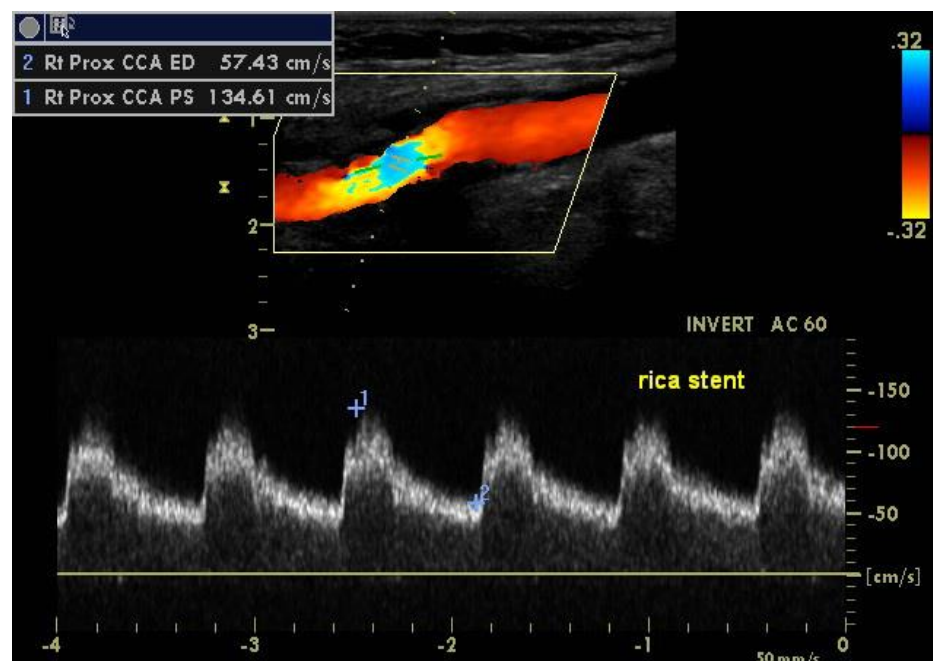
Flow reversal time 7min 10sec
Intolerance in the last 80sec
(active aspiration still !! performed)



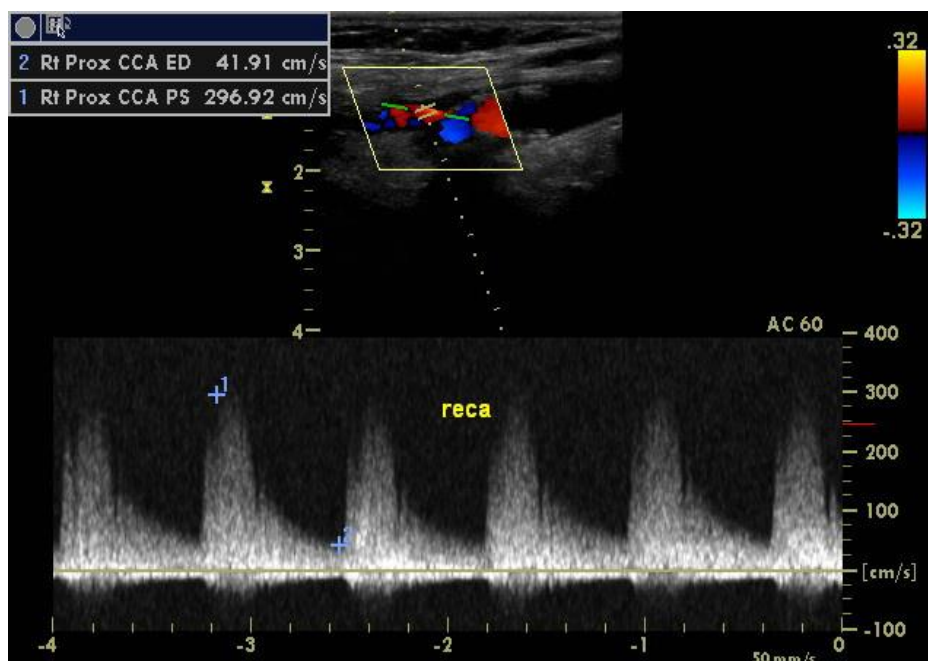
Patient A/S, discharged home @ Day2 post procedure



Normal stent image



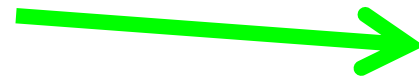
Normal velocities



ECA patent

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May 2018 update
(2-year data)

- 251 patients / 263 arteries
NeuroVascular Team decision-making on revascularization
- Age 51-87 years, 57.1% symptomatic
- Crossed the trial first follow-up window (30d)
- 100% CGuardEPS use
- Angiographic diameter stenosis was reduced from $83 \pm 9\%$ to only $6.7 \pm 5\%$ ($p < 0.001$, 'CEA-like' effect of CAS)



PARADIGM – Extend

251 patients / 263 arteries

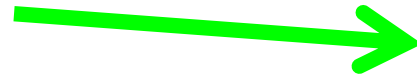


- Peri-procedural outcome

0 death/major stroke – 0%

1 minor stroke – 0.4%

1 MI (type2) – 0.4%



May 2018 update
(2-year data)



- By 30 days

1 haemorrhagic transformation of prior ischaemic cerebral infarct,
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Total 30d death/major stroke/minor stroke rate – 0.8%

Total 30d death/major stroke/minor stroke/MI – 1.2%

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→ May 2018 update
(2-year data)

- Clinical outcomes 1-12 months

0 strokes or stroke-related deaths – 0%



- Clinical outcomes 12-24 months

1 cerebellar stroke with de novo AFib

0 carotid-territory strokes or stroke-related deaths – 0%

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Cumulative analysis



May 2018 update
(2-year data)



- ISR

By 24 months

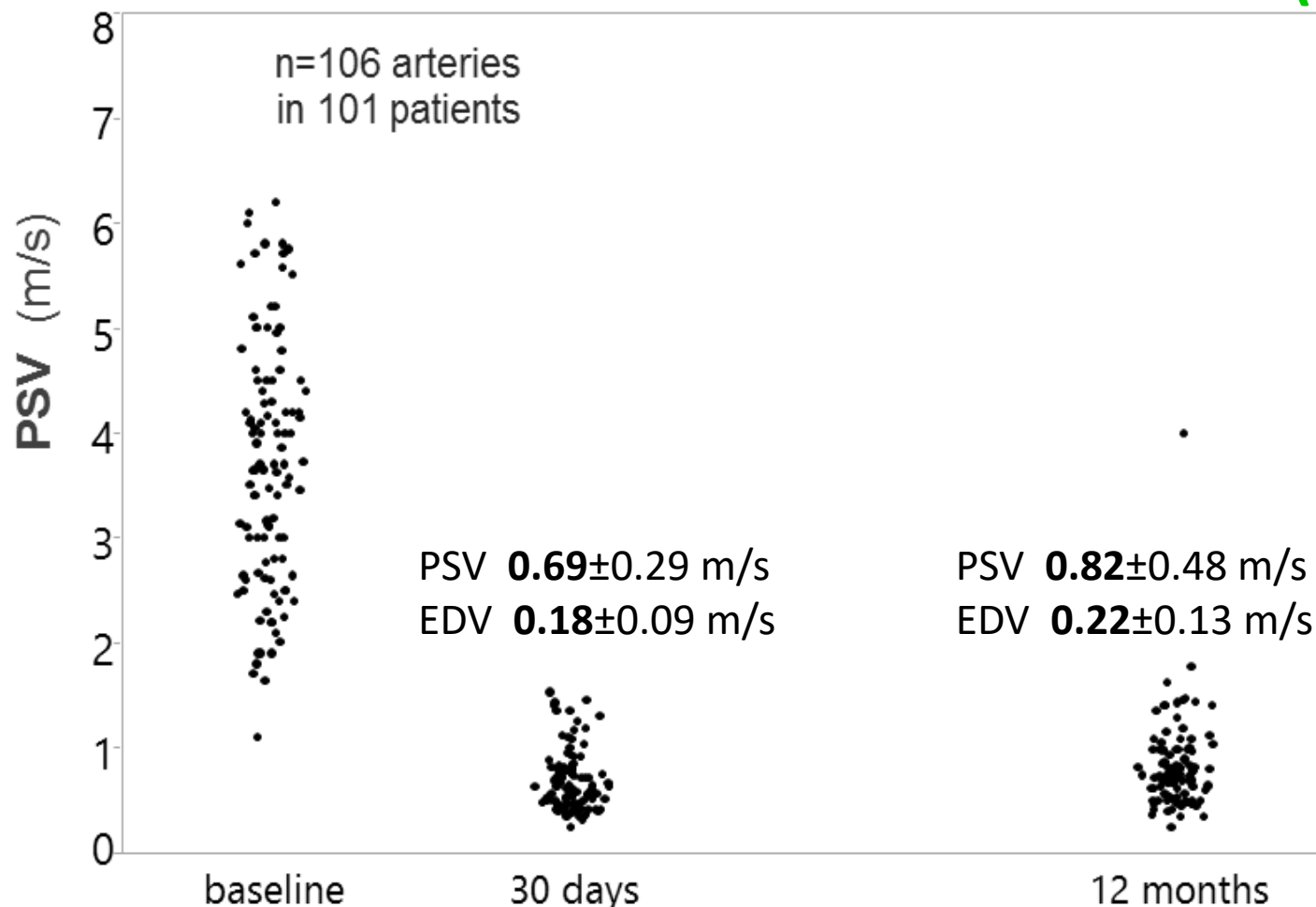
1 asymptomatic ISR – detected at 12 mo; treated with DEB-PTA
no relapse by 24 mo

1 clinically silent stent occlusion in a patient who initiated neck
radiotherapy course 2 months after CAS due to cancer relapse

Evolution of in-stent velocities in the PARADIGM Study



**May 2018 update
(2-year data)**



12 – 24 mo

• **No Neuro Events**

except 1 cerebellar
minor stroke
(MRI- verified)
in an AFib patient

• **No ISR**

PSV 0.73 ± 0.31 m/s
EDV 0.19 ± 0.09 m/s

(patients who completed
24mo window)

24 months

Evolution of in-stent velocities in the PARADIGM Study



By 24 months

May 2018 update
(2-year data)

- Normal healing

- No ISR signal



12 – 24 mo
• No Net Events
except 1 subclavian
minor stroke
(MRI-verified)
in an AFib patient

• No ISR

PSV 0.73 ± 0.31 m/s
EDV 0.19 ± 0.09 m/s

(patients who completed
24mo window)

24 months

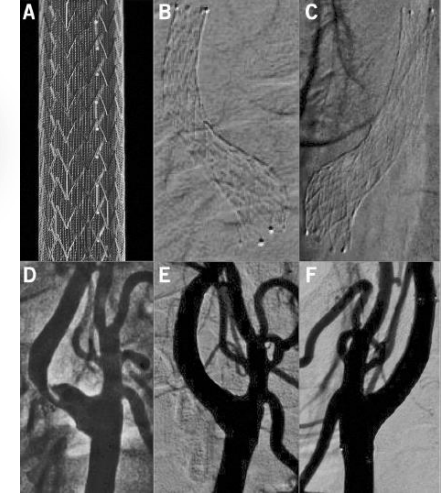
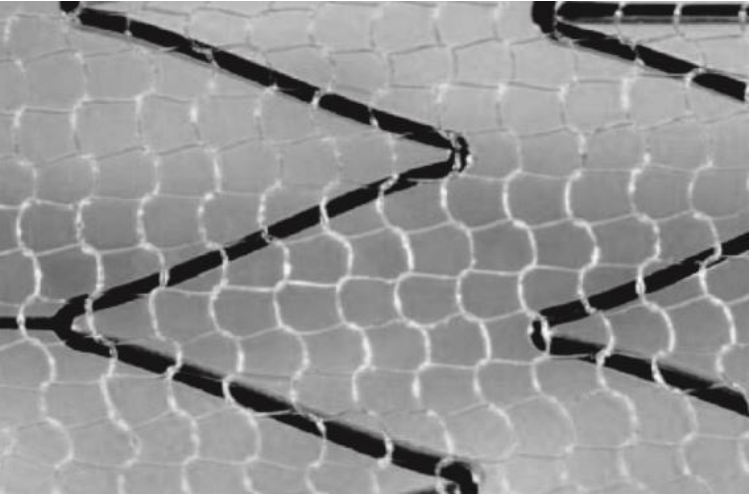
PARADIGM

@ 24 months

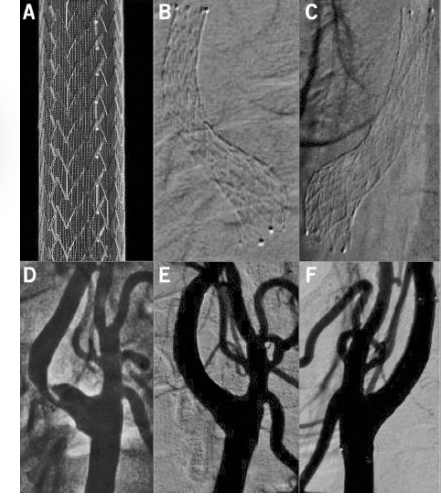
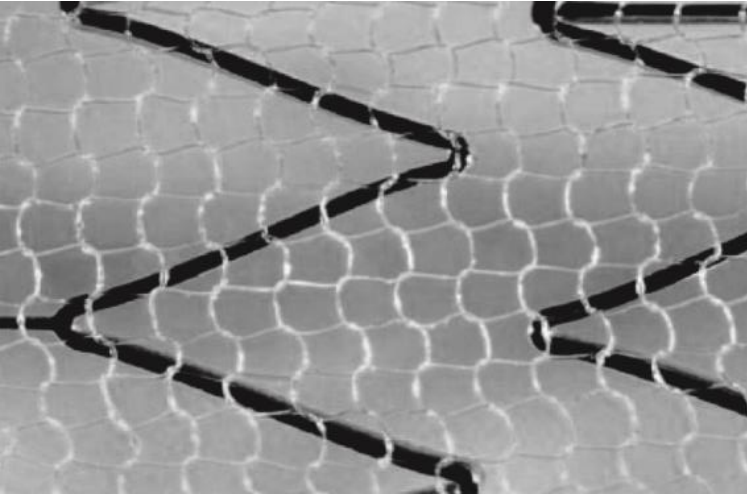
Favourable Clinical Outcome

- NO device-related adverse events
- NO procedure-related events

s u s t a i n e d
stroke prevention

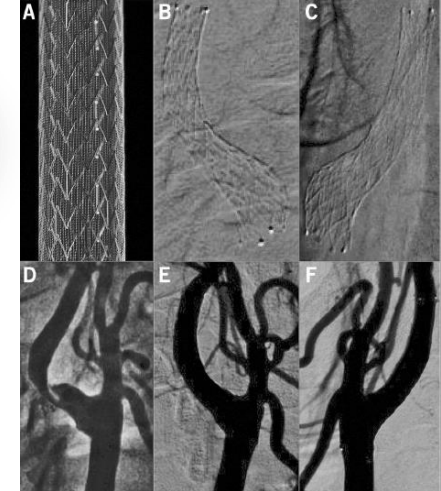
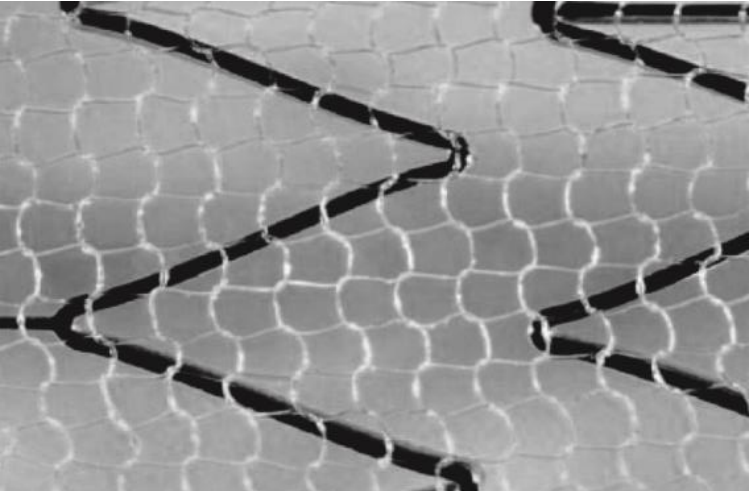


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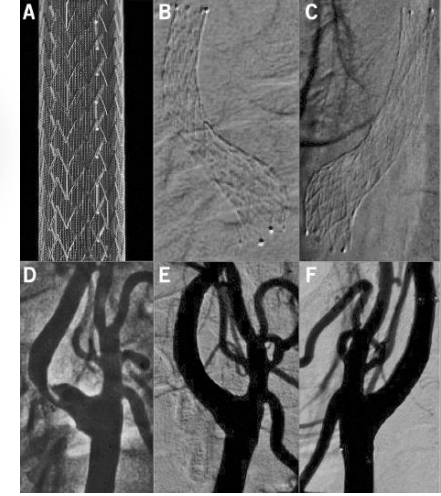
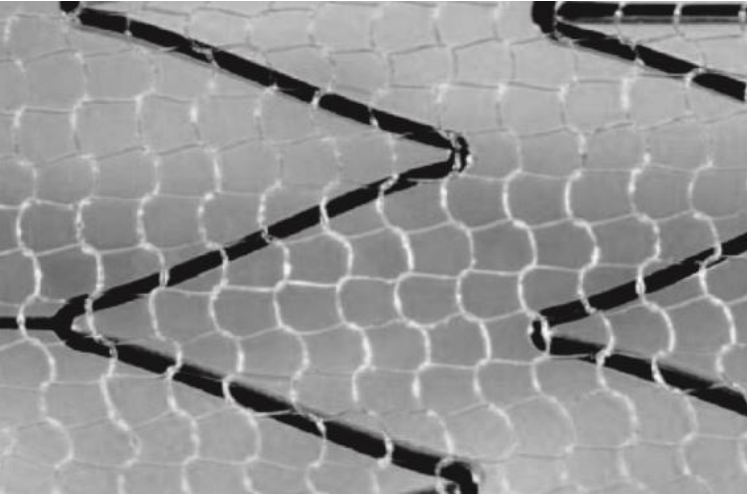
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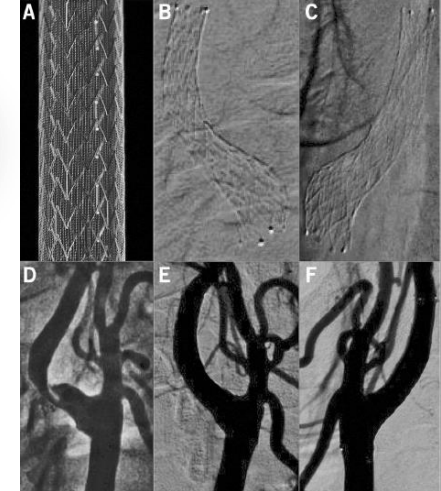
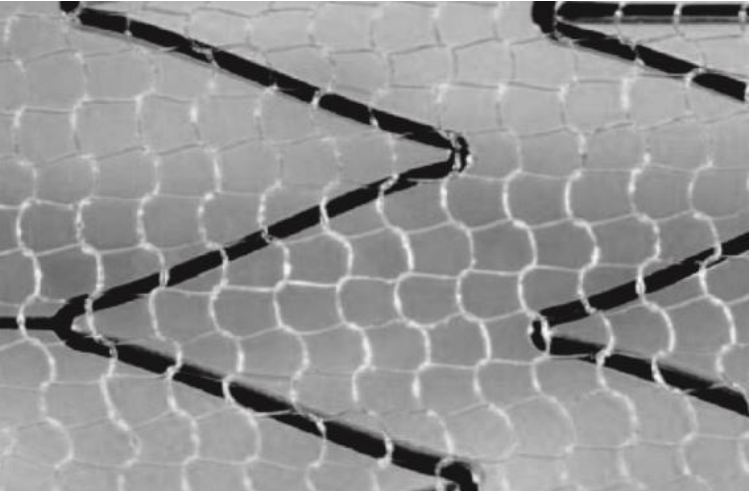
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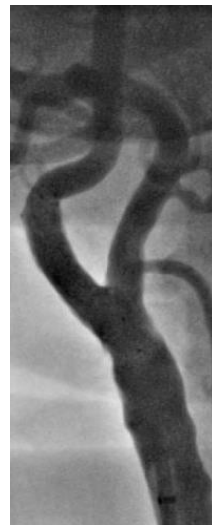
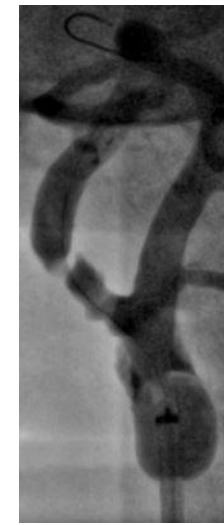
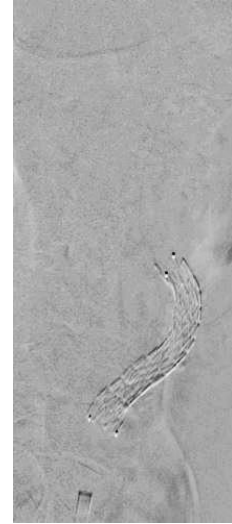
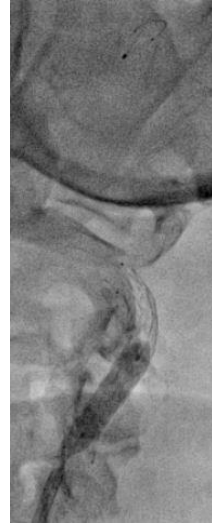
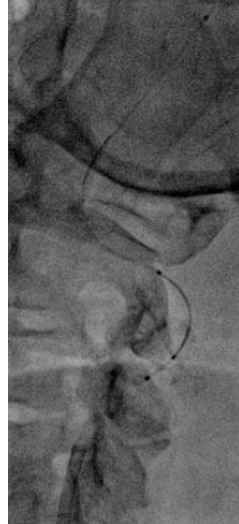
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revascularization ?

Endovascular **Solution** for All-Comers



Endovascular **Reconstruction** of the Carotid Bifurcation
Prevention of embolism, High radial force, Conformability