

# Asymptomatic Patients with Carotid Stenosis Should be Treated with Best Medical Therapy Given Improvements in Outcomes!

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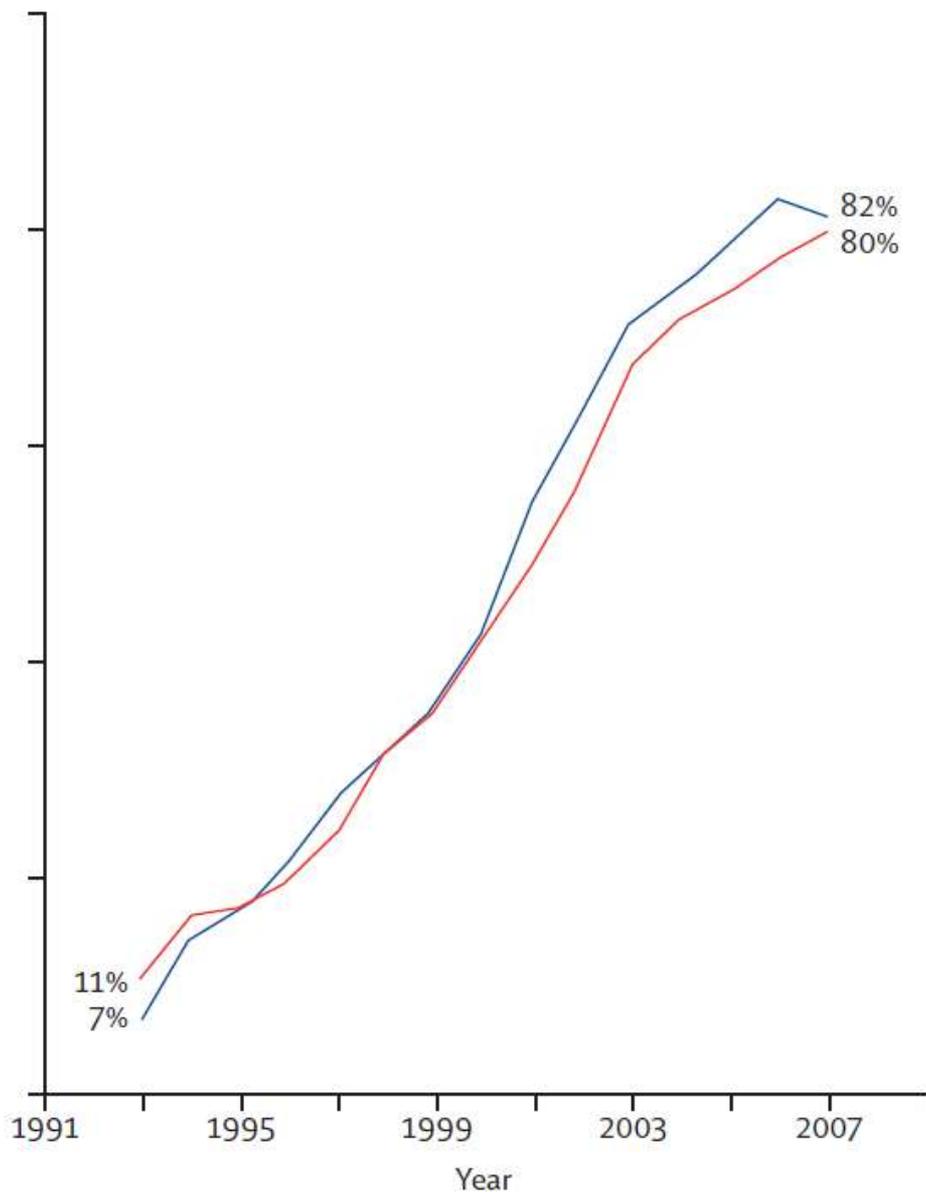
I will be discussing products that are  
investigational



- The improvement in medical management has changed the playing field



## D Lipid-lowering drug use



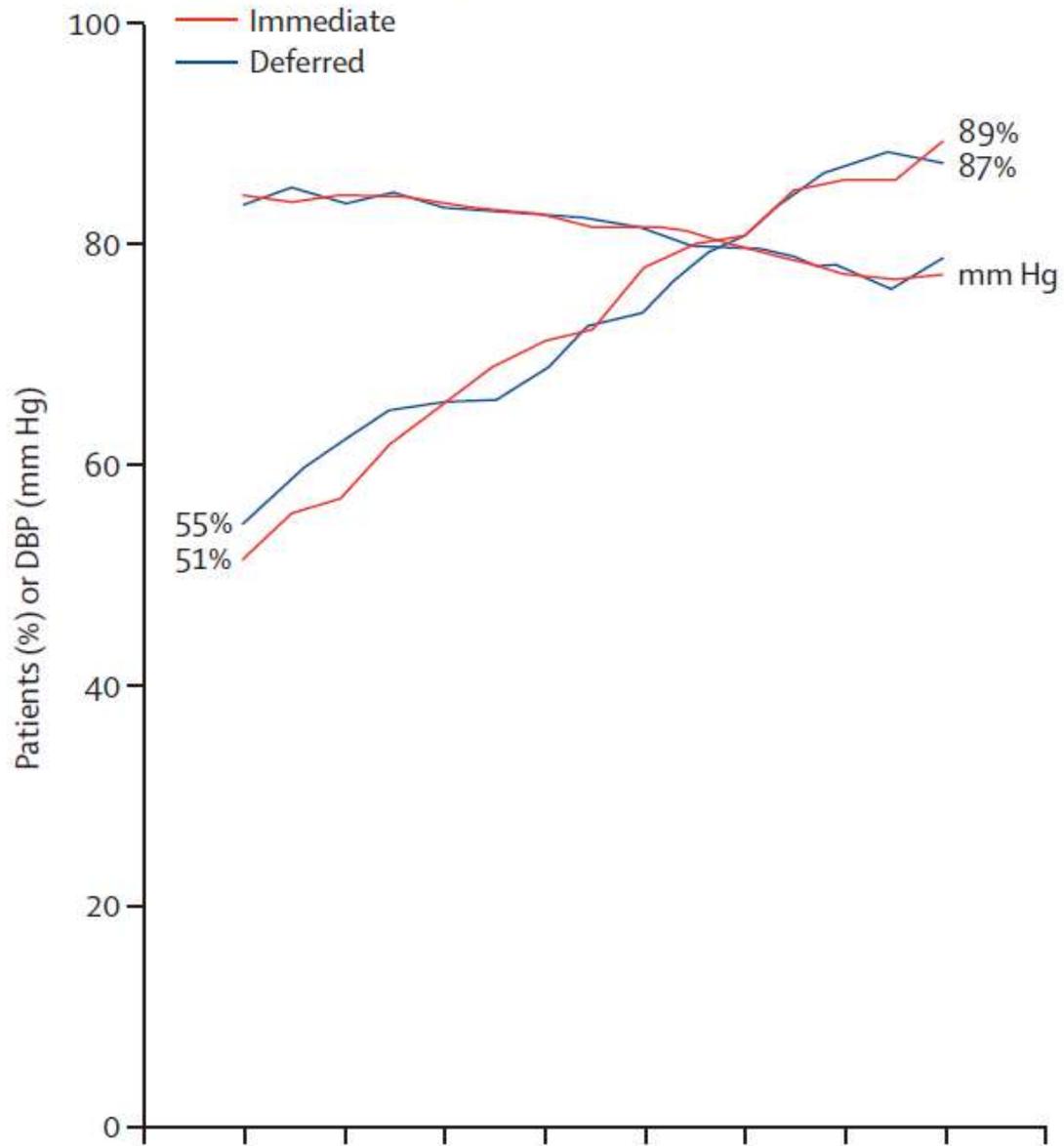
**Figure 4:** Current use (at or after randomisation) of various medical treatments by year of follow-up and by original treatment allocation (to immediate or deferred CEA)

CEA=carotid endarterectomy.  
DBP=diastolic blood pressure.

202	956	1316	1436	1434	1380	1188	426
198	964	1356	1448	1456	1390	1198	412



### A Antihypertensive drug use and mean DBP



Number of patients

Immediate	101	478	658	721	720	689	593	215
Deferred	99	482	680	728	730	702	601	206

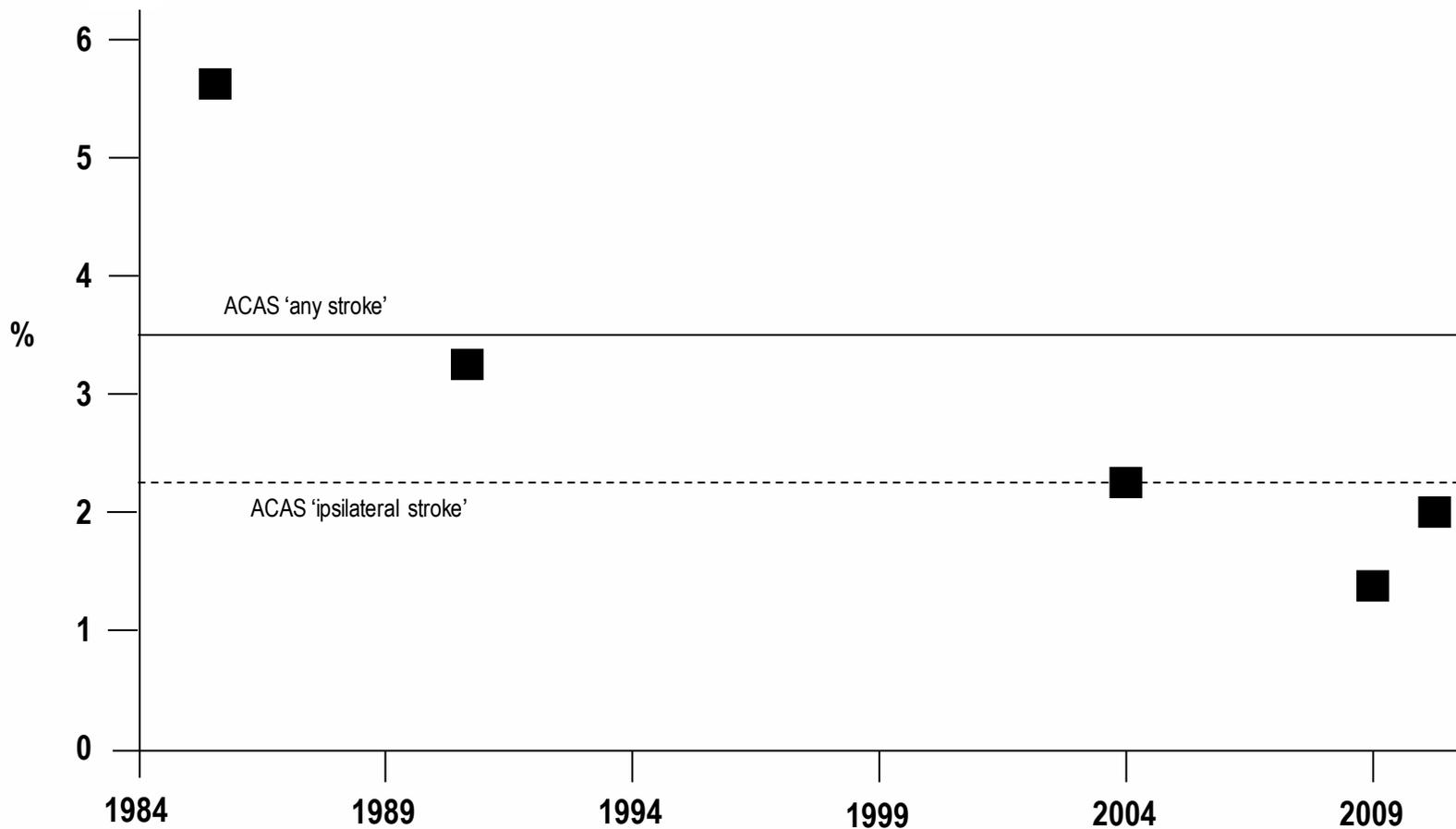
# Topical Reviews

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## What Is the Current Status of Invasive Treatment of Extracranial Carotid Artery Disease?

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**Abstract**—Year 2011 sees the publication of US guidelines that recommend expanding indications for carotid artery stenting into “average-risk” patients, whereas guidelines from Australia/New Zealand largely do not. This article reviews the status of invasive treatment of carotid disease and highlights 2 controversial issues that were not really addressed in these guidelines: (1) a lack of emphasis on the importance of intervening rapidly after transient ischemic attack/minor stroke; and (2) why continue to recommend that only “highly selected” asymptomatic patients should undergo intervention when virtually no-one pays any attention? (*Stroke*. 2011;42:2080-2085.)



**Figure.** Average annual stroke rates in medically treated patients with asymptomatic carotid stenosis. ■ indicates any stroke 70% to 99% stenosis.



- And what about intensive medical management?



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# Stenting versus Aggressive Medical Therapy for Intracranial Arterial Stenosis

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## Measures of Risk Factors at Baseline and 4 Months

Clinical Factor		Baseline	4 Months
Blood pressure	Systolic blood pressure– mm Hg	147±22	135±17
Lipids	LDL cholesterol – mg/dl	98±37	73±26
Glycated hemoglobin in patients with diabetes	Level of glycated hemoglobin - %	8.3±2.3	7.5±2.0



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Stenting versus Endarterectomy for Treatment of Carotid-Artery Stenosis

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- 1,181 asymptomatics
- 30-day stroke and death rates low, 2.5% for CAS and 1.4% for CEA



- CREST 5 year rates, 5.4% and 3.4%
- ACAS 5 year rate for Medical 11%
- *If Medical 30% better today, at 7.7%, absolute difference would be ~ 3.3% or 5 year NNT of ~ 30 (ACAS ~18)*



# Recommendations: CREST-2



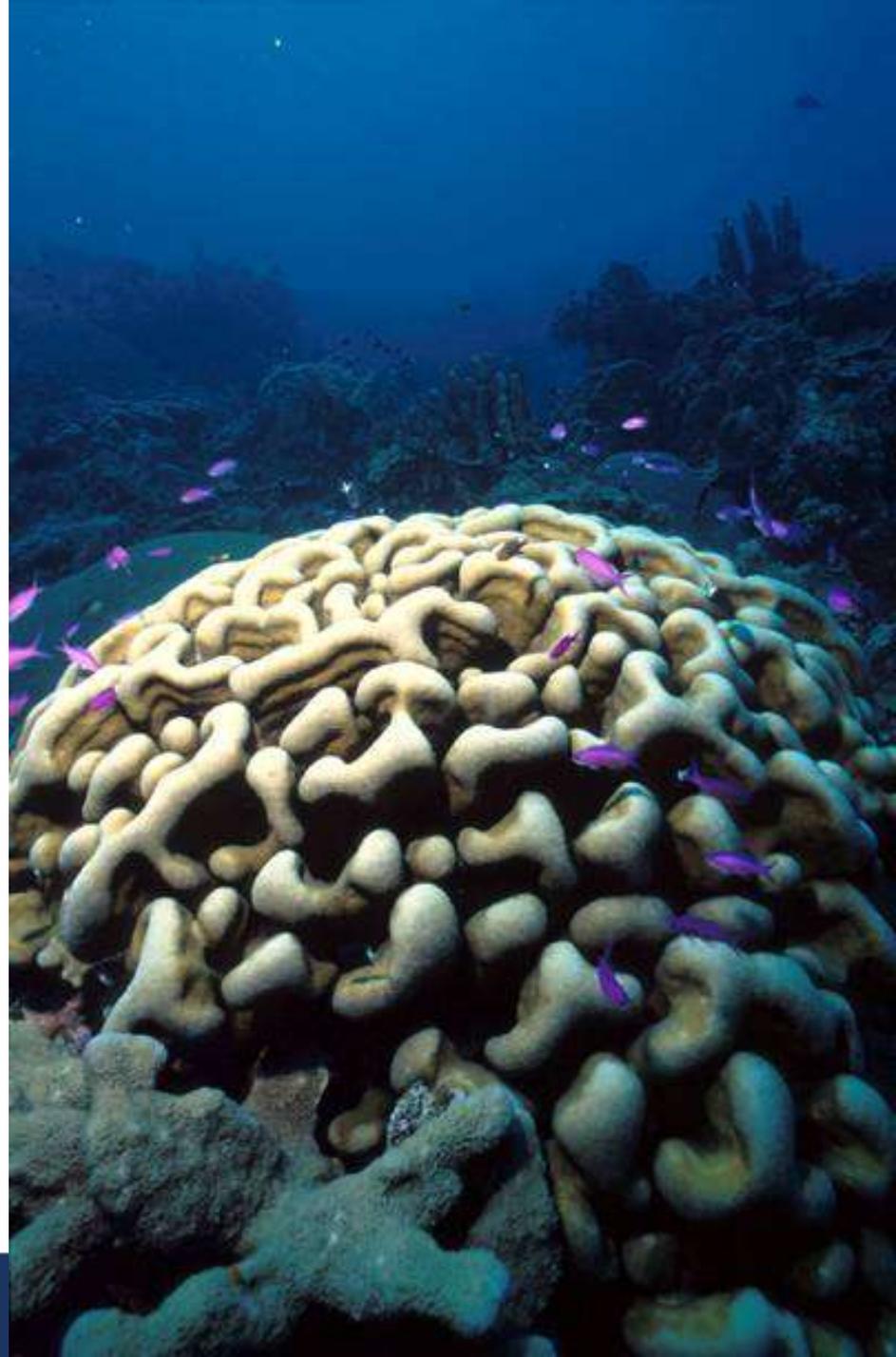


- “The body of randomized trials and post approval studies does not demonstrate that CAS can be performed at that level.” [ $<3\%$ ]
- “Concerning for asymptomatic patients since these patients do not have symptoms by definition and may be exposed to risks from the procedure.”
- “Continues to highlight the need for a randomized trial comparing CAS with optimal medical therapy.”

- Test whether Carotid Revascularization is superior to Medical Management
- $\geq 70\%$  stenosis by angio or ultrasound
- Interventional Arm: CEA or CAS by CREST and TACIT Teams
- Medical Arm: SAMMPRIS team & protocol
- Effect size: 1.2% (changed medical practice)
- 950 patients at 70 centers



***Thanks  
for your  
Attention***





- **“for CAS to be considered an alternative to CEA and improve health outcomes for asymptomatic patients with asymptomatic stenosis > 80%, the perioperative morbidity and mortality rates should be less than 3%.”**