

Carotid Revascularization 2024:

Key Factors to Consider

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Key Factors to Consider

- Whether?
- How?

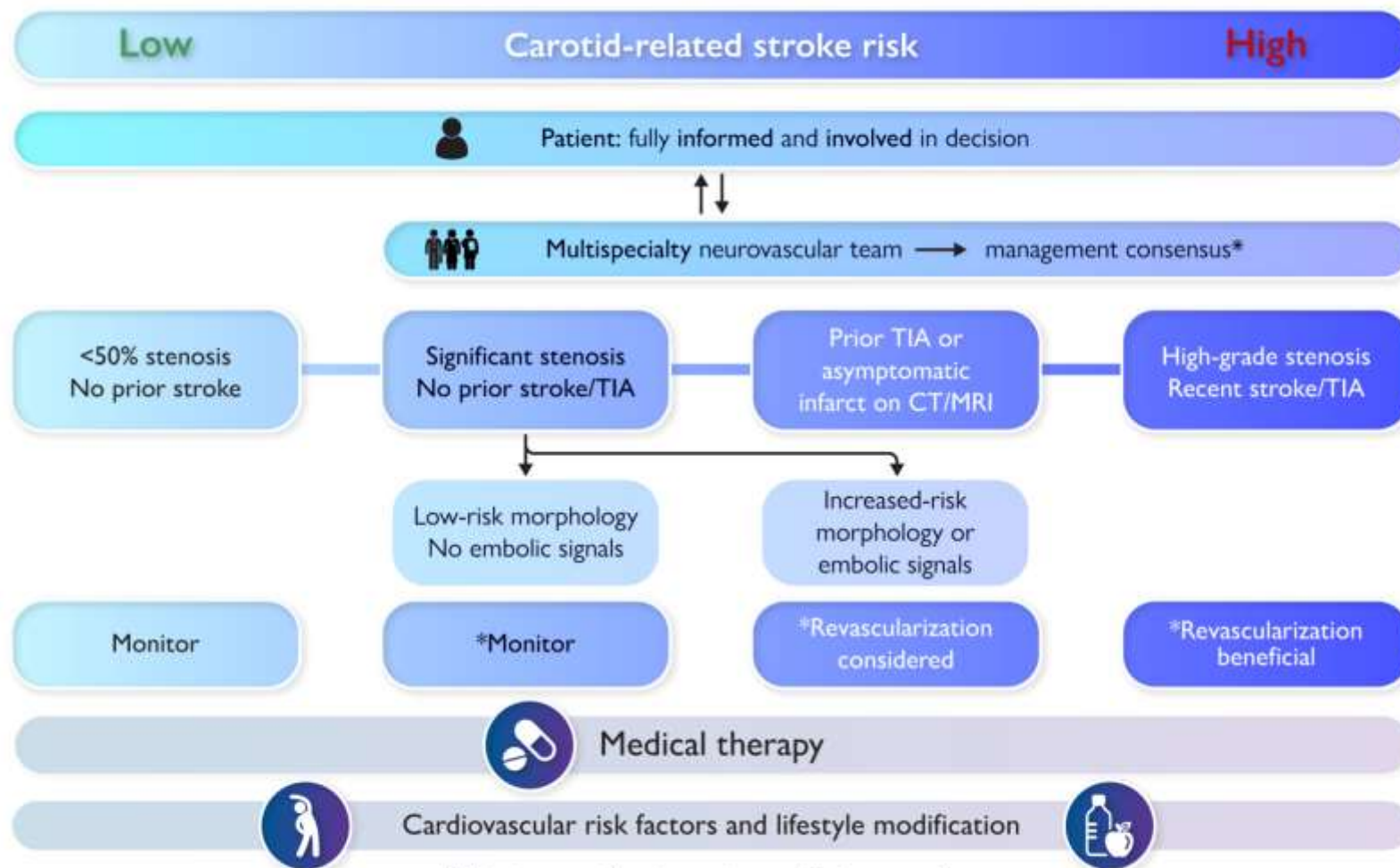
Key Factors to Consider

- Does "this" Patient require carotid revasc. to ↓ Stroke Risk ?
- HOW to BEST revascularize "this" Patient ?

Stroke risk management in carotid atherosclerotic disease: A Clinical Consensus Statement of the ESC Council on Stroke and the ESC Working Group on Aorta and Peripheral Vascular Diseases

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ESC Stroke Council CONSENSUS Document

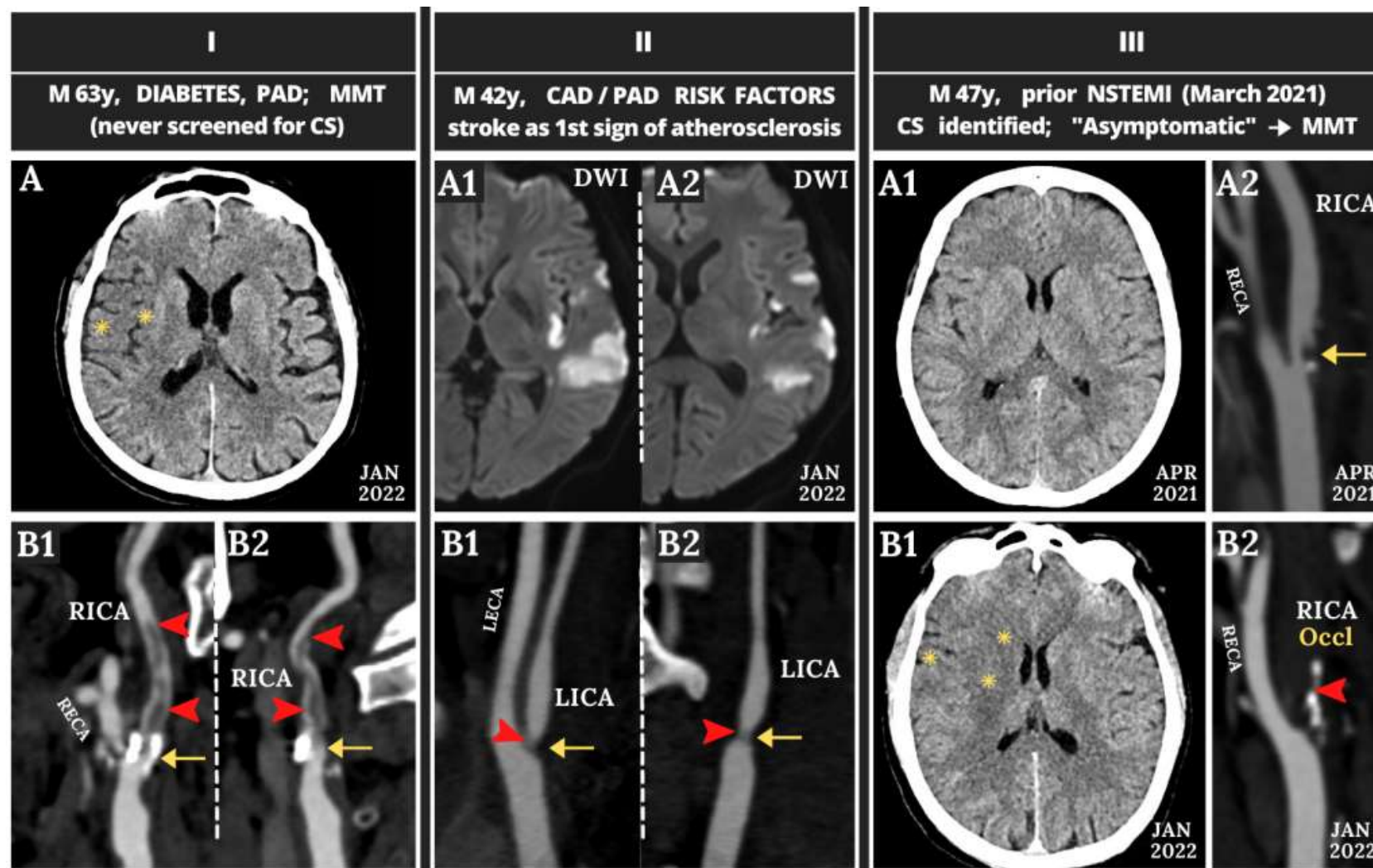


*Taking into consideration patient-specific factors such as:
life expectancy, co-morbidities and patient-specific stroke risk modifiers (e.g. family history of stroke, diabetes)

Carotid Stenosis and Stroke: Medicines, Stents, Surgery – "Wait-and-See" or Protect?

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Not a "benign" condition...



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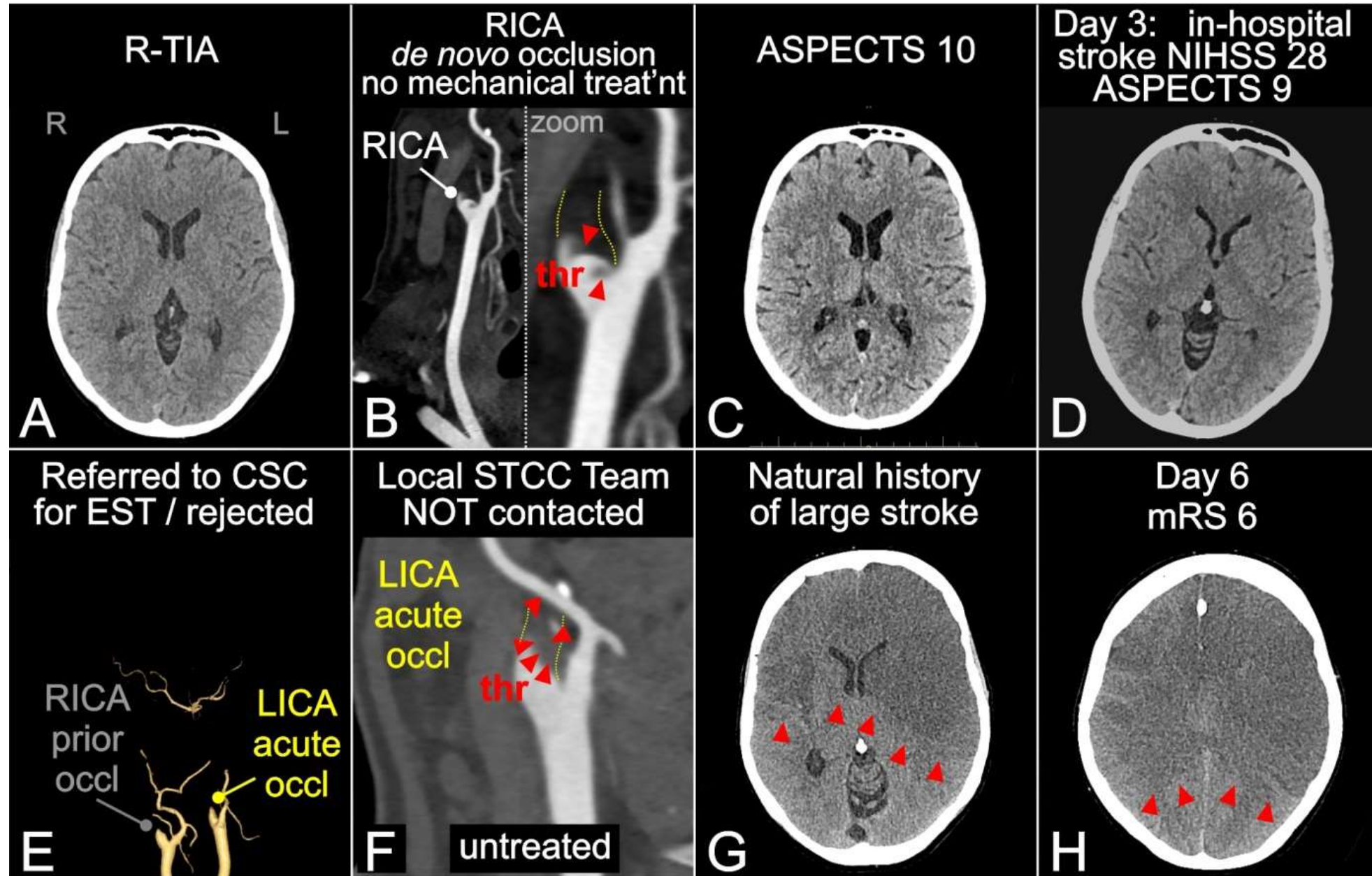
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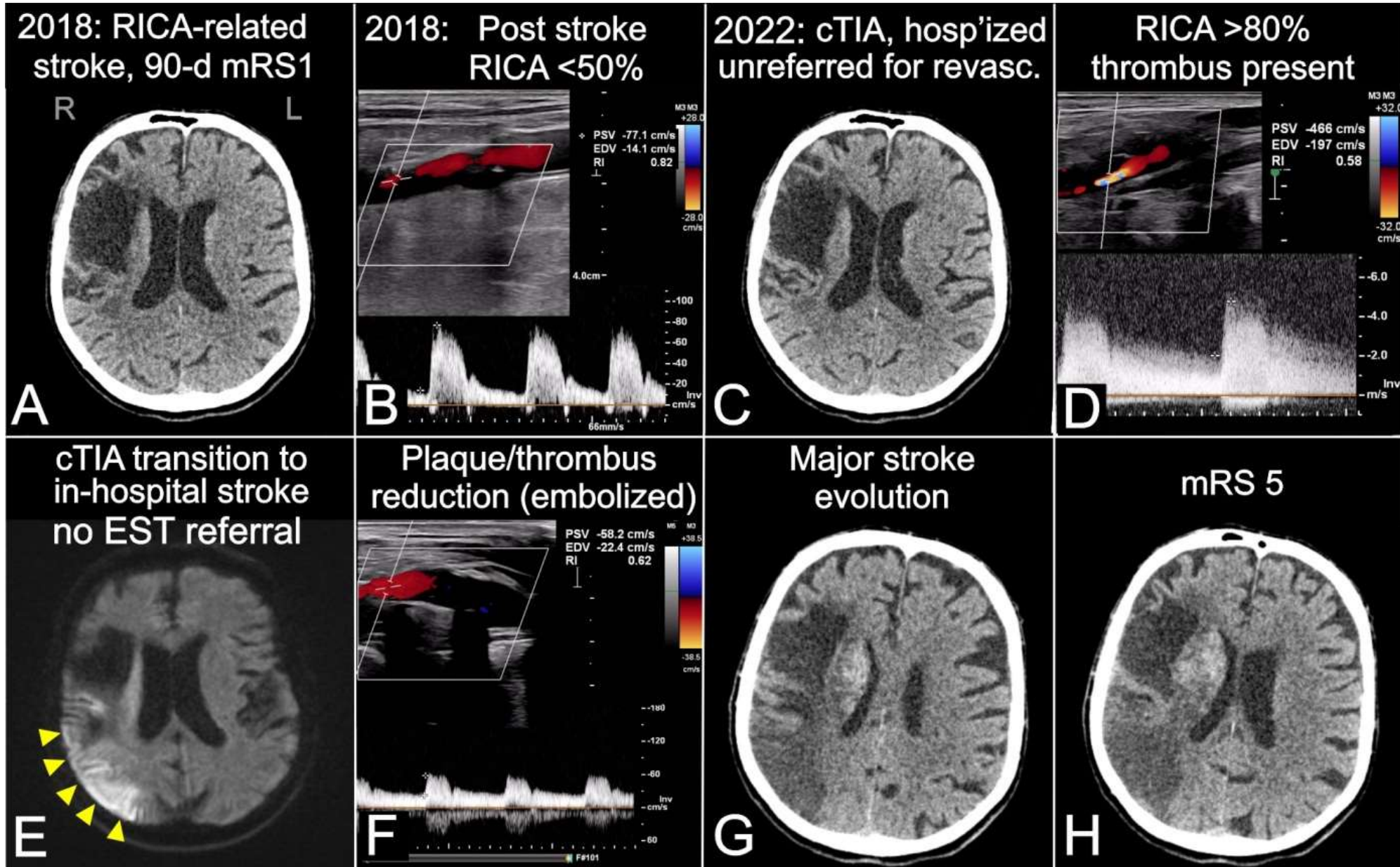
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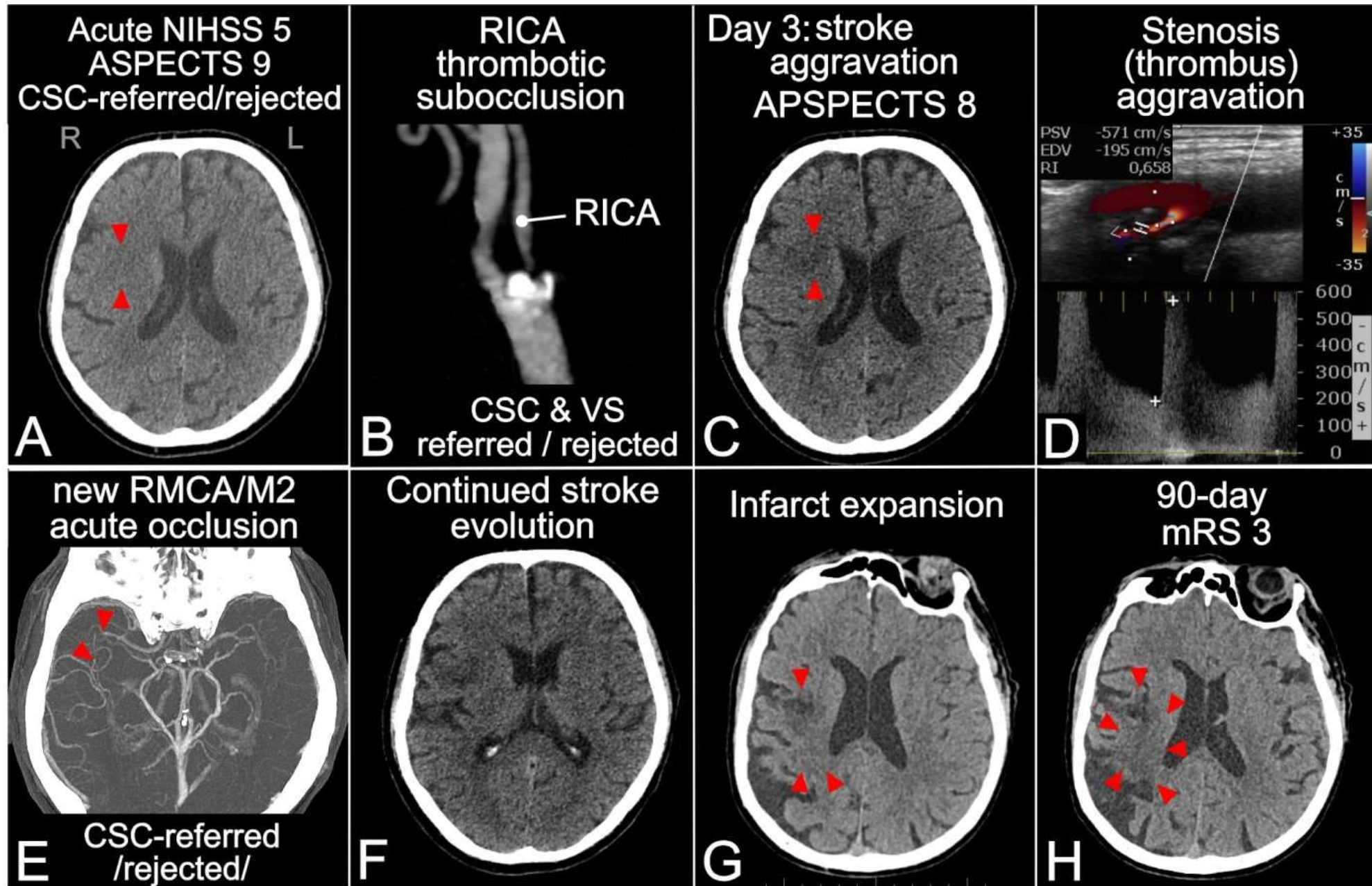
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Carotid-Related STROKES

Should be Prevented

(rather than experienced...)

You can also **CAUSE Stroke**
while treating the carotid...

Decision-Making in Carotid Stenosis

PHARMACOTHERAPY
+ INTERVENTION

ISOLATED
PHARMACOTHERAPY



**RISK OF
PROCEDURE**

Podlasek , Grunwald, Musiałek 2021

Decision-Making in Carotid Stenosis

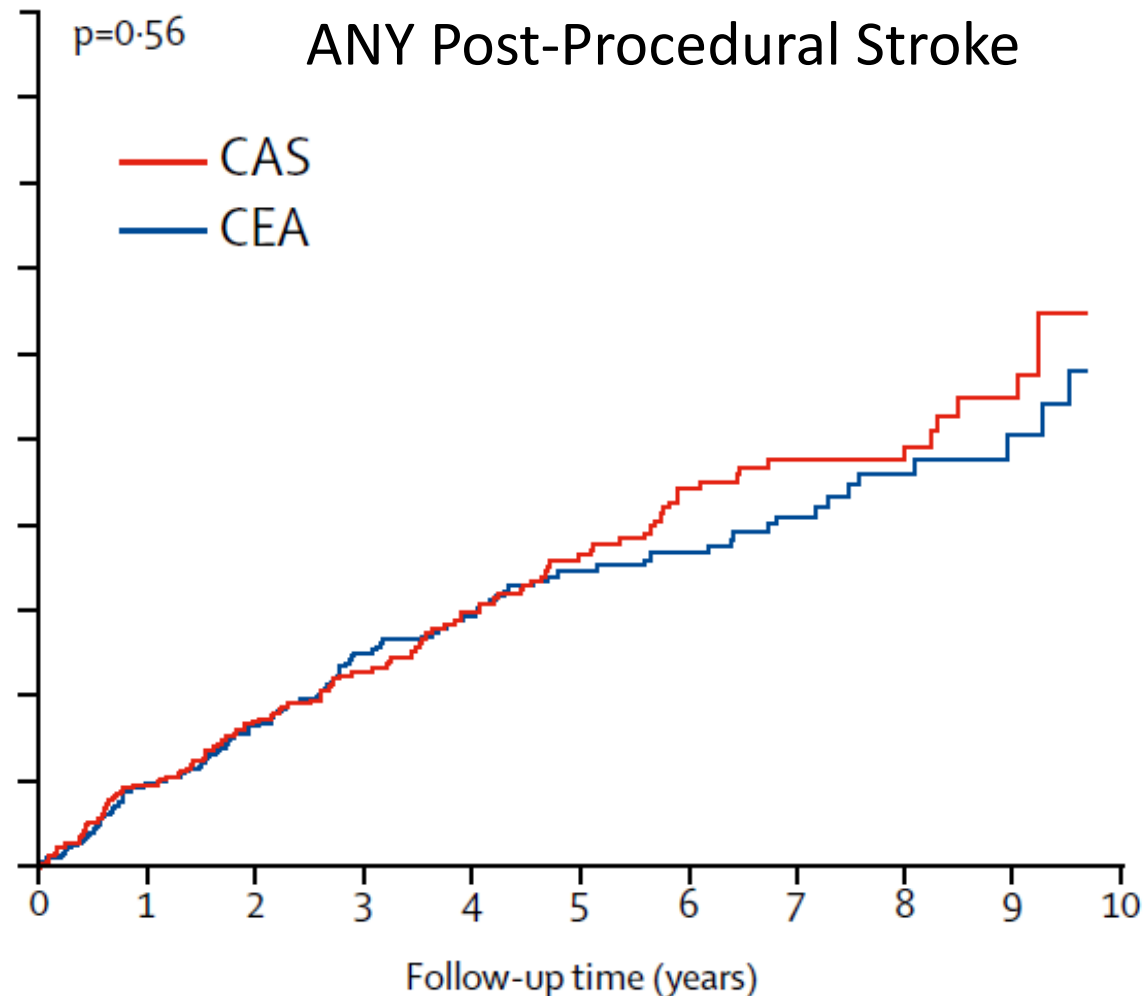
TYPE OF INTERVENTION
(CAS, TCAR, CEA)

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Long-term outcomes of stenting and endarterectomy for symptomatic carotid stenosis: a preplanned pooled analysis of individual patient data

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CREST-1

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Myocardial infarction	14 (1.1±0.3)	28 (2.3±0.4)	−1.1 (−2.2 to −0.1)	0.50 (0.26 to 0.94)	0.03
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→ Minor stroke	41 (3.2±0.5)	21 (1.7±0.4)	1.6 (0.3 to 2.8)	1.95 (1.15 to 3.30)	0.01
Any periprocedural stroke or death or postprocedural ipsilateral stroke	55 (4.4±0.6)	29 (2.3±0.4)	2.0 (0.6 to 3.4)	1.90 (1.21 to 2.98)	0.005
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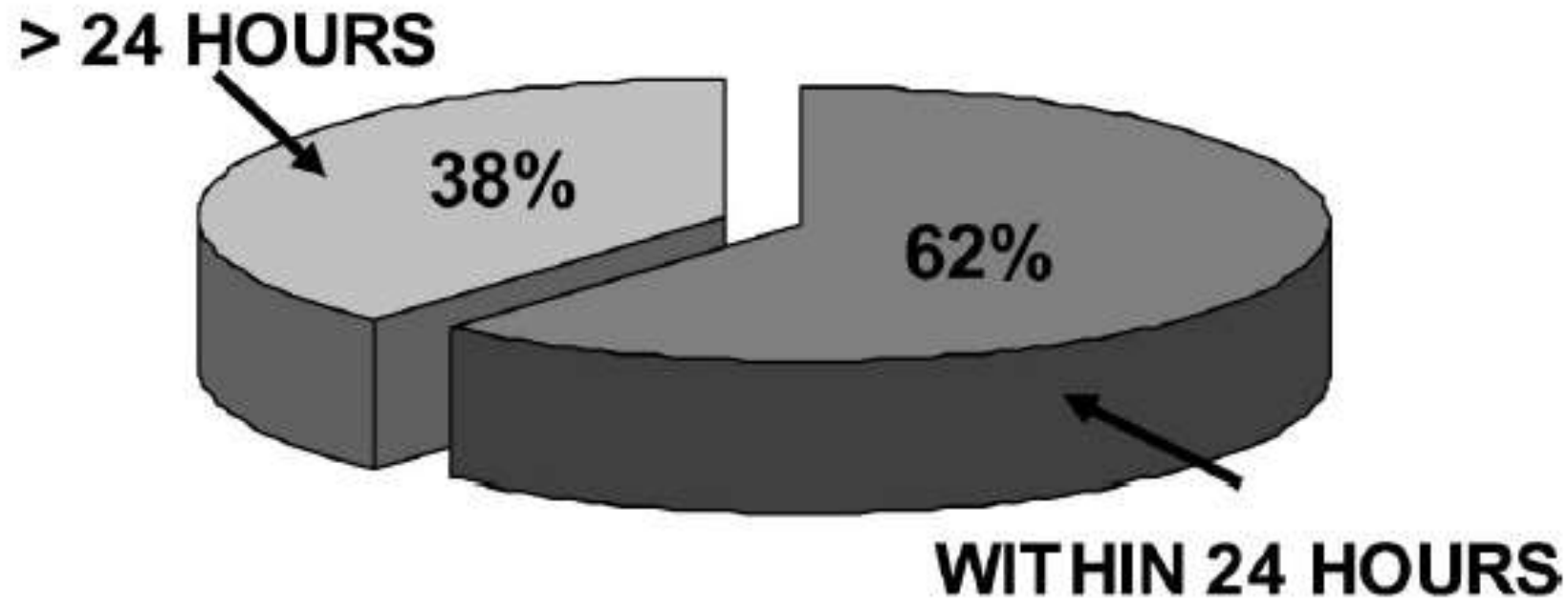
WHERE exactly was the problem?

The TIMING of Stroke by 30-days with CAS in CREST

• Day 0	29	→ 50.0%	
• Day 1-7	10	→ 17.2%	} The DAY AFTER to DAY 30
• Day 8-30	19	→ 32.8%	

Hill MD. Circulation. 2012;126:3054–3061.

The TIMING of Stroke by 30-days with CAS in CAPTURE



* n= 168 patients; 2 patients each had two strokes

Fairman R. Ann Surg 2007;246:551–558.

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The Problem of Conventional (Single-layer) Carotid Stents



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Mechanisms to explain the poor results of carotid artery stenting (CAS) in symptomatic patients to date and options to improve CAS outcomes

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Background: Carotid artery stenting (CAS) is considered by many as an alternative to carotid endarterectomy (CEA) for the management of carotid artery stenosis. However, recent trials demonstrated inferior results for CAS in symptomatic patients compared with CEA. We reviewed the literature to evaluate the appropriateness of CAS for symptomatic carotid artery stenosis and to determine the pathogenetic mechanism(s) associated with stroke following the treatment of such lesions. Based on this, we propose steps to improve the results of CAS for the treatment of symptomatic carotid stenosis.

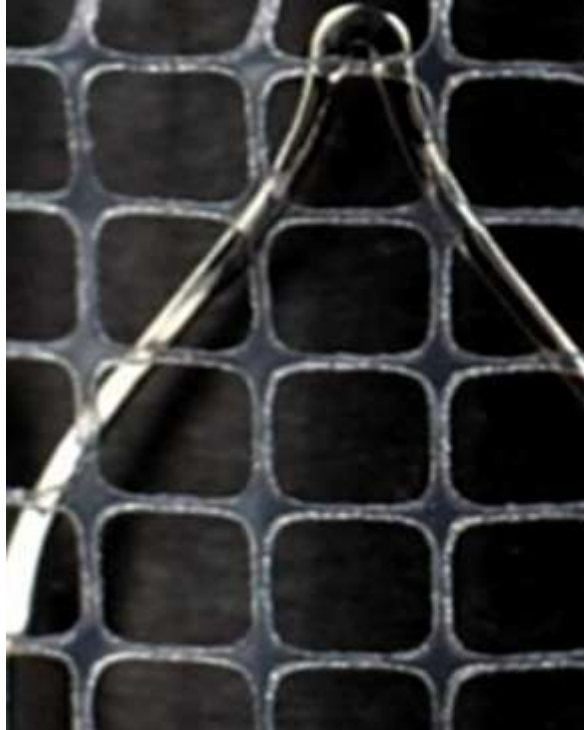
Methods: PubMed/Medline was searched up to March 25, 2010 for studies investigating the efficacy of CAS for the management of symptomatic carotid stenosis. Search terms used were “carotid artery stenting,” “symptomatic carotid artery stenosis,” “carotid endarterectomy,” “stroke,” “recurrent carotid stenosis,” and “long-term results” in various combinations.

Results: Current data suggest that CAS is not equivalent to CEA for the treatment of symptomatic carotid stenosis. Differences in carotid plaque morphology and a higher incidence of microemboli and cerebrovascular events during and after CAS compared with CEA may account for these inferior results.

Conclusions: Currently, most symptomatic patients are inappropriate candidates for CAS. Improved CAS technology referable to stent design and embolic protection strategies may alter this conclusion in the future. (J Vasc Surg 2010;52:1367-75.)

Carotid 'mesh' stents: 2nd Gen Carotid Stents

Gore Hybrid Stent



Casper/RoadSaver







CGuard



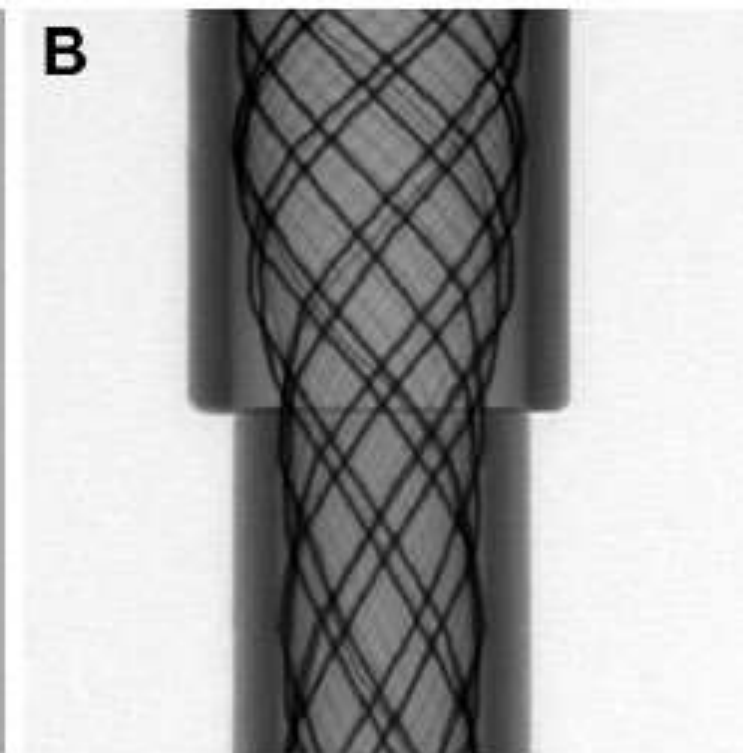
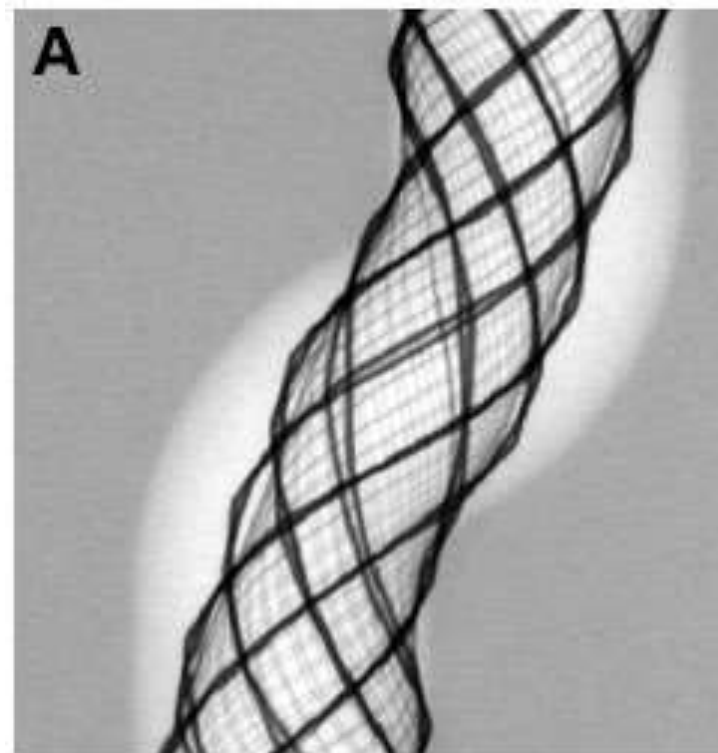
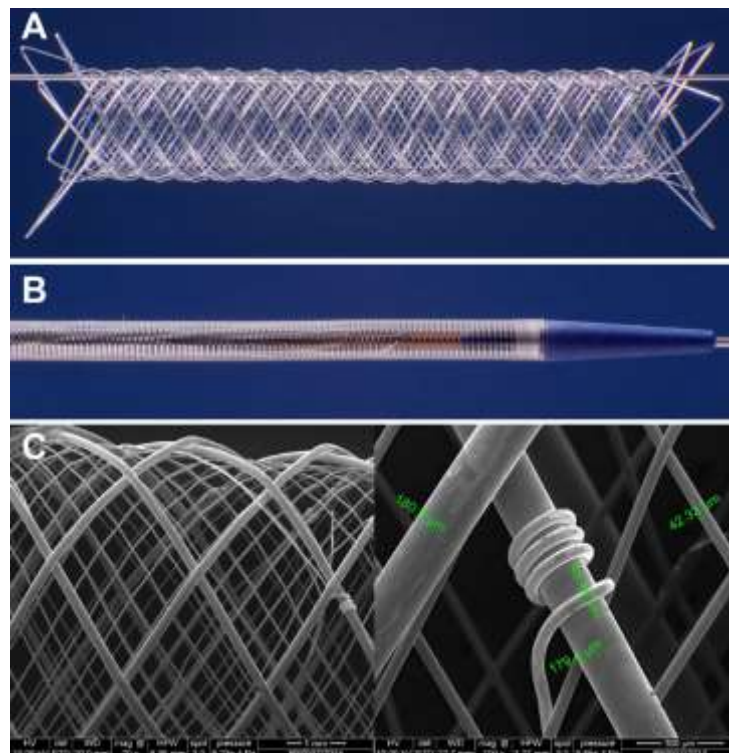
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Carotid 'mesh' stents

			
Name	RoadSaver <i>aka</i> Casper	Gore® Carotid Stent	CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent
Stent frame	closed-cell Nitinol	open-cell Nitinol	open-cell Nitinol
Mesh position in relation to frame	inside	outside	outside
Mesh material	Nitinol	PTFE	PET
Mesh structure	braided	inter-woven	single-fiber knitted
Pore size	375 µm	500 µm	150 - 180 µm

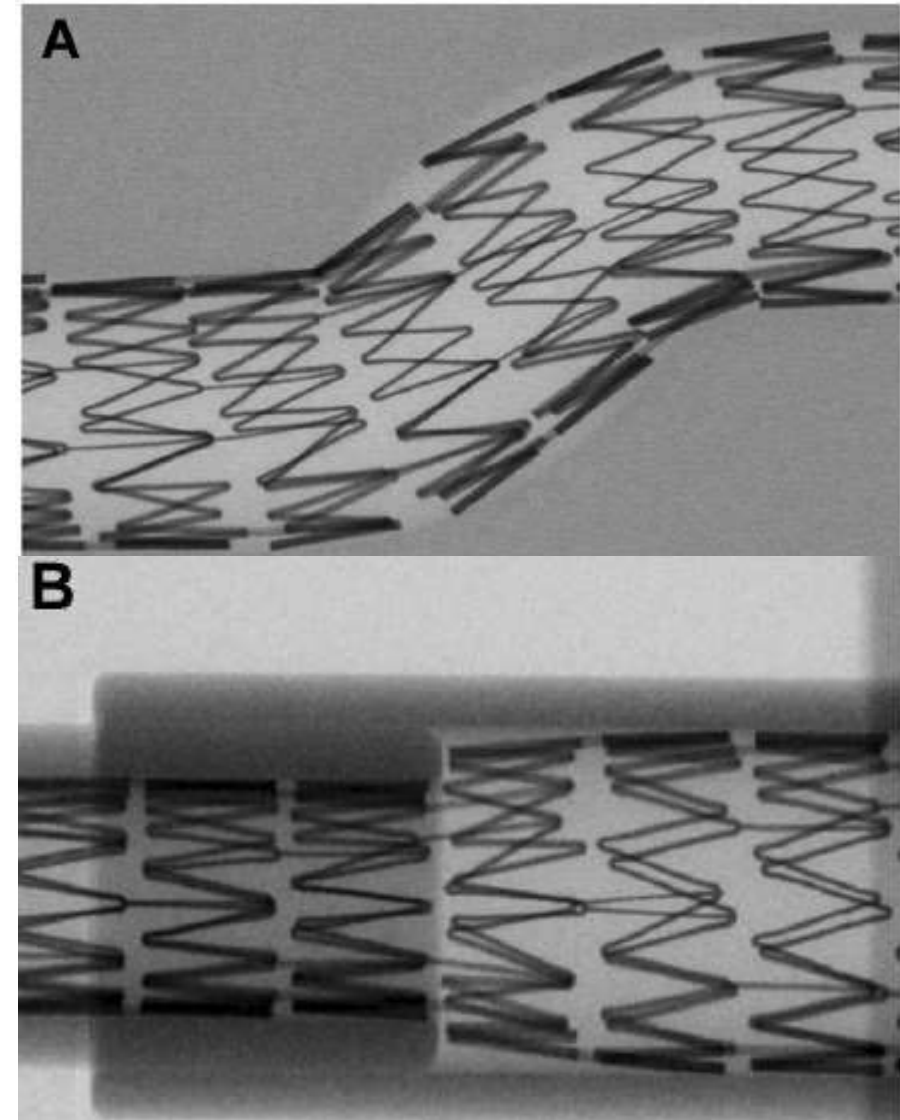
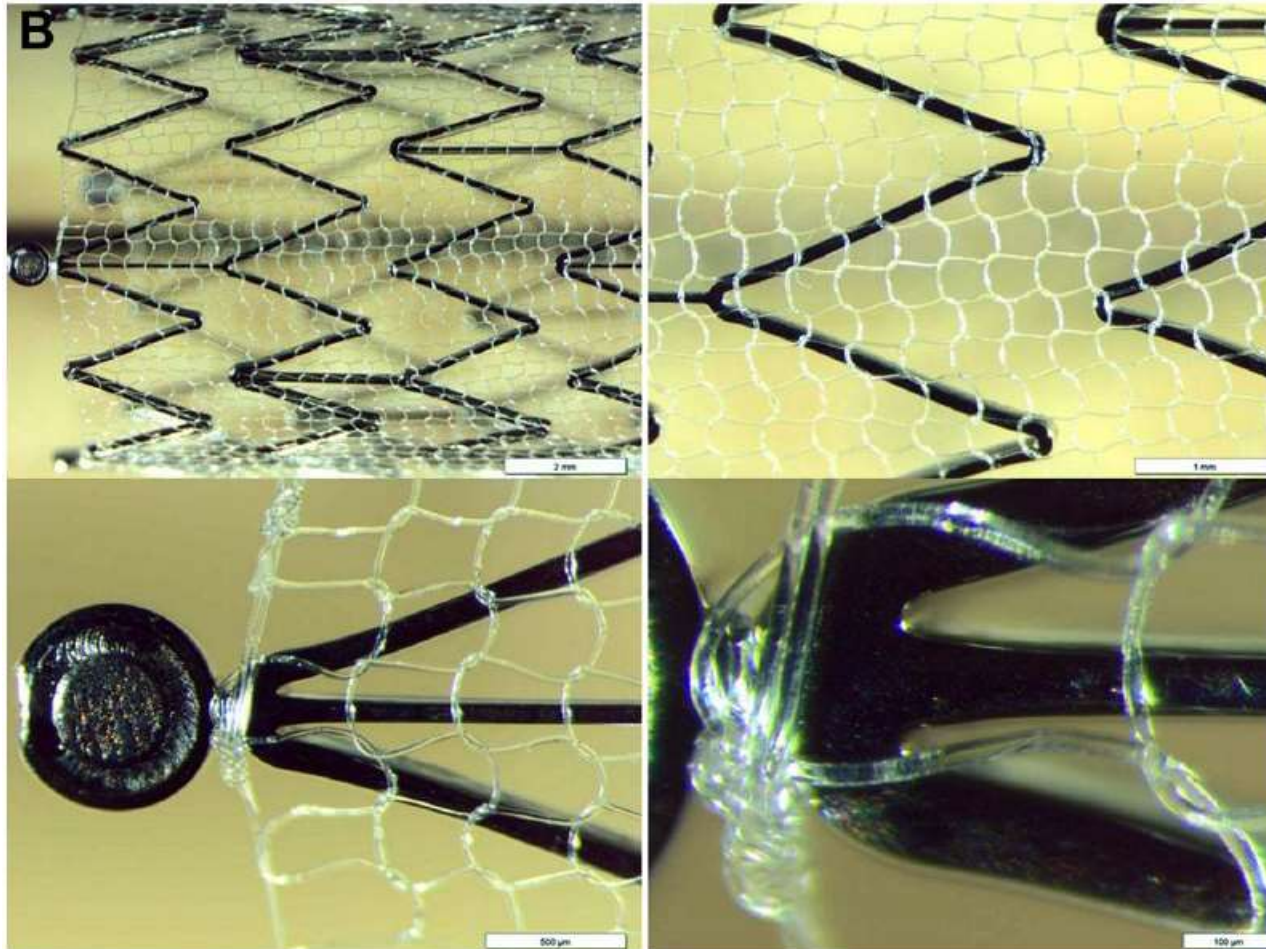
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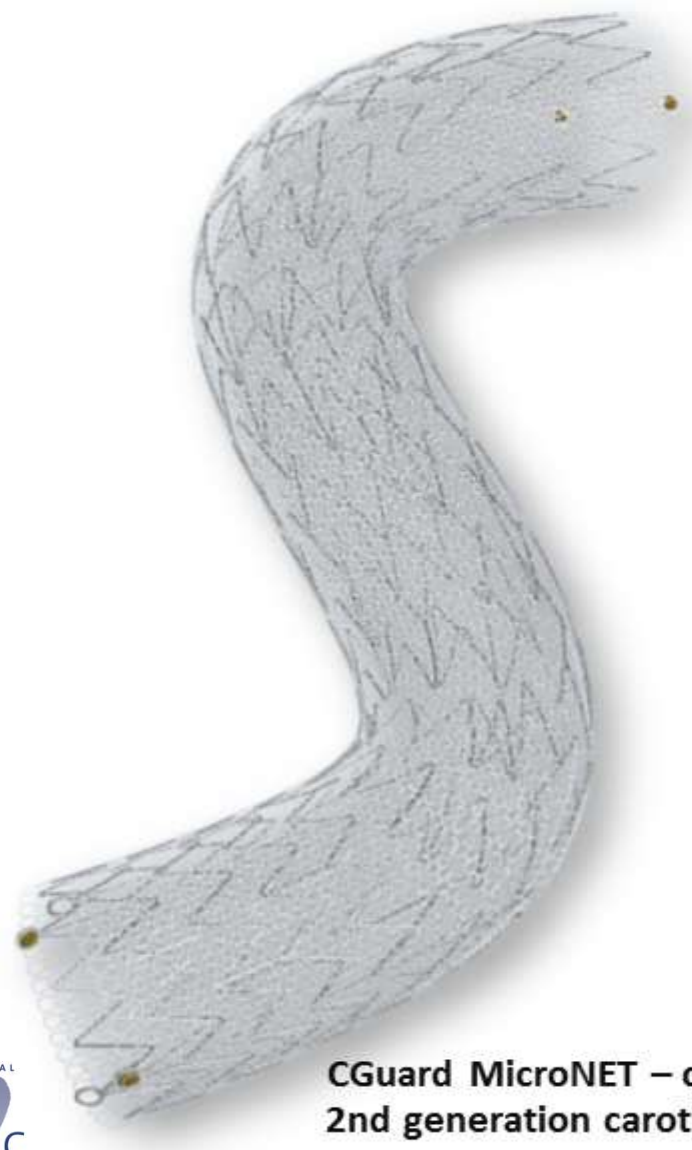


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The **MOST 'open'** amongst open-cell stents (metallic FRAME) & the **MOST 'close'** amongst close-cell stents (MicroNet mesh)

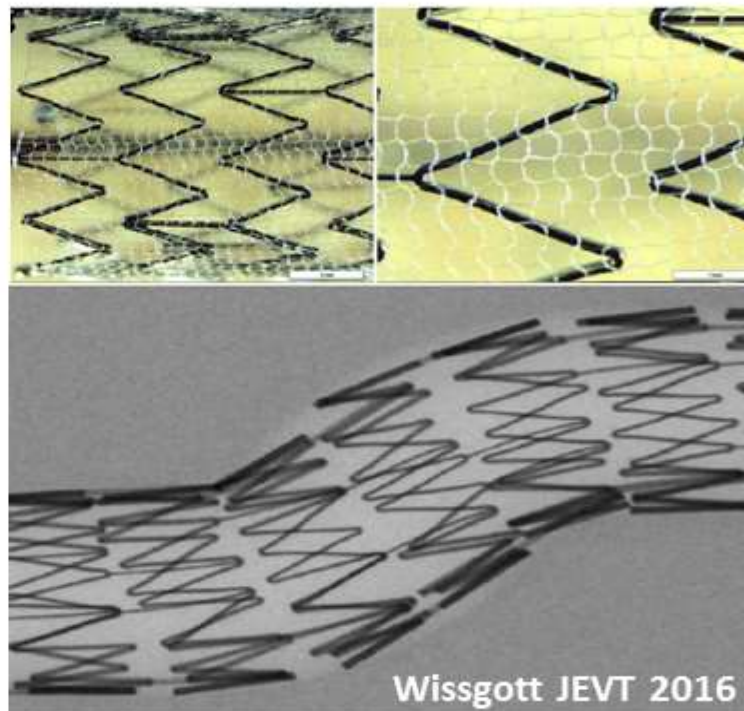


UNIQUE
mechanical
properties

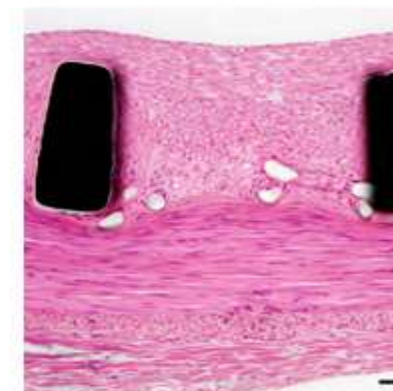
RESPECT
of anatomy

FULL
apposition

CGuard MicroNET – covered
2nd generation carotid stent



NORMAL
healing



Randomized Controlled Trial

New Technologies



The CREST Study stent

Human carotid artery treated using a conventional stent; OCT

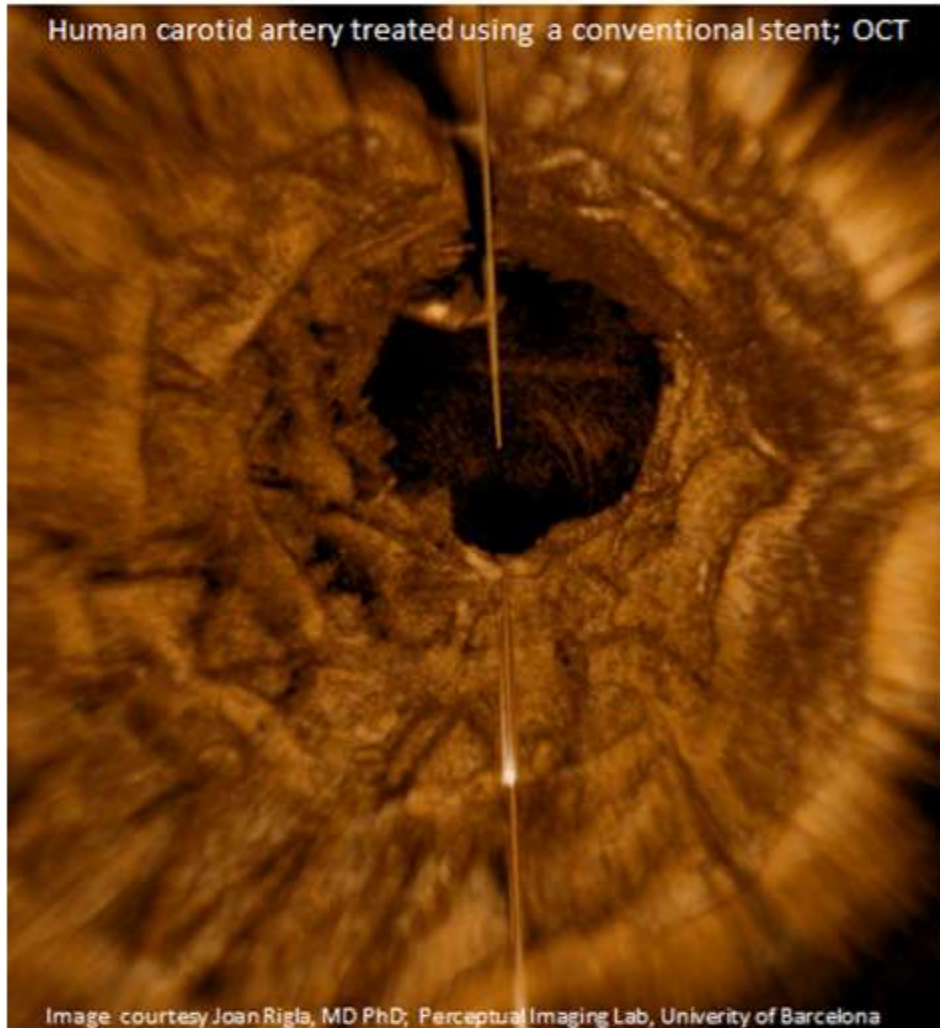
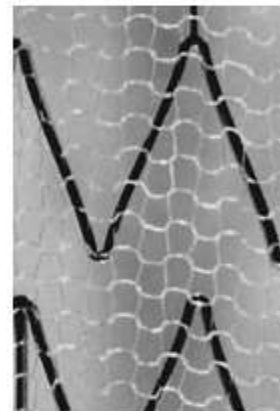
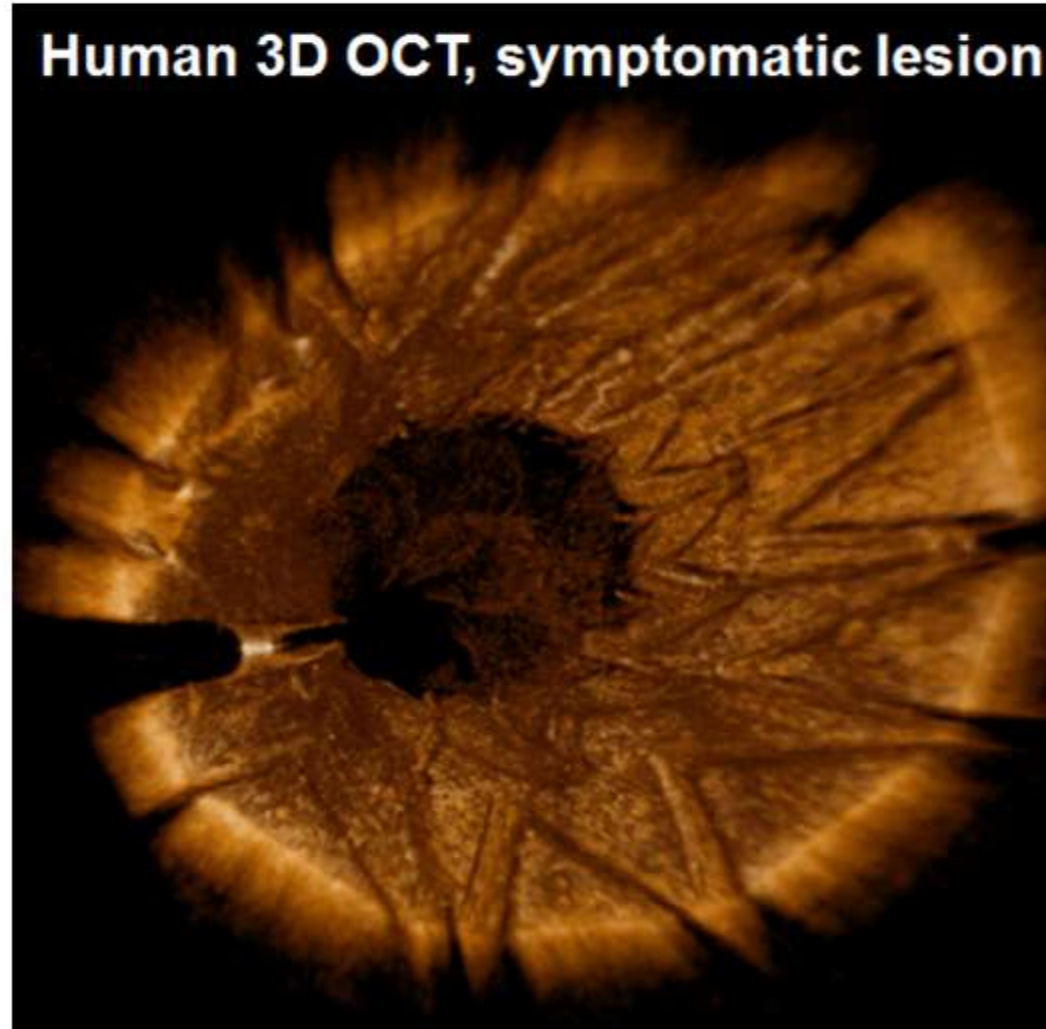


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MicroNet-Covered Stent

Human 3D OCT, symptomatic lesion

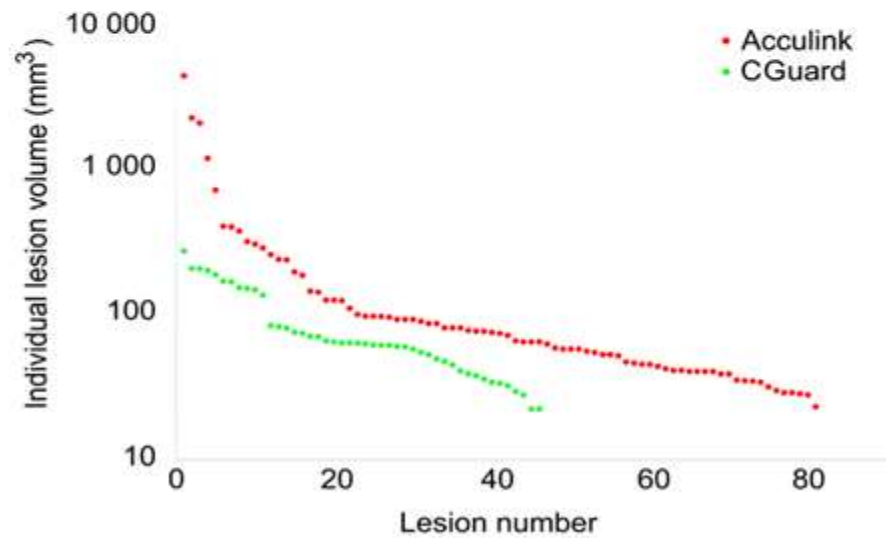


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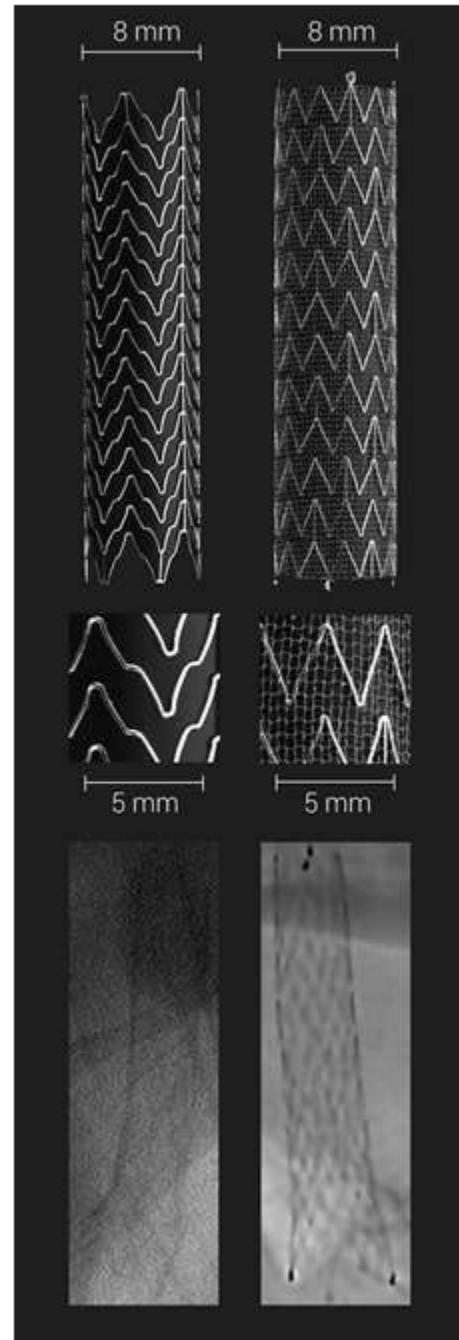
Neuro-Protective Carotid Stent System

Randomized Controlled Trial

DW-MRI Embolism
raw data



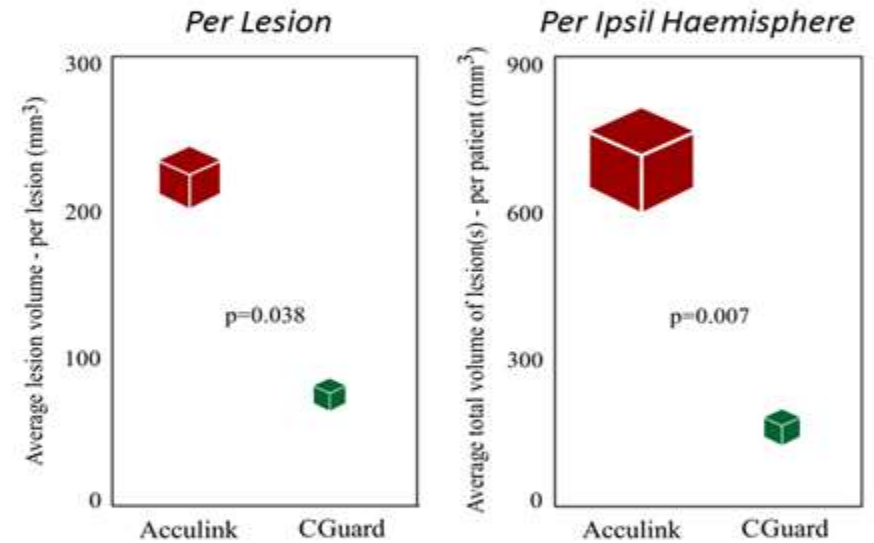
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Level 1 Evidence

Embololic Load to the Brain
PROFOUND REDUCTION
Acculink (CREST study device)

MicroNet-Covered Stent - CGuard



Blinded CoreLab independent analysis

CGuard MicroNET-Covered Stent

New Technologies

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2nd Gen Carotid Stents ('mesh' stents)

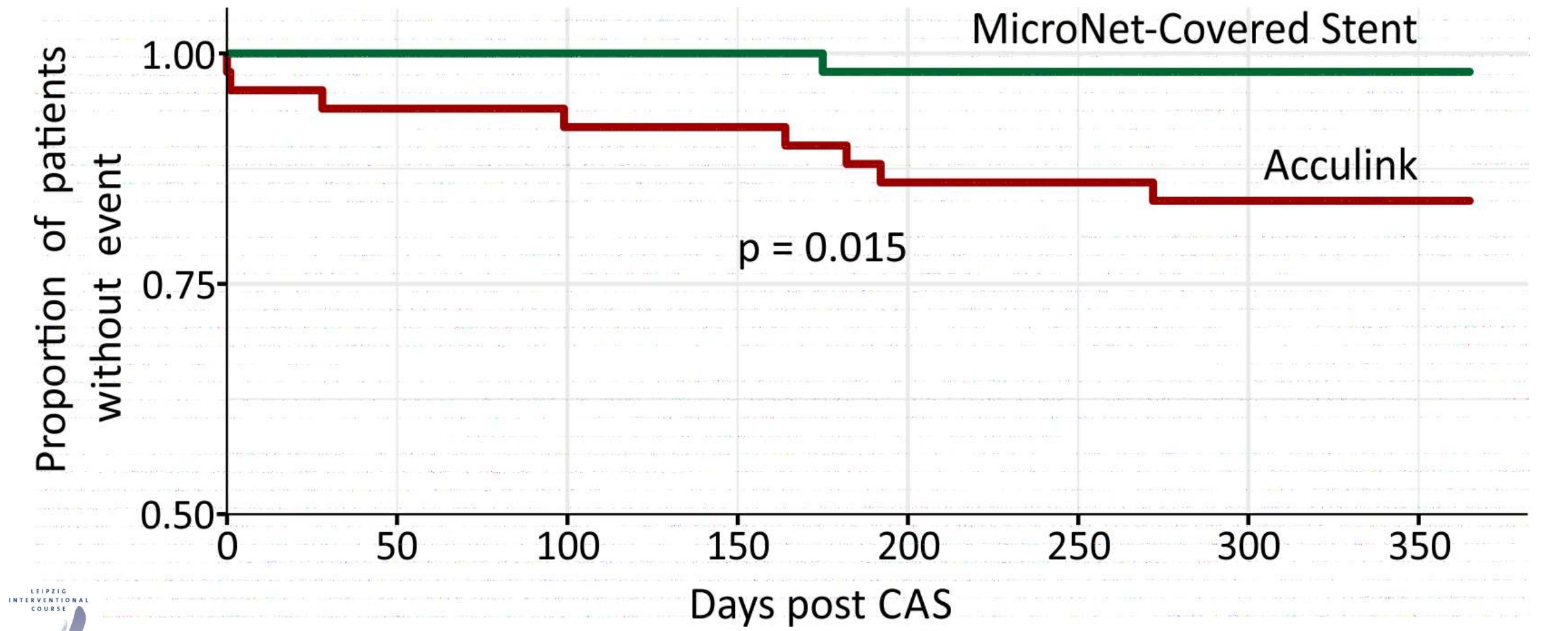
- significantly reduce the **incidence** of embolic material in filters
- significantly reduce **filter load**
- profoundly reduce CAS-related **cerebral injury**

2nd Gen Carotid Stents ('mesh' stents)

Clinical Data

Randomized Controlled Trial of
Conventional Versus MicroNet-Covered
Stent in Carotid Artery Revascularization

12-month clinical data

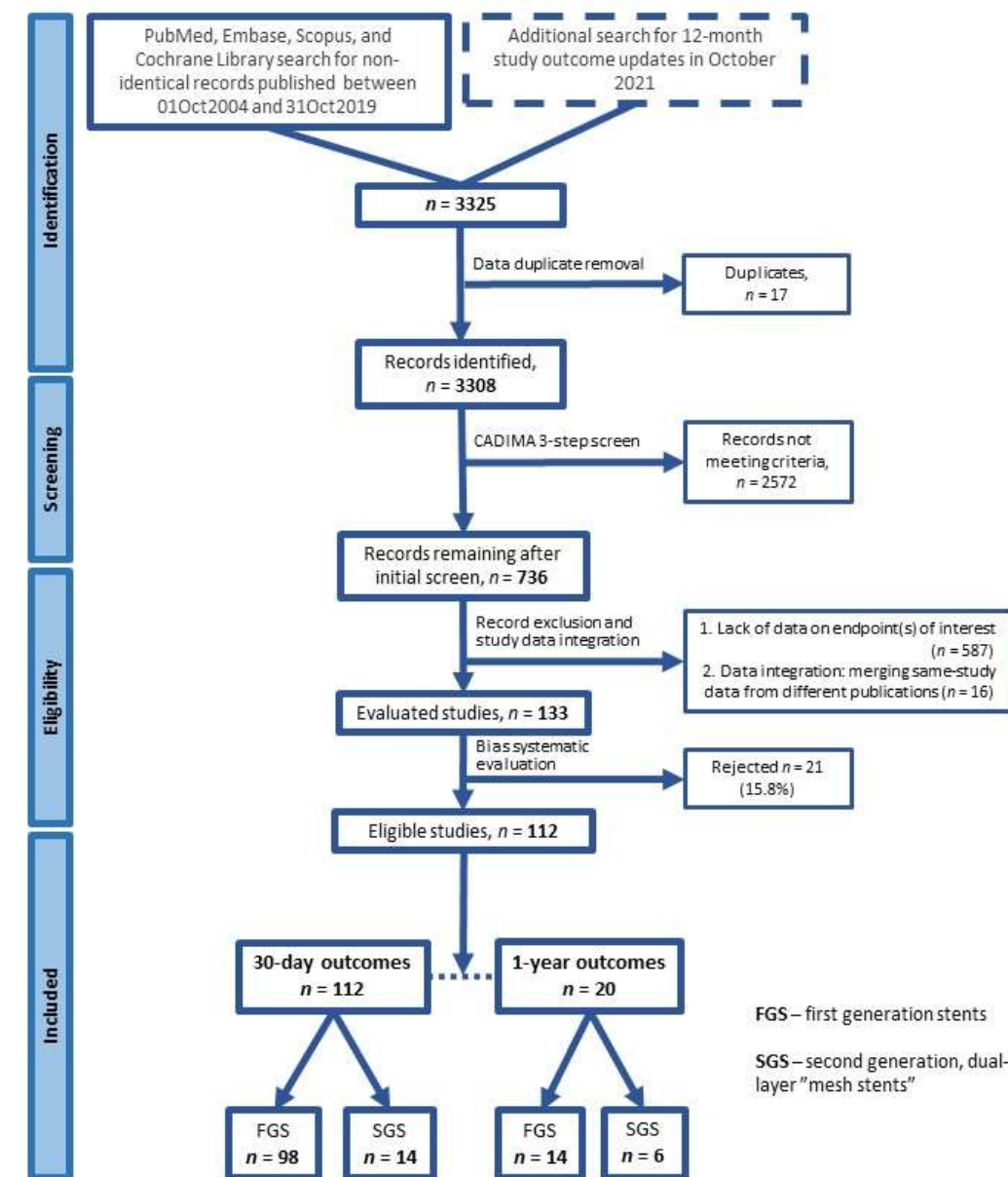


Clinical Outcomes of Second- versus First-Generation Carotid Stents: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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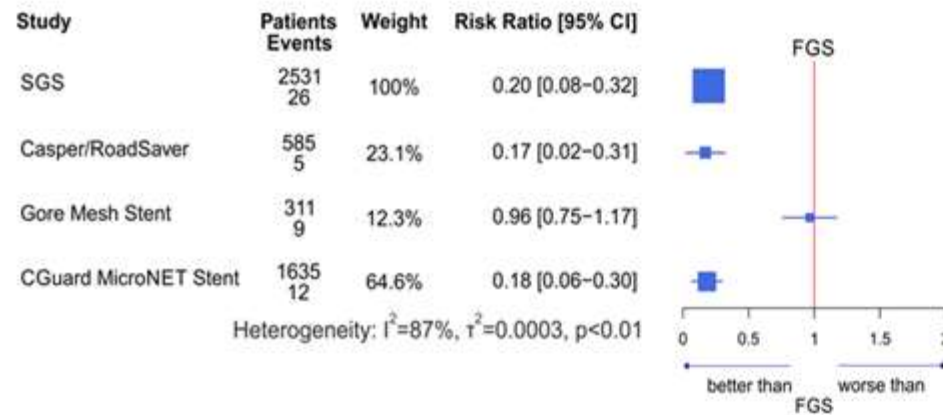
Data of **68,422** patients
from **112** eligible studies
(68.2% men, 44.9% symptomatic)

CARMEN Systematic review and meta-analysis flowchart (PRISMA)

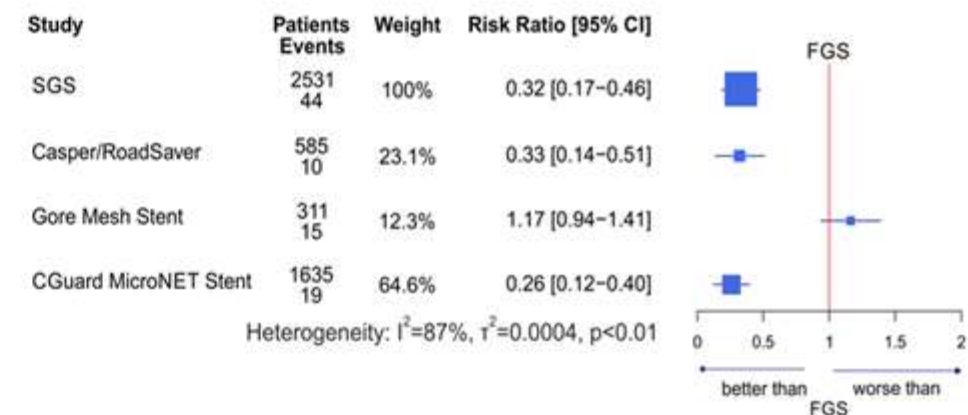


CARMEN SGS vs FGS Meta-Analysis: Main Findings

A 30-day Stroke

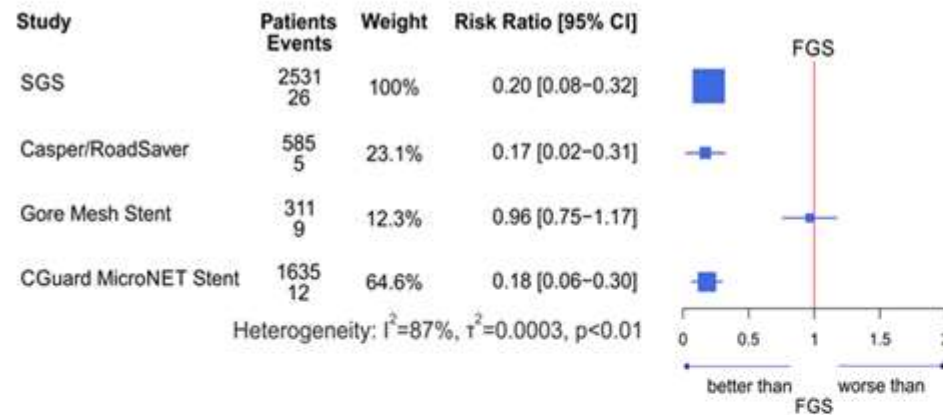


B 30-day Death/Stroke/MI

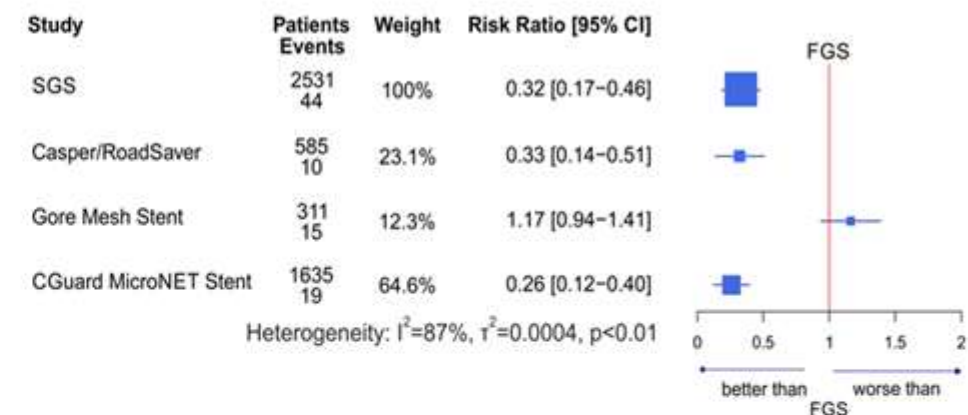


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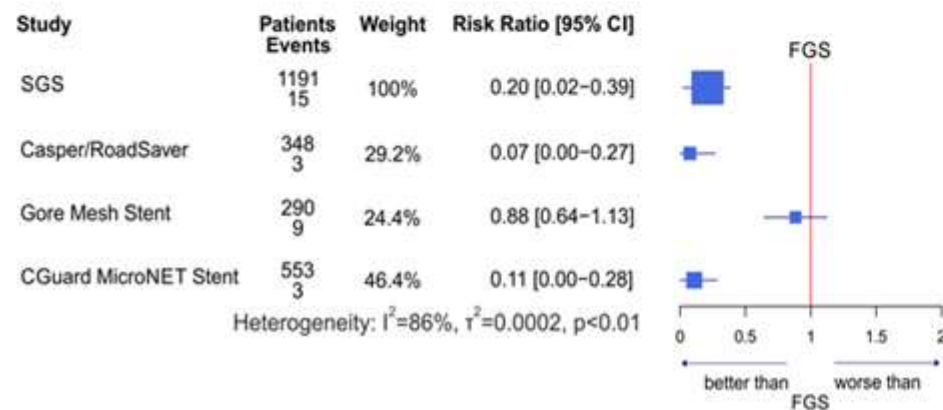
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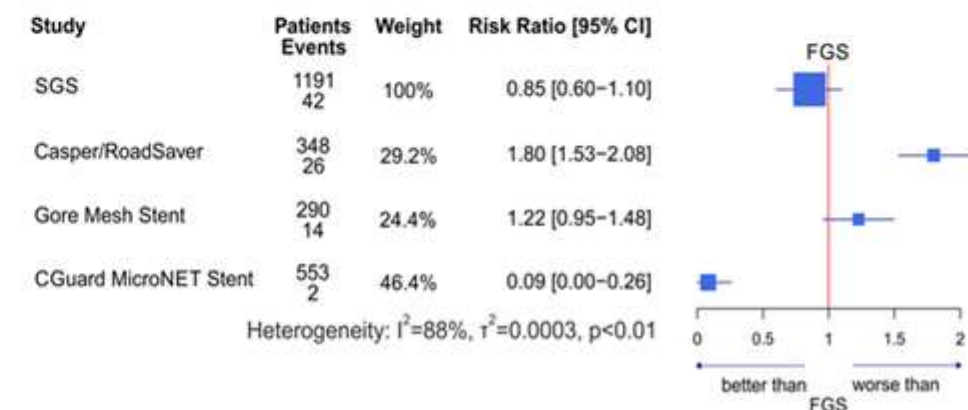
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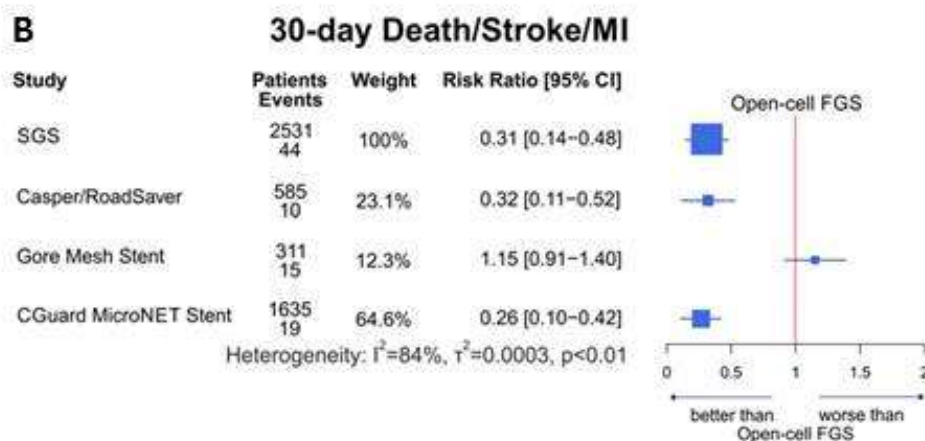
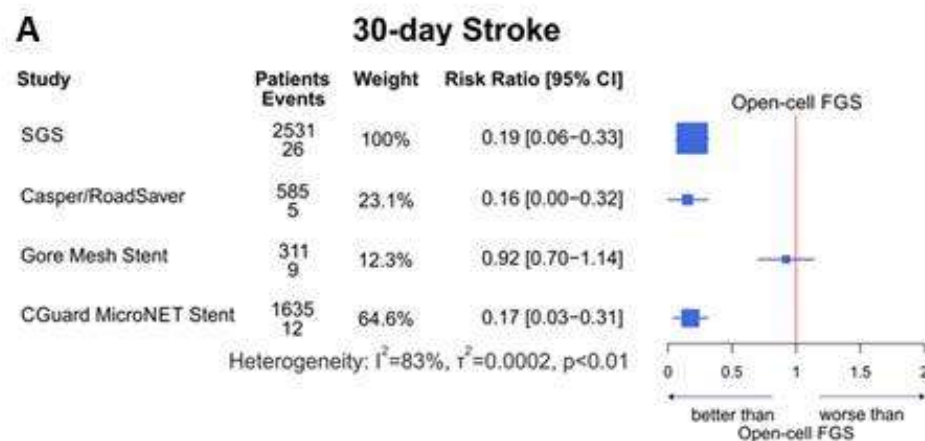


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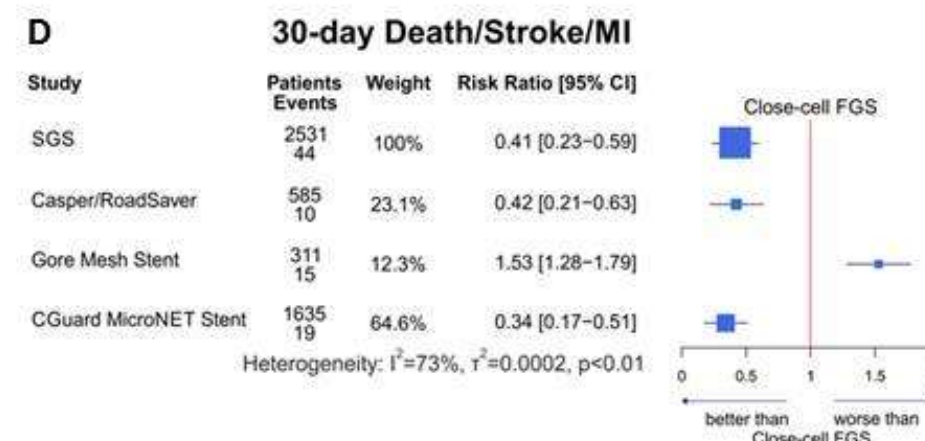
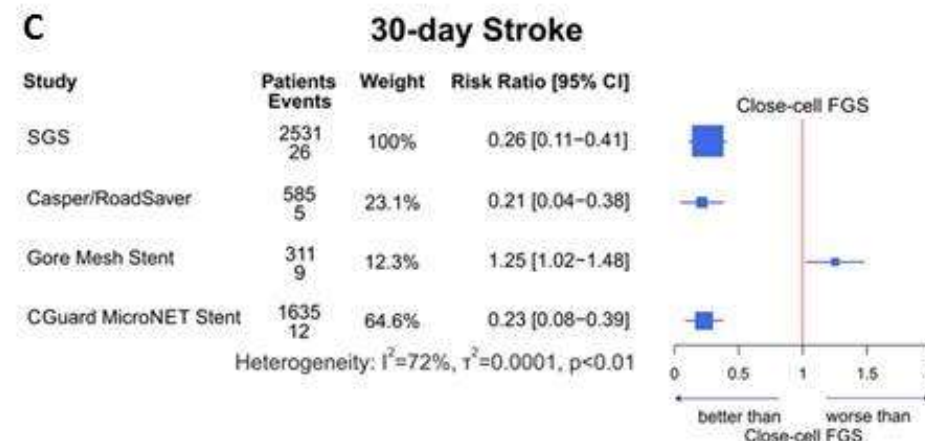


CARMEN SGS vs FGS Meta-Analysis: Main Findings






Open-cell FGS as reference



Close-cell FGS as reference



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Conclusions: Pooled SGS use was associated with improved short- and long-term clinical results of CAS. Individual SGS types, however, differed significantly in their outcomes, indicating a lack of a “mesh stent” class effect. **Findings from this meta-analysis may provide clinically relevant information (...).**

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CEA in
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2. CEA in Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI) database*

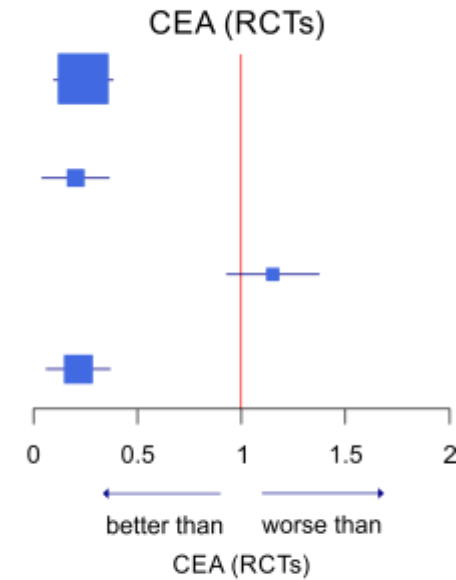
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30-day Stroke

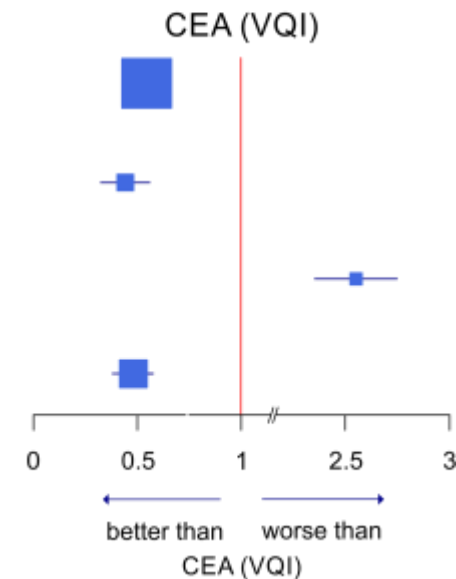
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SGS	2531 26	100%	0.24 [0.10–0.38]
Casper/RoadSaver	585 5	23.1%	0.20 [0.04–0.36]
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SGS	2531 26	100%	0.53 [0.44–0.62]
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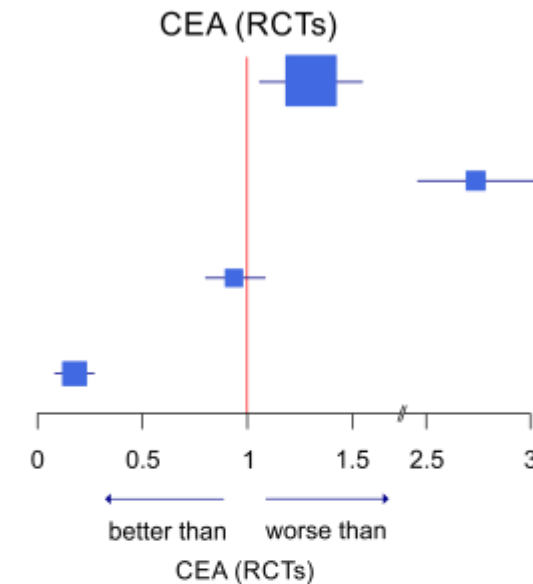
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12-month Restenosis

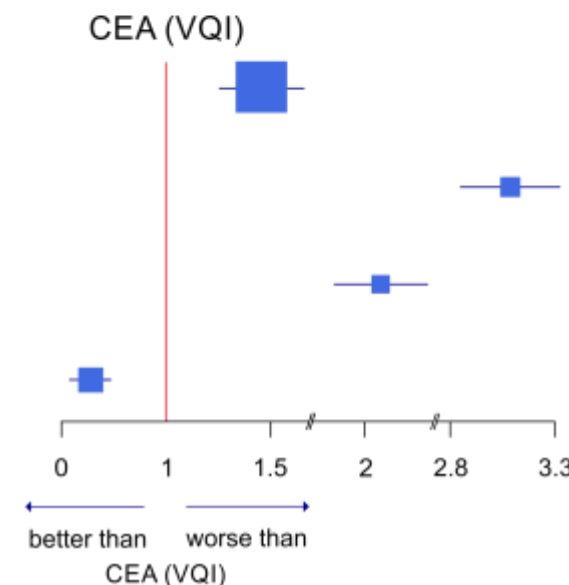
Study	Patients Events	Weight	Risk Ratio [95% CI]
SGS	1191 42	100%	1.30 [1.05–1.55]
Casper/RoadSaver	348 26	29.2%	2.75 [2.48–3.02]
Gore Mesh Stent	290 14	24.4%	0.94 [0.80–1.08]
CGuard MicroNET Stent	553 2	46.4%	0.16 [0.08–0.24]

Heterogeneity: $I^2=84\%$, $\tau^2=0.0002$, $p<0.01$



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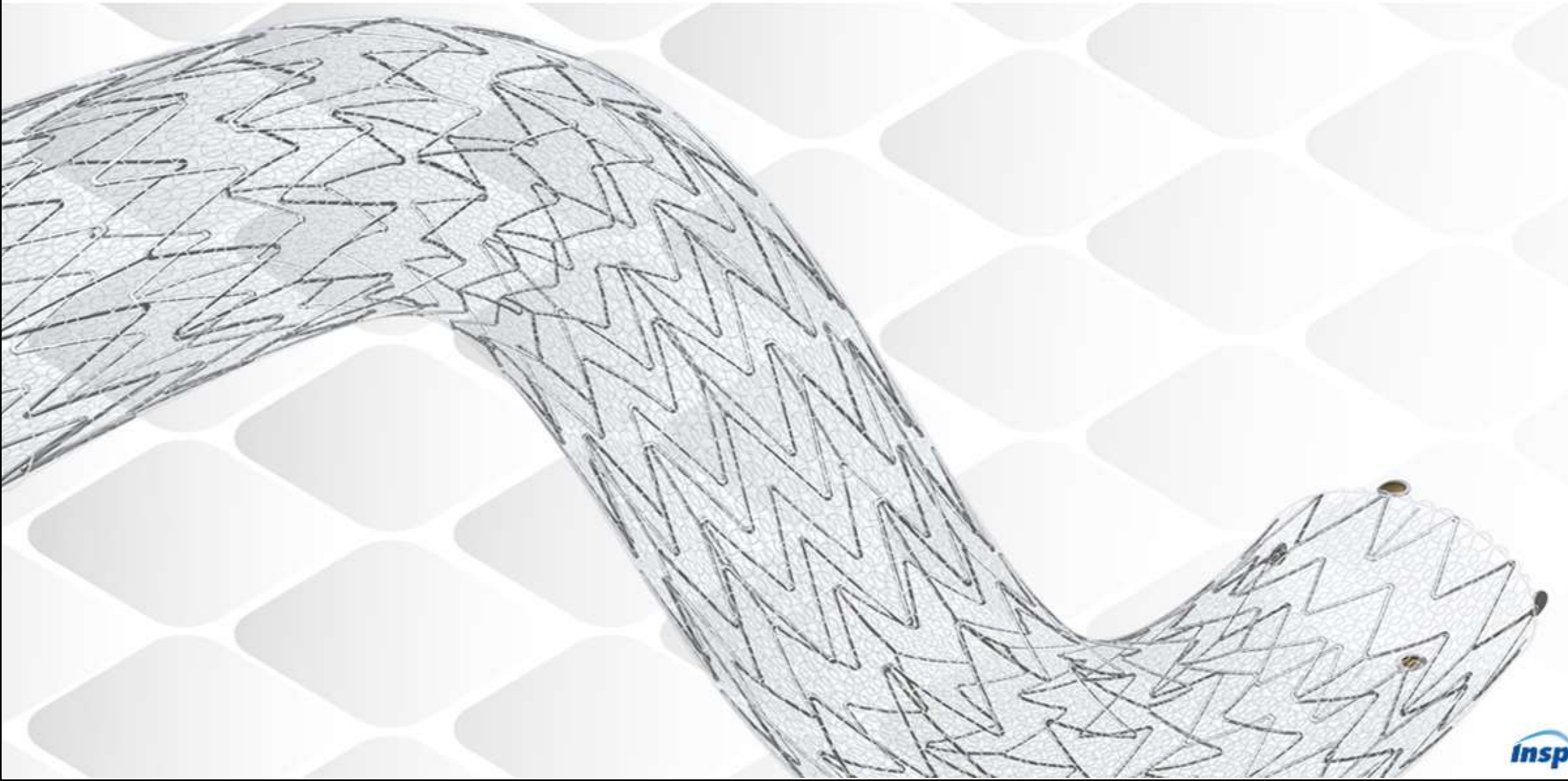
Meta-analytic integration of available clinical data indicates:

- 1) reduction in stroke but increased restenosis rate with Casper/Roadsaver,
 - 2) reduction in both stroke and restenosis with CGuard MicroNET-covered stent
- against contemporary CEA outcomes at 30 days and 12 months used as reference.*

FDA-IDE Clinical Trial:

CGUARDIANS

NCT 04900844



C-GUARDIANS Study Design	Prospective, multicenter, single- armed IDE Pivotal trial
Sample size/ Sites	316 Patients; 25 US and European Sites
Primary Endpoint	<i>Composite of death, stroke, MI (DSMI) at 30 days</i> or ipsilateral stroke at 1 year
Sponsor	INSPIRE MD
Principal Investigator Co- Principal Investigator	D. Chris Metzger, MD Piotr Musialek, MD
Study Enrollment Period	July, 2021 to June, 2023 (23 months)
Monitor/ CRO	Hart Clinical Consultants

Patient Demographics

Characteristic	ITT (N = 316)
Age (mean \pm SD)	69.0 \pm 6.6
% Symptomatic	24.3%
% Male	63.9%
Diabetes Mellitus	41.8%
Hypertension	92.6%
Dyslipidemia	90%
CAD	52.1%
COPD	23.8%
Current Smoker	26.4%
PVD	28.6%

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Embololic Protection Utilized

Emboshield NAV 6 Distal embolic protection	261
MoMA Proximal embolic protection	78
Both (Nav6 and MoMa)	24
None	1

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C-GUARDIANS 30-day Results

ITT Analysis (N = 316)	Event rate in % (n)
Death, Stroke or MI*	0.95%(3)
Death#	0.32% (1)
Any stroke#	0.95% (3)
Major Stroke#	0.63% (2)
Minor Stroke#	0.32% (1)
MI	0.0% (0)
Death or any stroke*	0.95% (3)
Death or major stroke*	0.63% (2)

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* Hierarchical: patient count (each patient first occurrence of the most serious event).

Non-hierarchical: event count (multiple events in each patient are counted individually).

CGUARDIANS FDA-IDE CAS vs. ACST-2 CEA

30-day STROKE 0.95% vs. 2.4%

30-day Death/Stroke/MI 0.95% vs. 3.2%

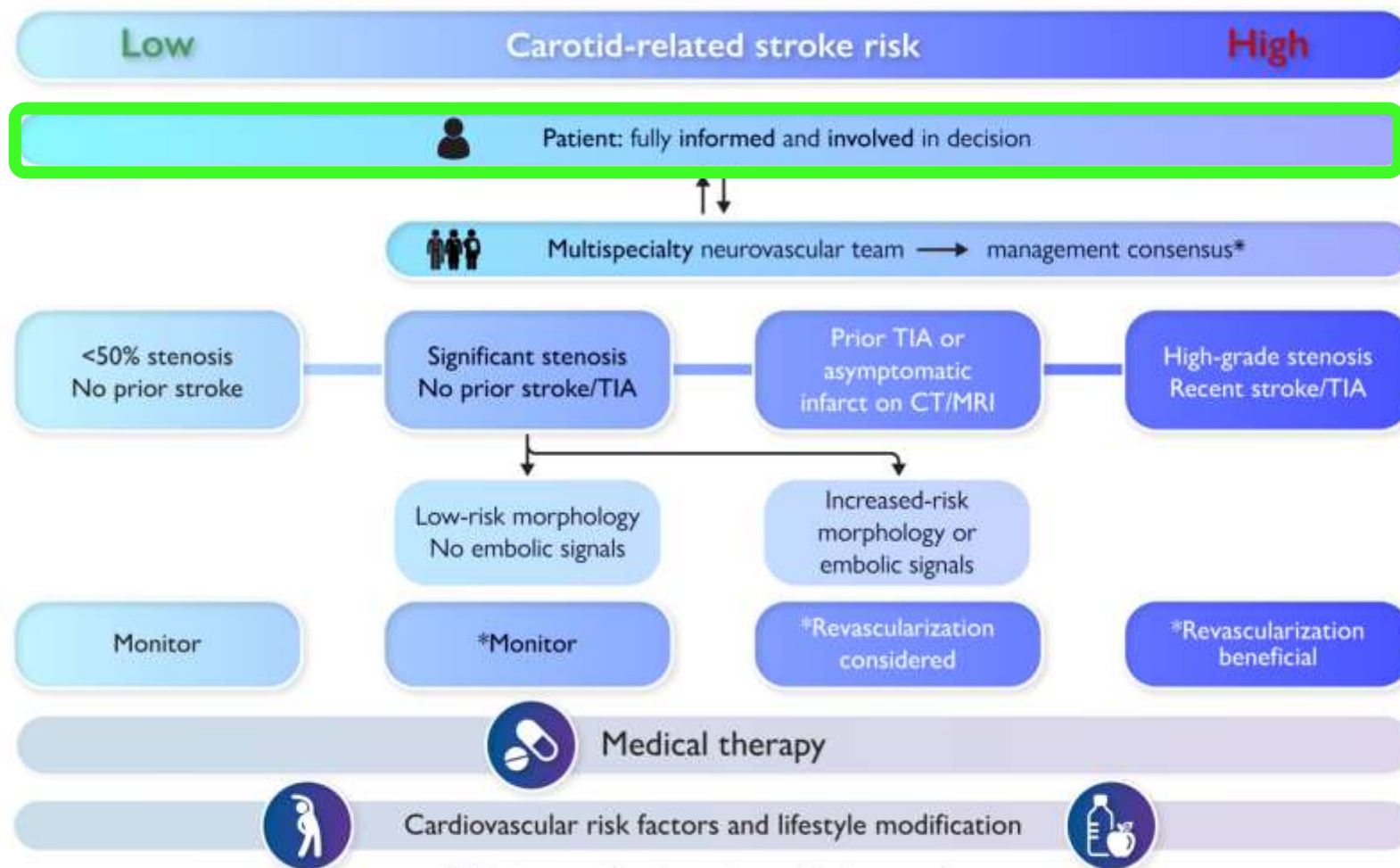
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Carotid stent as cerebral protector: the arrival of Godot

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With respect to clinical decision-making, it is important to understand that any historic data (such as data obtained using prior-generation devices that were unable to effectively isolate the atherosclerotic lesion material) need to be viewed as having, today, a mostly historical value.

Mechanisms to explain the poor results of carotid artery stenting (CAS) in symptomatic patients to date and options to improve CAS outcomes

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Background: Carotid artery stenting (CAS) is considered by many as an alternative to carotid endarterectomy (CEA) for the management of carotid artery stenosis. However, recent trials demonstrated inferior results for CAS in symptomatic patients compared with CEA. We reviewed the literature to evaluate the appropriateness of CAS for symptomatic carotid artery stenosis and to determine the pathogenetic mechanism(s) associated with stroke following the treatment of such lesions. Based on this, we propose steps to improve the results of CAS for the treatment of symptomatic carotid stenosis.

Methods: PubMed/Medline was searched up to March 25, 2010 for studies investigating the efficacy of CAS for the management of symptomatic carotid stenosis. Search terms used were “carotid artery stenting,” “symptomatic carotid artery stenosis,” “carotid endarterectomy,” “stroke,” “recurrent carotid stenosis,” and “long-term results” in various combinations.

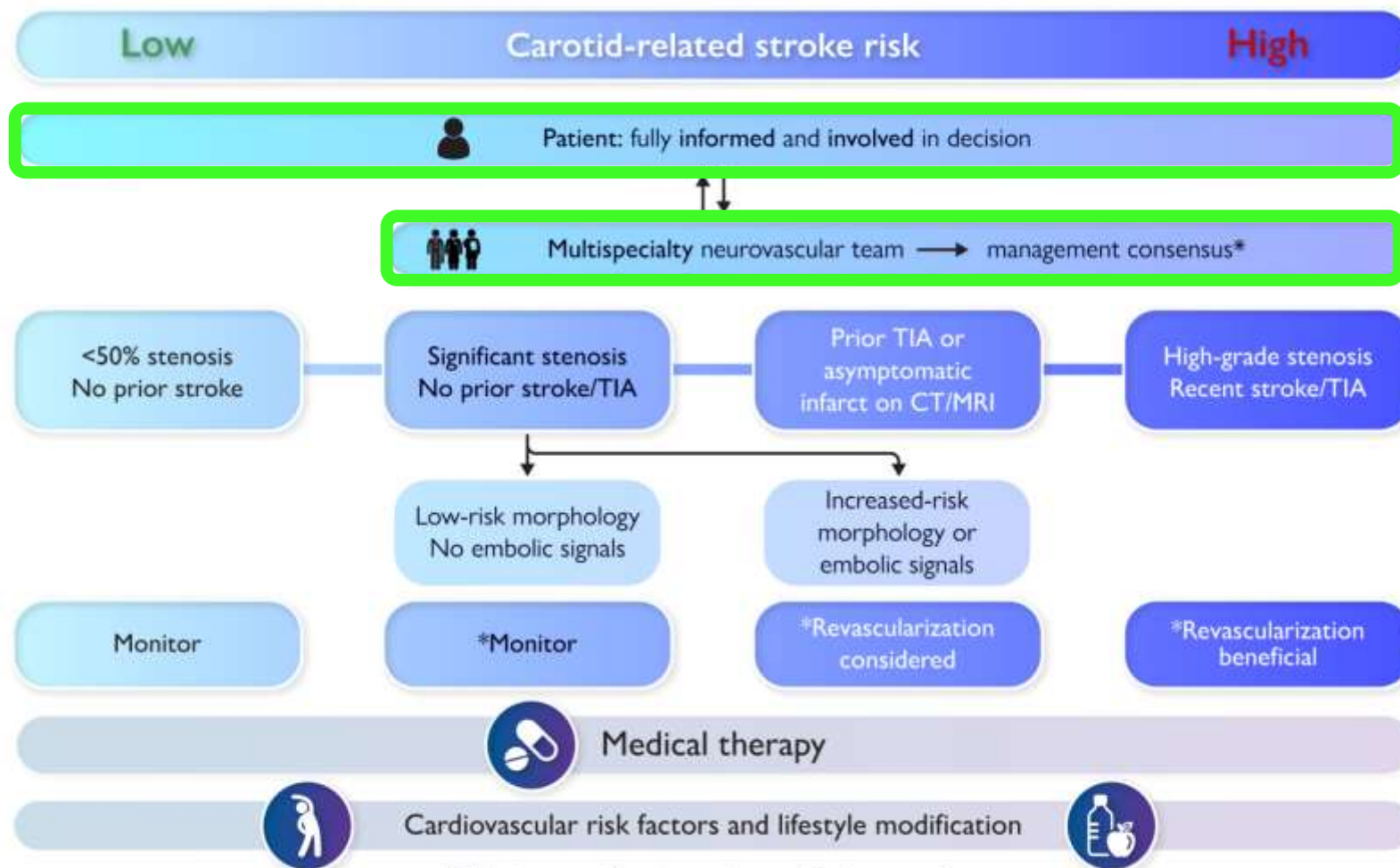
Results: Current data suggest that CAS is not equivalent to CEA for the treatment of symptomatic carotid stenosis. Differences in carotid plaque morphology and a higher incidence of microemboli and cerebrovascular events during and after CAS compared with CEA may account for these inferior results.

Conclusions: Currently, most symptomatic patients are inappropriate candidates for CAS. Improved CAS technology referable to stent design and embolic protection strategies may alter this conclusion in the future. (J Vasc Surg 2010;52:1367-75.)

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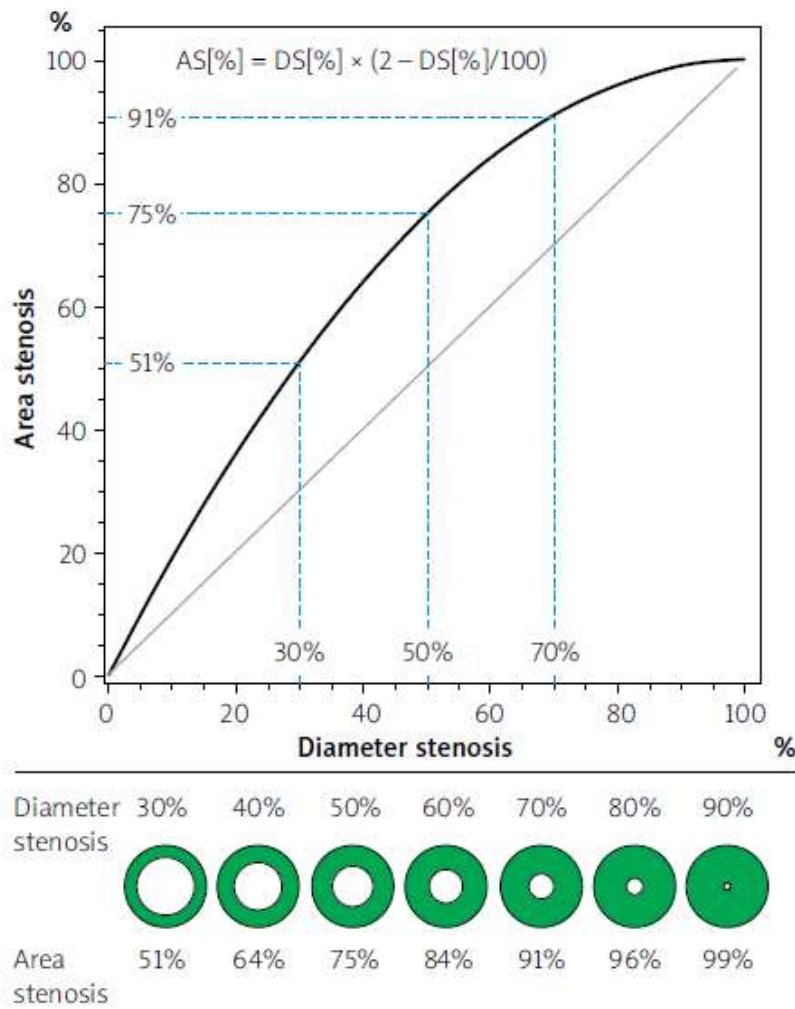
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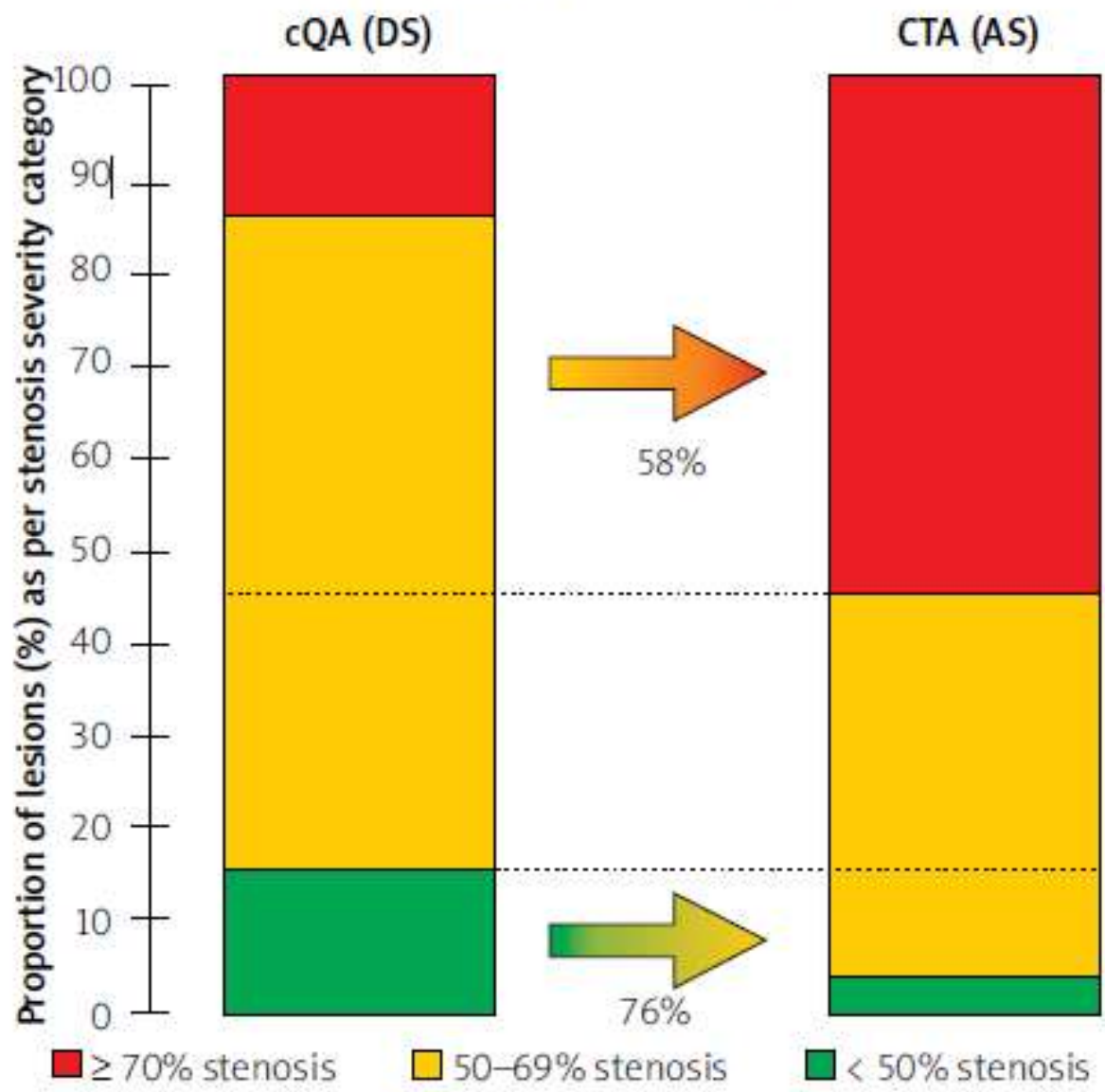
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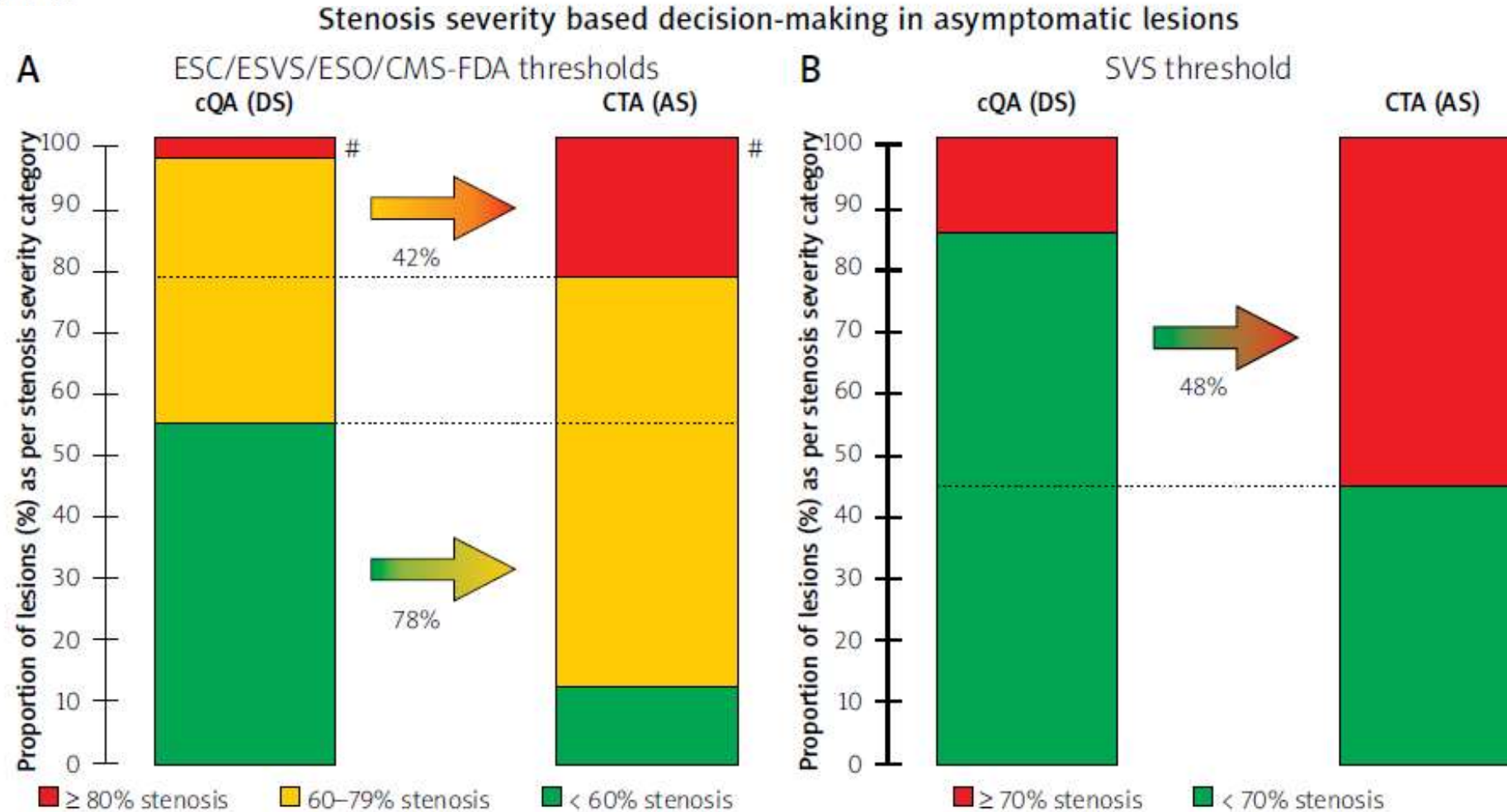


Figure 4. Effect of replacing – in asymptomatic lesions – cQA diameter stenosis-based measurement of carotid “% stenosis” (reference standard) with CTA-derived area stenosis calculation on lesion (patient) migration to another guideline category.

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In conclusion,

*The landscape
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