



Mesh-Covered Stents for Carotid Intervention: Rationale, Device Designs, Imaging, and Data to Date

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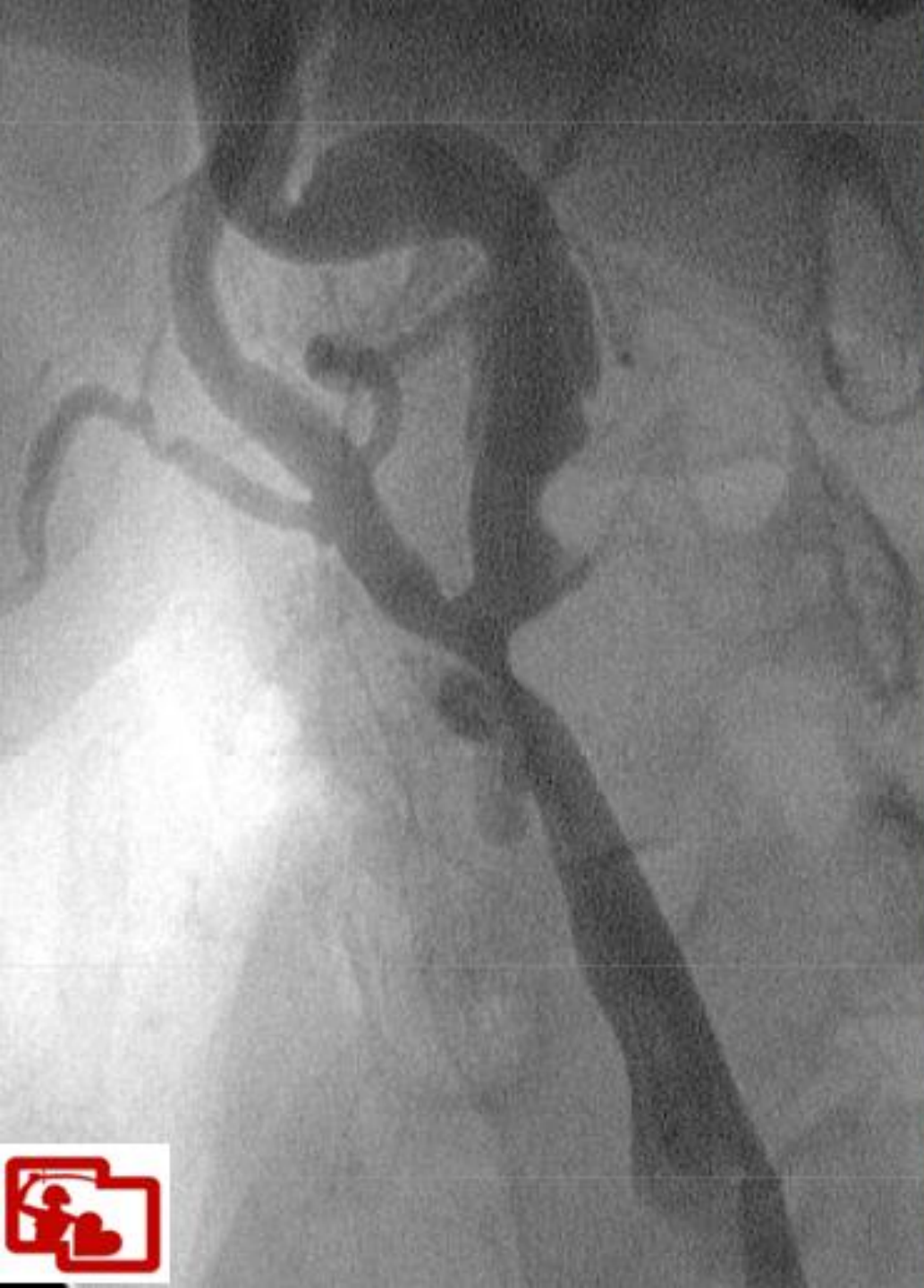
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Company

- ABBOTT
- ABBOTT, Balton, InspireMD, Medtronic

Rationale



Effect of the Distal-Balloon Protection System on Microembolization During Carotid Stenting

Nadim Al-Mubarak, MD; Gary S. Roubin, MD, PhD; Jiri J. Vitek, MD, PhD; Sriram S. Iyer, MD; Gishel New, MD; Martin B. Leon, MD

CAS (and CEA) are –and will remain– emboli-generating procedures

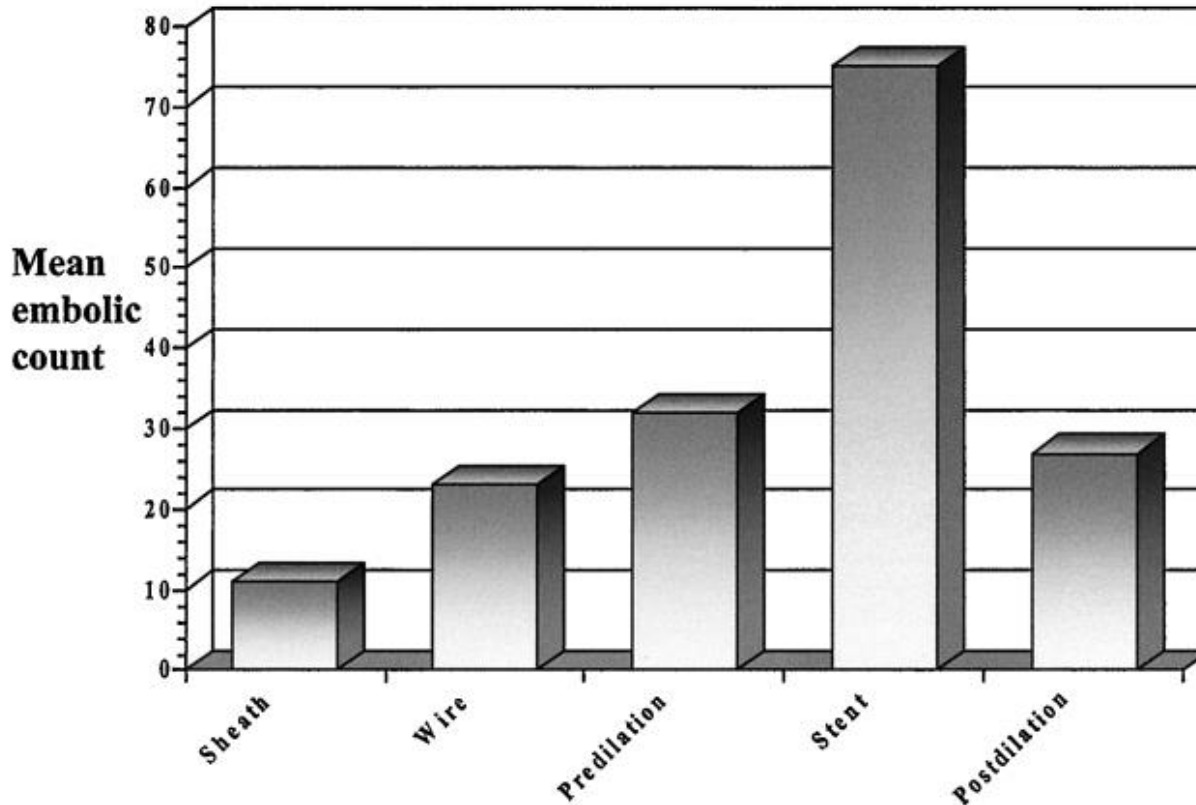


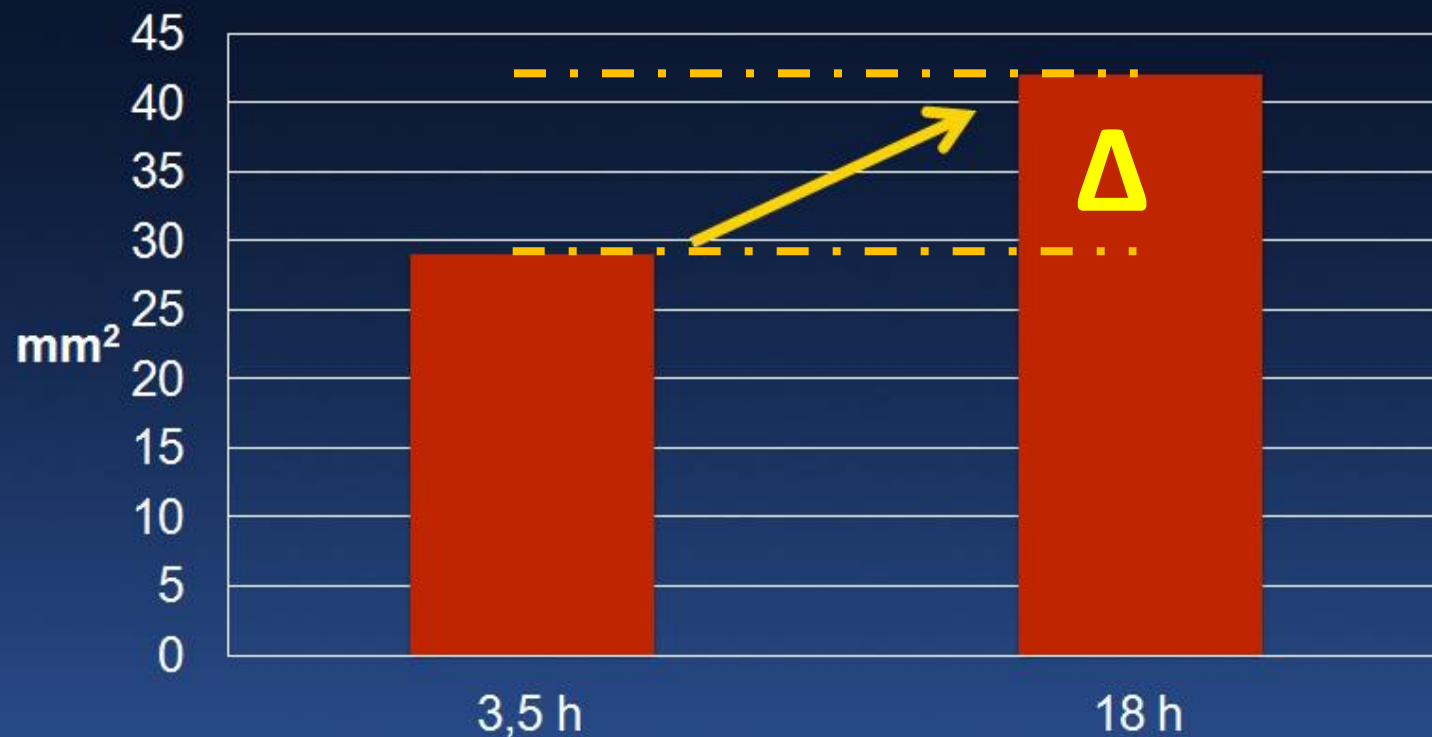
Figure 1. Microembolic profile during unprotected CAS. The mean MES counts during various phases of the procedure are displayed.

Circulation. 2001;104:1999-2002

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

DW-MRI post CAS

Mean total lesion area



Schofer J et al, JACC Cardiovasc interv 2008

Does Free Cell Area Influence the Outcome in Carotid Artery Stenting?

M. Bosiers,^{1*} G. de Donato,² K. Deloose,¹ J. Verbist,³ P. Peeters,³
F. Castriota,⁴ A. Cremonesi⁴ and C. Setacci⁴

Overview of event rates related to the different stents

| Stent name | Total population | | | Symptomatic population | | | Asymptomatic population | | |
|------------|------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| | Patients | All events | Post-procedural events | Patients | All events | Post-procedural events | Patients | All events | Post-procedural events |
| X-act | | 1.9% | 1.9% | | 2.2% | 2.2% | | 1.7% | 1.7% |
| Nexstent | | 3.3% | 3.3% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | | 4.2% | 4.2% |
| Wallstent | | 2.3% | 1.2% | | 2.3% | 1.2% | | 2.3% | 1.2% |
| Precise | | 4.1% | 3.1% | | 6.3% | 4.9% | | 2.0% | 1.3% |
| Protégé | | 3.0% | 3.0% | | 6.7% | 6.7% | | 1.4% | 1.4% |
| Acculink | | 4.2% | 3.7% | | 7.7% | 7.1% | | 1.7% | 1.2% |
| Exponent | | 11.8% | 5.9% | | 9.1% | 9.1% | | 13.0% | 4.3% |
| Total | 3179 | 2.83% | 1.9% | | 3.6% | 2.73% | 1862 | 2.25% | 1.3% |

2/3
CAS neuro events

(stroke, TIA)
are POST-procedural

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FREE CELL AREA drives CAS neurologic adverse events
 (and majority occur *post-procedure*)



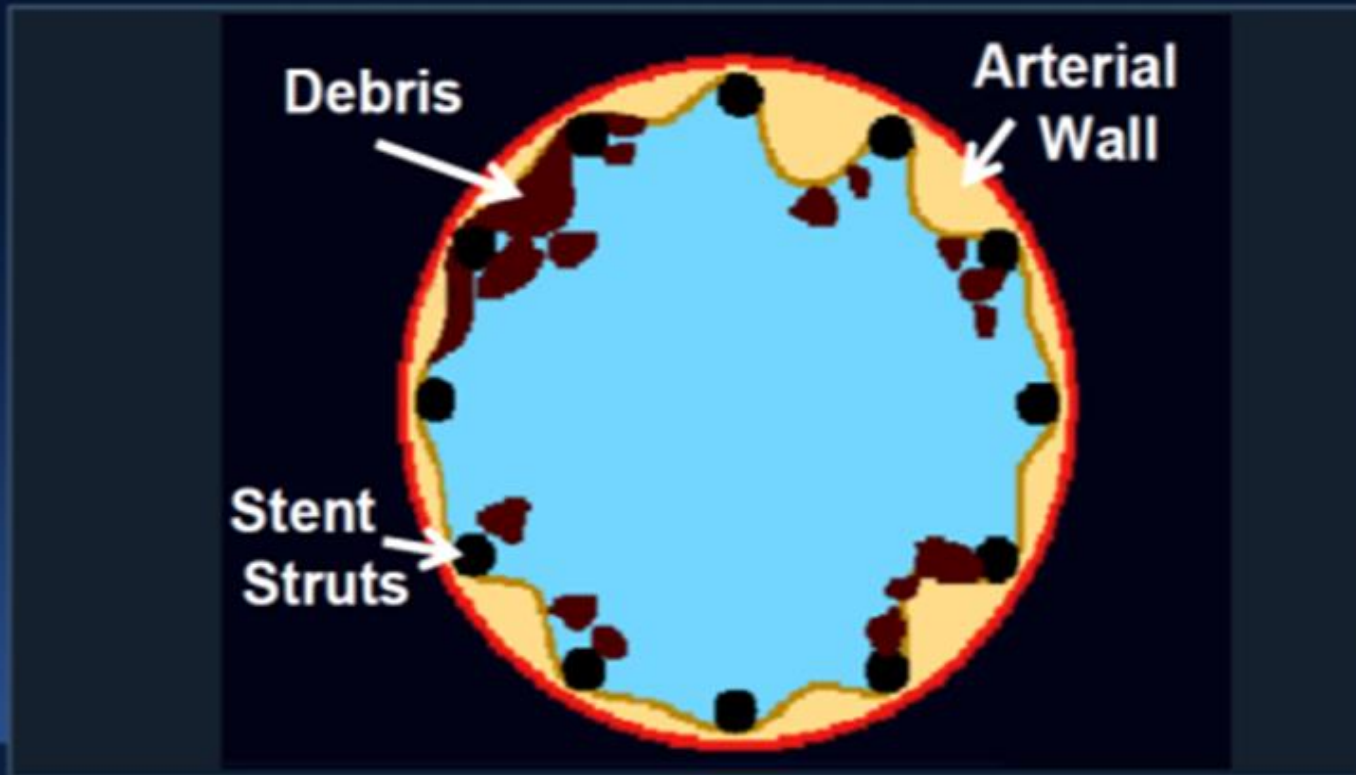
Free cell area

| | Total population | | Symptomatic population | |
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| | All events | Post-procedural events | All events | Post-procedural events |
| <2.5 vs [2.5, 5] | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| <2.5 vs [5, 7.5] | 0.054 | 0.072 | 0.048 | 0.024 |
| <2.5 vs >7.5 | 0.27 | 0.006 | 0.0006 | 2.8 10 ⁻⁶ |

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Conventional Carotid Stent

Plaque protrusion may lead to early and late distal embolization



Conventional Carotid Stent

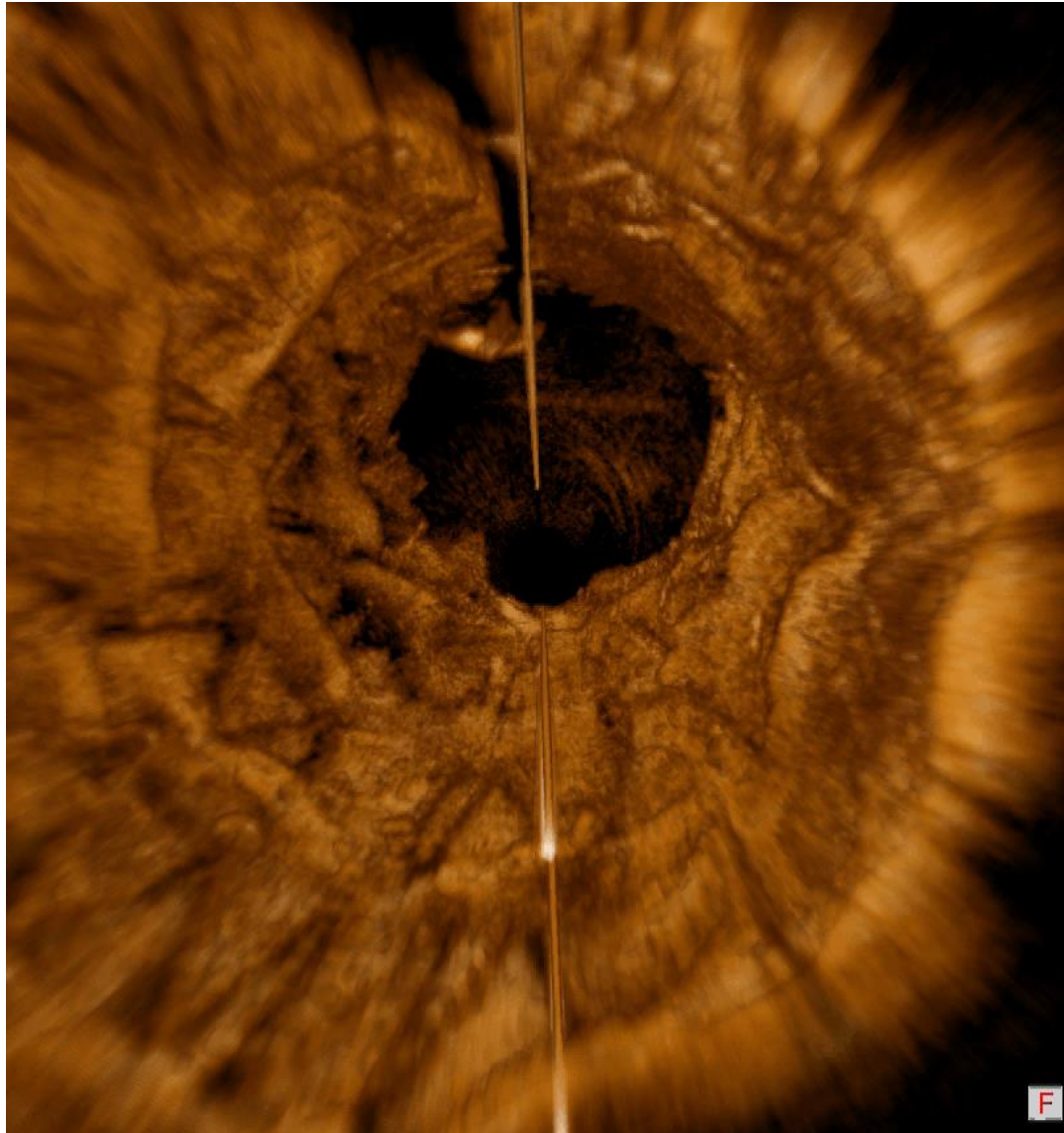
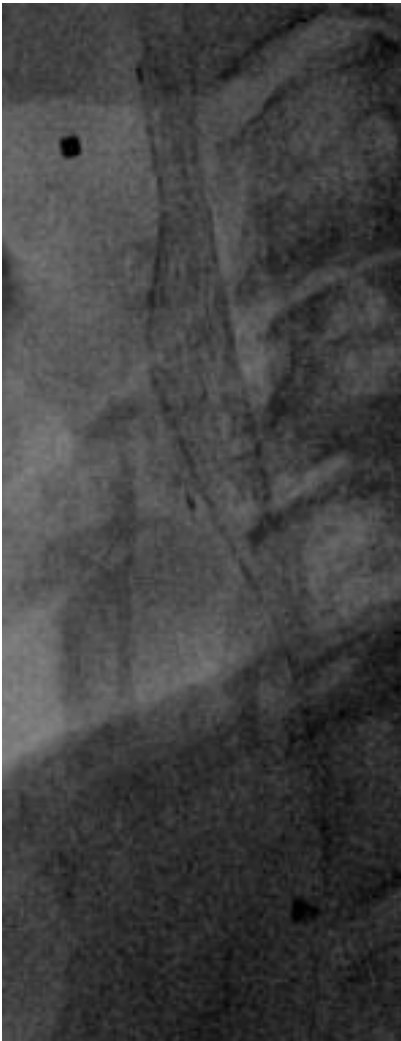
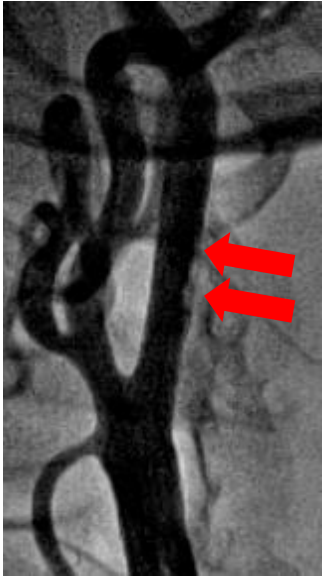


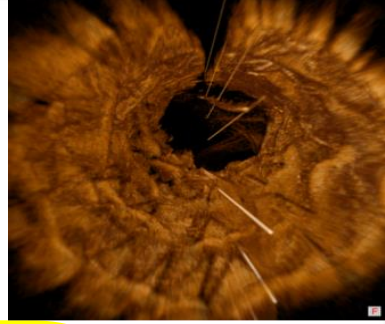
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current best-in-class Hybrid stent



current best-in-class Closed-cell stent





ANY data
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PLAQUE PROLAPSE
in
conventional carotid stents ?

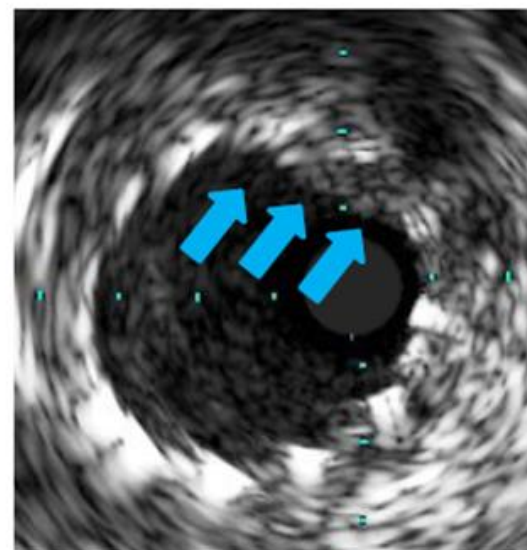
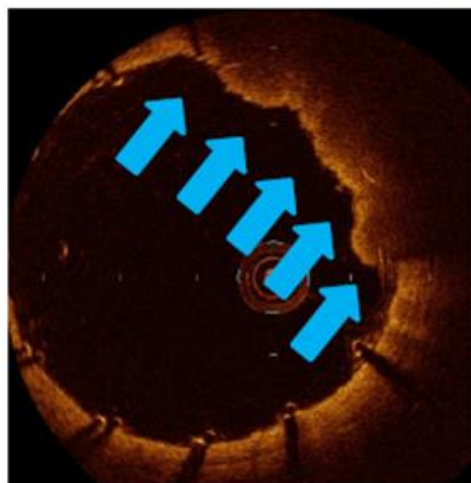
Post-procedural **PLAQUE PROLAPSE** through conventional stent struts

Suzuki M et al.
ESC 2014
Presentation
www.esccardio.org

30.7%

1/3 stents = **Precise**
2/3 stents = **Carotid Wallstent**

81 y.o. Female, Symptomatic



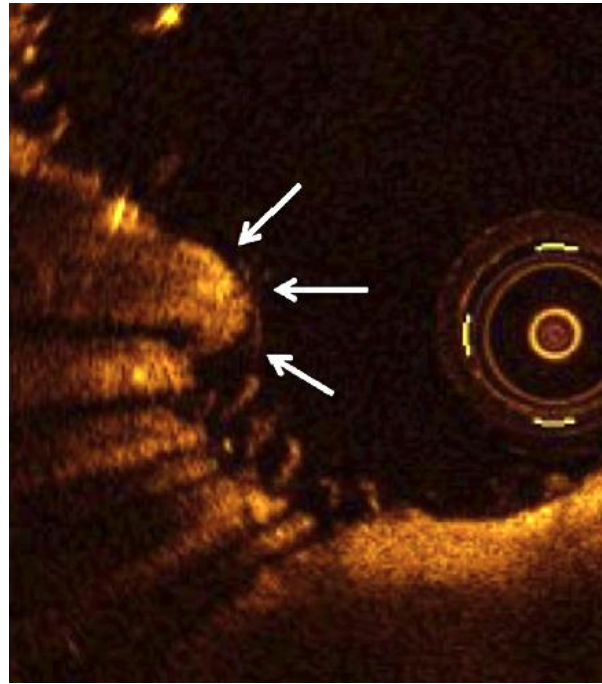
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Eur Heart J. 2014;35(Abstr Suppl):178

Post-procedural **PLAQUE PROLAPSE** through conventional stent struts



| | Closed cell (n = 17) | Open cell (n = 13) | Hybrid cell (n = 10) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Plaque prolapse ^b | 17.6%, (3) | 61.5%, (8) | 30%, (3) |

^b At least 10 appreciable tissue prolapses between the stent struts per patient.

De Donato et al. *Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg* 2013;45:579-587.

Conventional Carotid Stent

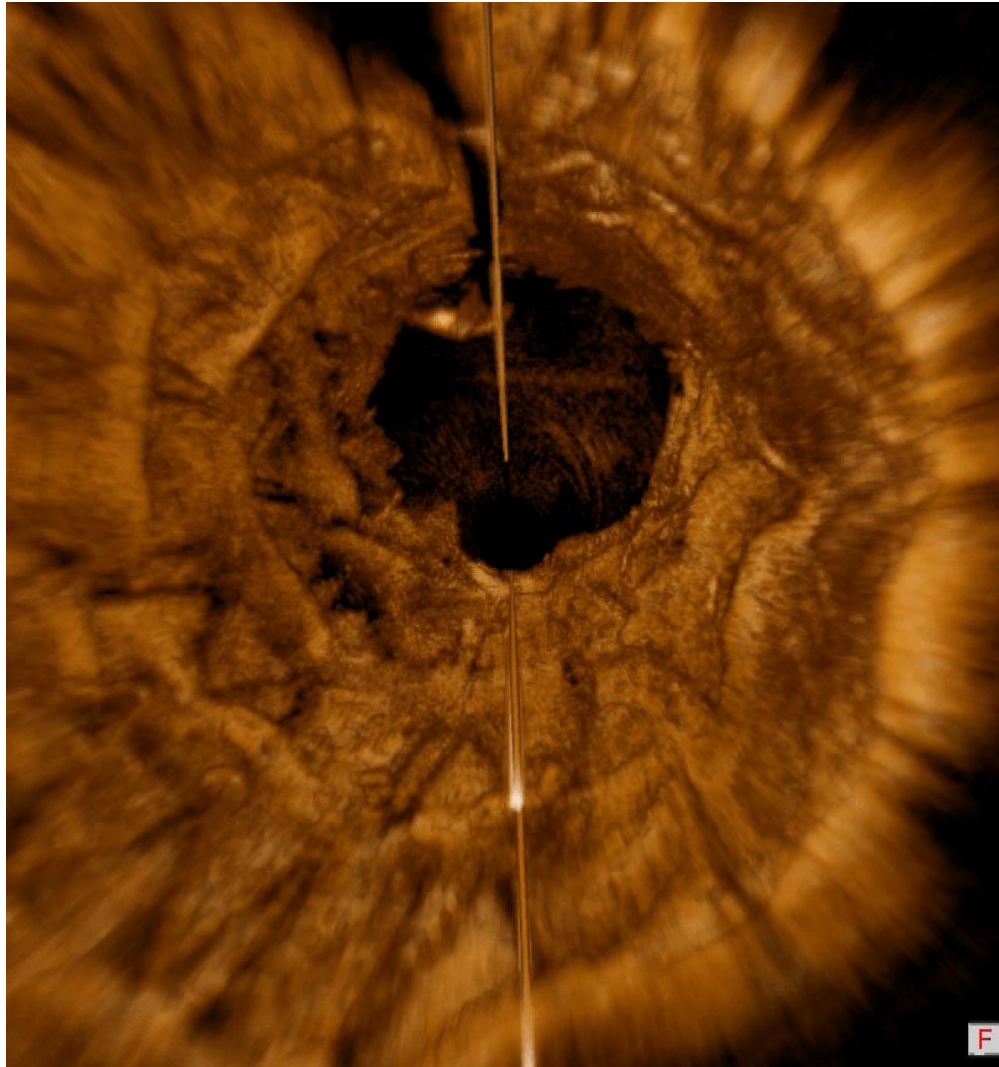
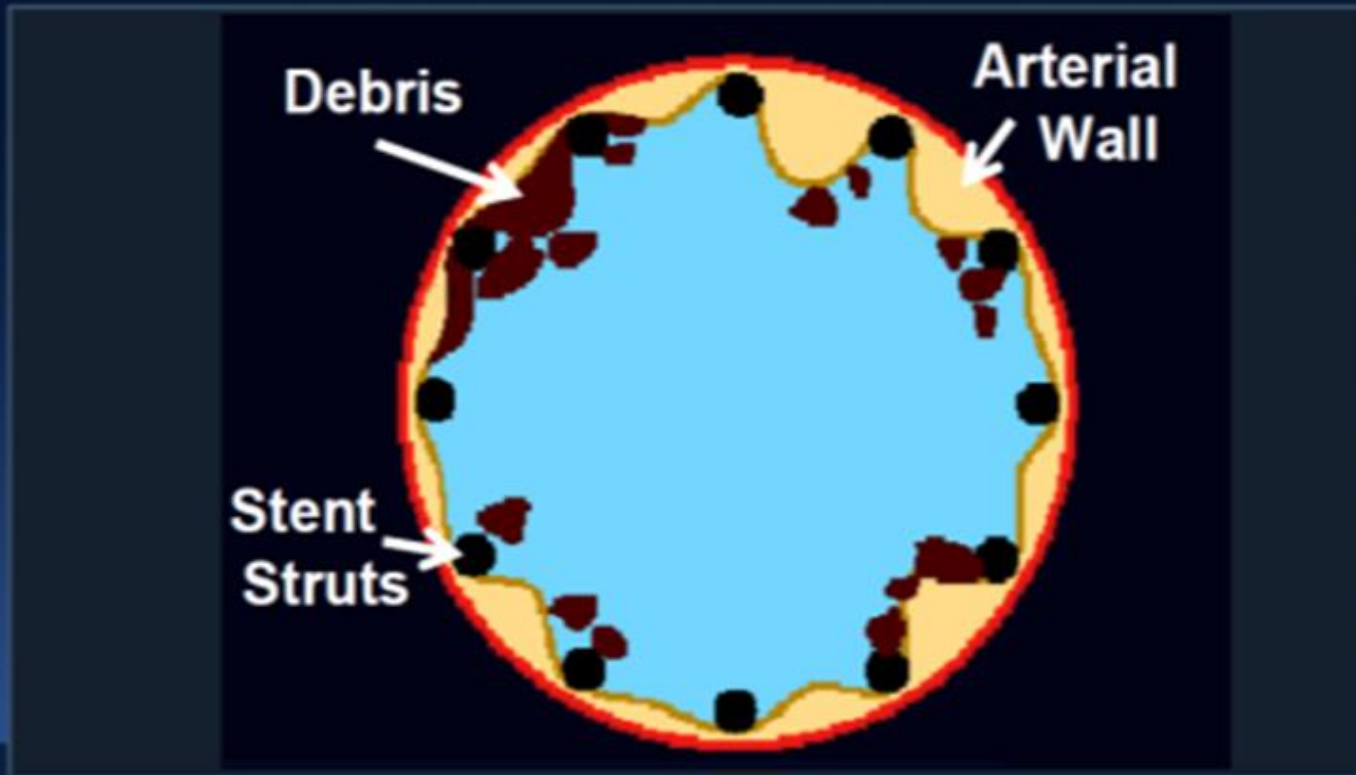


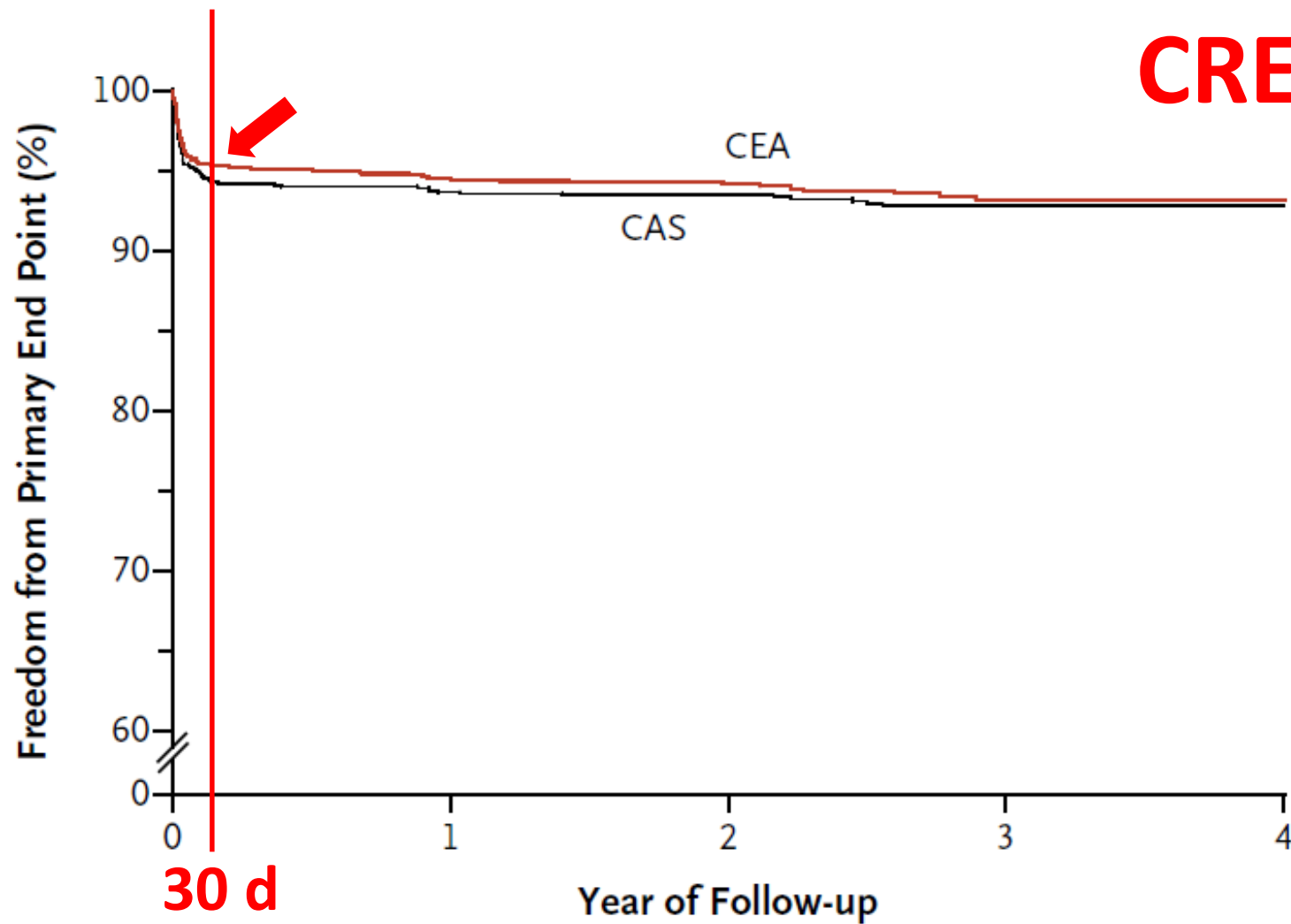
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No. at Risk

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|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| CAS | 1262 | 1100 | 787 | 460 | 162 |
| CEA | 1240 | 1099 | 770 | 430 | 145 |

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| Stroke | | | | | |
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| Major ipsilateral | 11 (0.9±0.3) | 4 (0.3±0.2) | 0.5 (-0.1 to 1.2) | 2.67 (0.85 to 8.40) | 0.09 |
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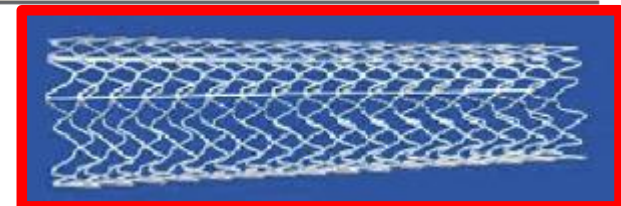
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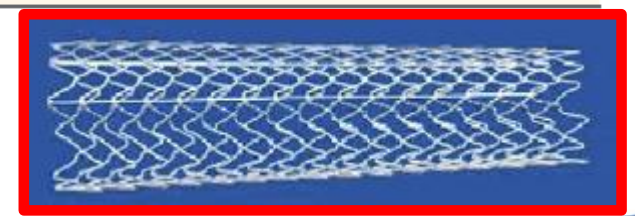


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Anti - Embolic Carotid Stent

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Device Designs

Device Designs

n=3

Competition Carotid Stents

"Mesh" Stents

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Terumo/ Microvention | Inspire MD | W.L. Gore | Abbott Vascular | | Boston Scientific | Ev3/ Covidien/ Medtronic | Cordis/ Cardinal Health | Invatec/ Medtronic |
| Roadsaver | CGuard | Gore Carotid Stent | Acculink | XACT | Carotid Wallstent | Protégé | Precise Pro | Cristallo Ideale |
| 0.38 mm ² | 0.15 mm ² | 0.44 mm ² | 2.36 mm ² | 1.89 mm ² | 1.397 mm ² | 4.93 mm ² | 2.36 mm ² | 3.23 mm ² |
| Bench marking by Microvention | | | | | | | | |
| 375-500µm | 150-180µm | 500µm | | | | | | |
| Advertising by Inspire MD | | | | | | | | |



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 **TERUMO**

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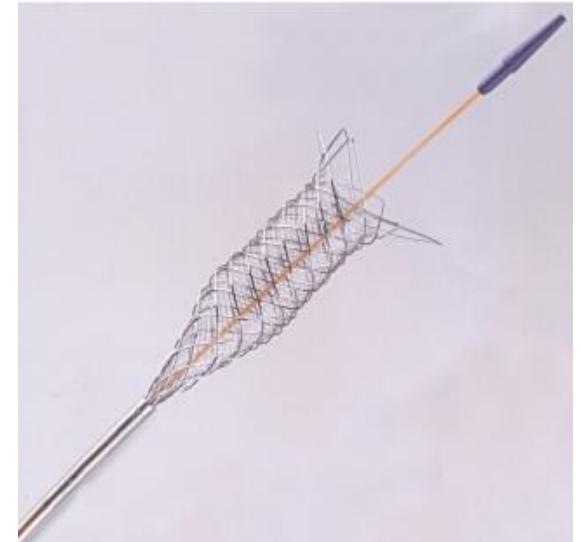
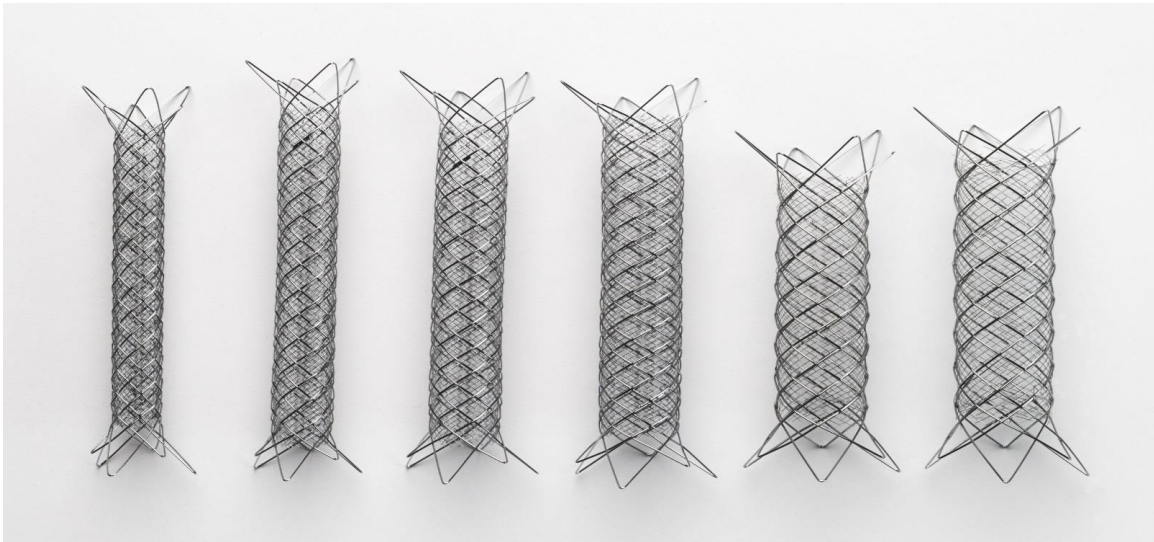
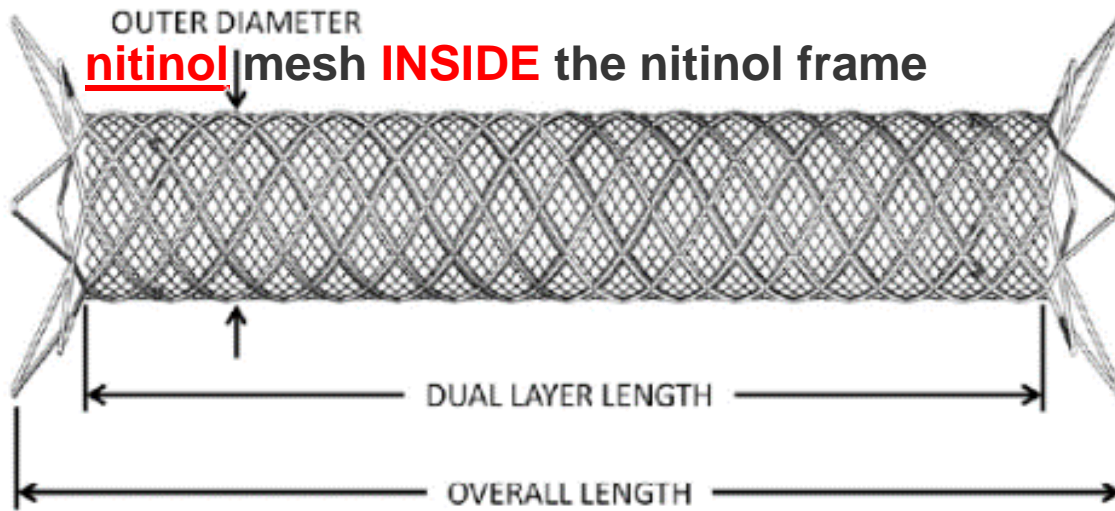
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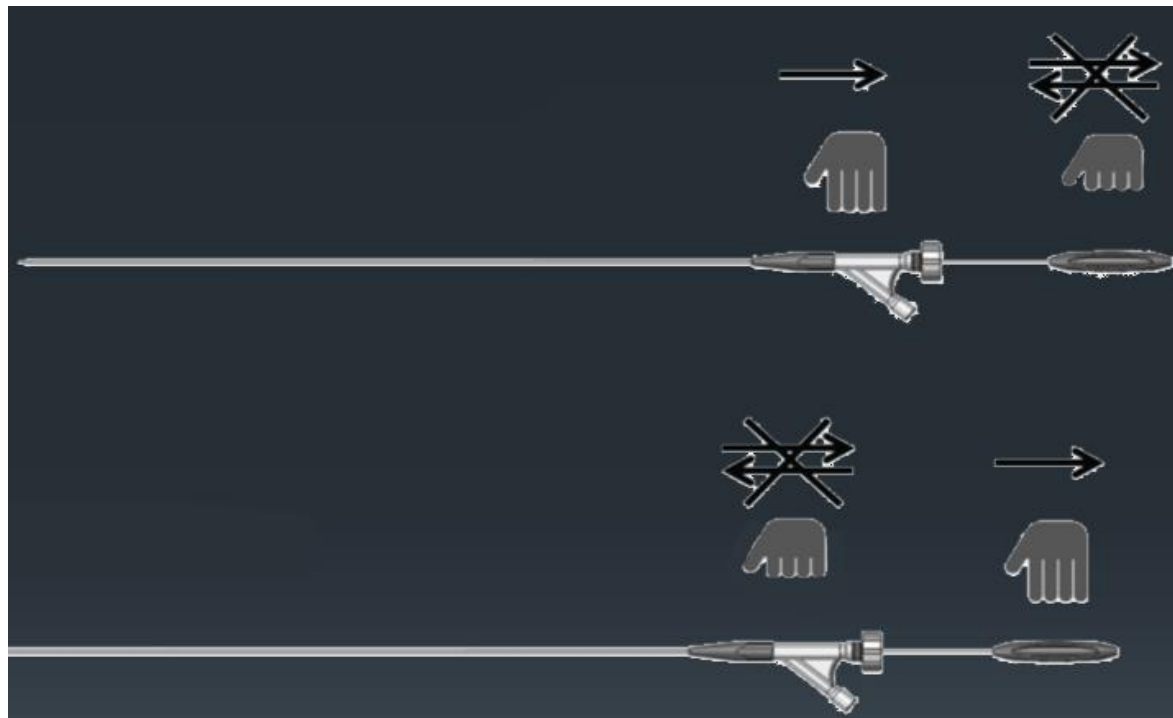
Casper

***Not available in the United States.**

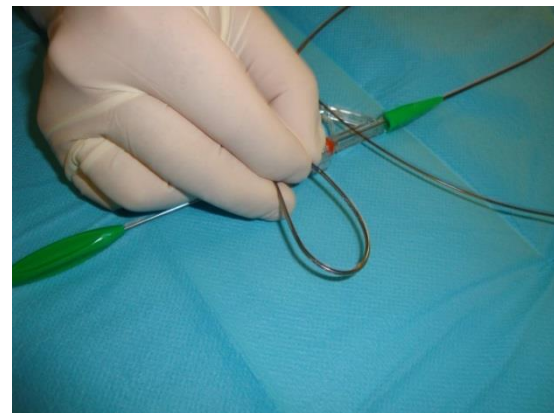
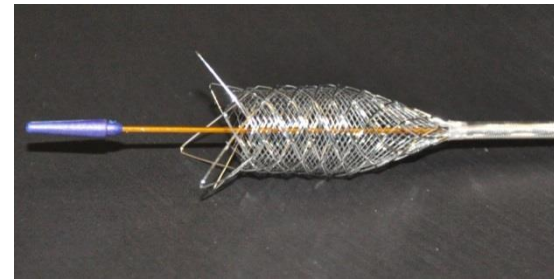
RoadSaver (Terumo) = Casper (MicroVena)



RoadSaver: Push-Pull Stent Delivery System



re-sheathable up to 50% stent length release



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GORE® Carotid Stent



Open Cell NiTi Frame

Closed Cell 500 μ m PTFE lattice on outside of NiTi Frame

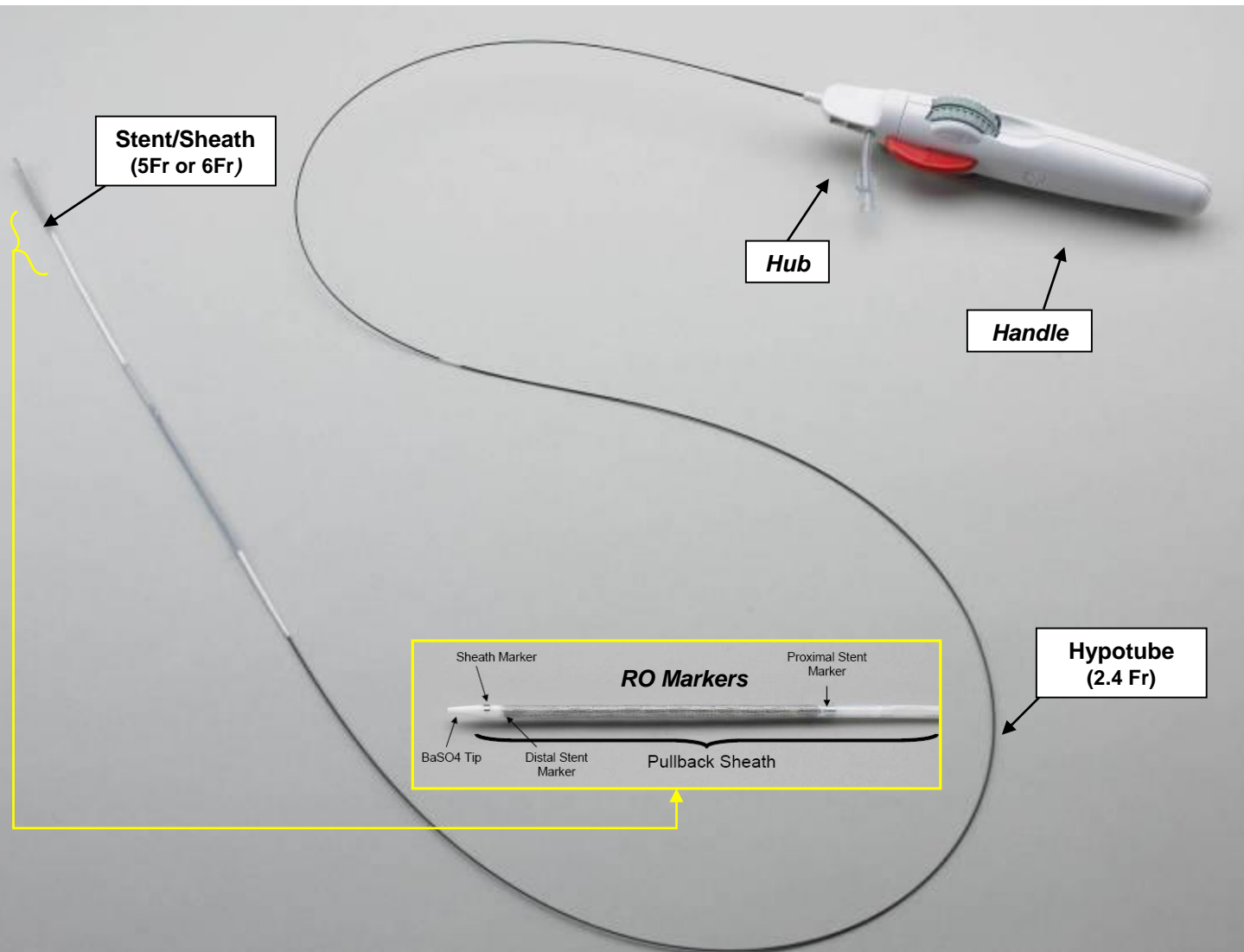
Permanently Bound CBAS Heparin on all device surfaces

GORE® Carotid Stent System Sizing Summary

| | GORE® CAROTID STENT PART NUMBER | UNCONSTRAINED STENT DIMENSIONS (mm) | REFERENCE VESSEL DIAMETER (mm) | MINIMUM INTRODUCER OR GUIDING SHEATH CATHETER ID |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 5 Fr | GCS5530 | 5 x 30 | 3.7 – 4.5 | 0.073" (1.85 mm) White Tip |
| | GCS5540 | 5 x 40 | | |
| | GCS6630 | 6 x 30 | 4.5 – 5.4 | |
| | GCS6640 | 6 x 40 | | |
| | GCS7730 | 7 x 30 | 5.4 – 6.3 | |
| | GCS7740 | 7 x 40 | | |
| | GCS8830 | 8 x 30 | 6.3 – 7.2 | |
| | GCS8840 | 8 x 40 | | |
| | GCS6830 | 6 – 8 x 30 | 4.5 – 5.4 x 6.3 – 7.2 | |
| | GCS6840 | 6 – 8 x 40 | | |
| 6 Fr | GCS9930 | 9 x 30 | 7.2 – 8.1 | 0.080" (2.03 mm) Gray Tip |
| | GCS9940 | 9 x 40 | | |
| | GCS0030 | 10 x 30 | 8.1 – 9.0 | |
| | GCS0040 | 10 x 40 | | |
| | GCS7930 | 7 – 9 x 30 | 5.4 – 6.3 x 7.2 – 8.1 | |
| | GCS7940 | 7 – 9 x 40 | | |
| | GCS8030 | 8 – 10 x 30 | 6.3 – 7.2 x 8.1 – 9.0 | |
| | GCS8040 | 8 – 10 x 40 | | |

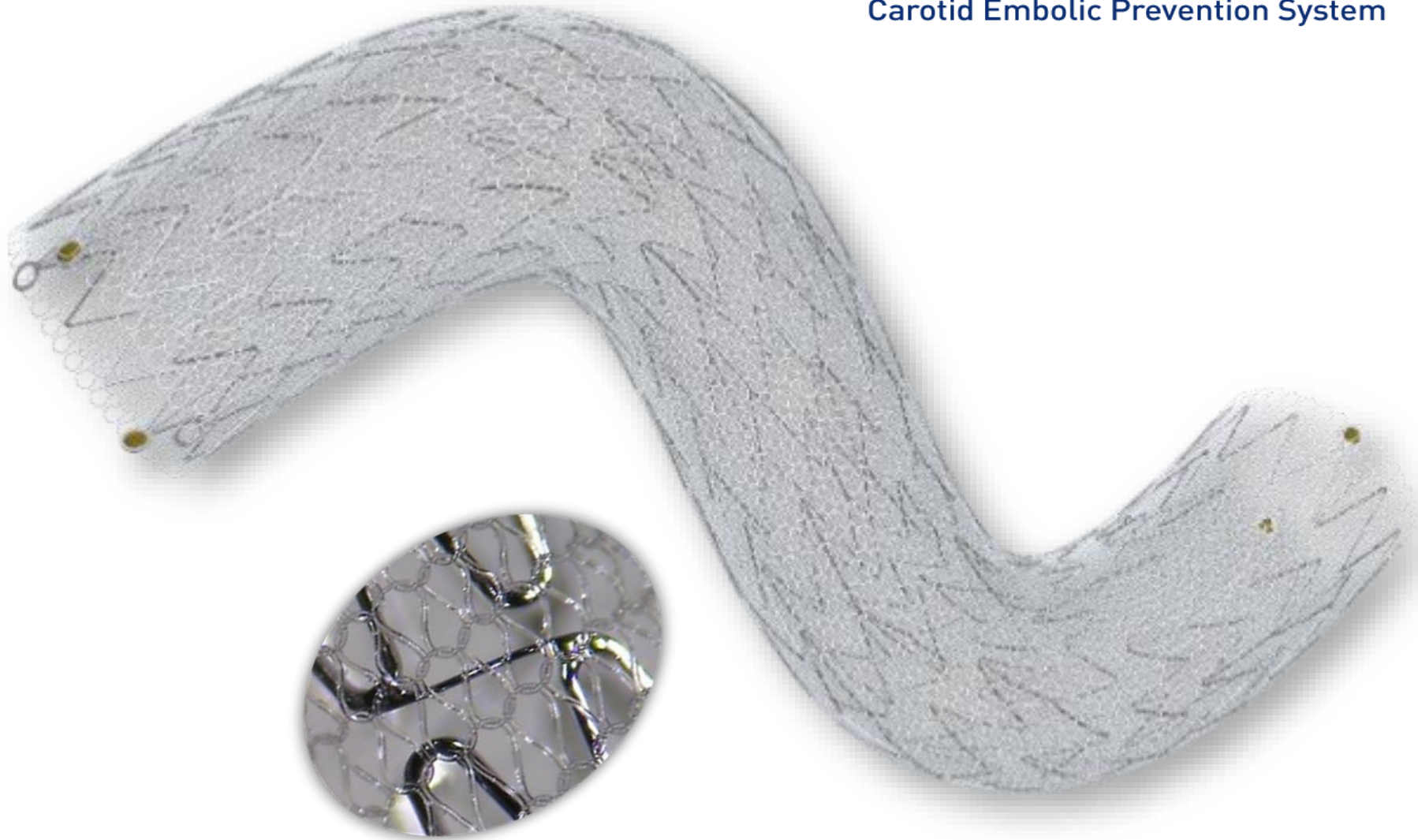
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The Gore Stent Delivery System



Attributes

- Single handed delivery
- 5Fr Introducer Sheath Compatible (White Tip)
- 6Fr Introducer Sheath Compatible (Gray Tip)
- Hypotube Design
 - Allows for complete closure of hemostatic valve
- 135 cm Working Length
- 30 cm Rx



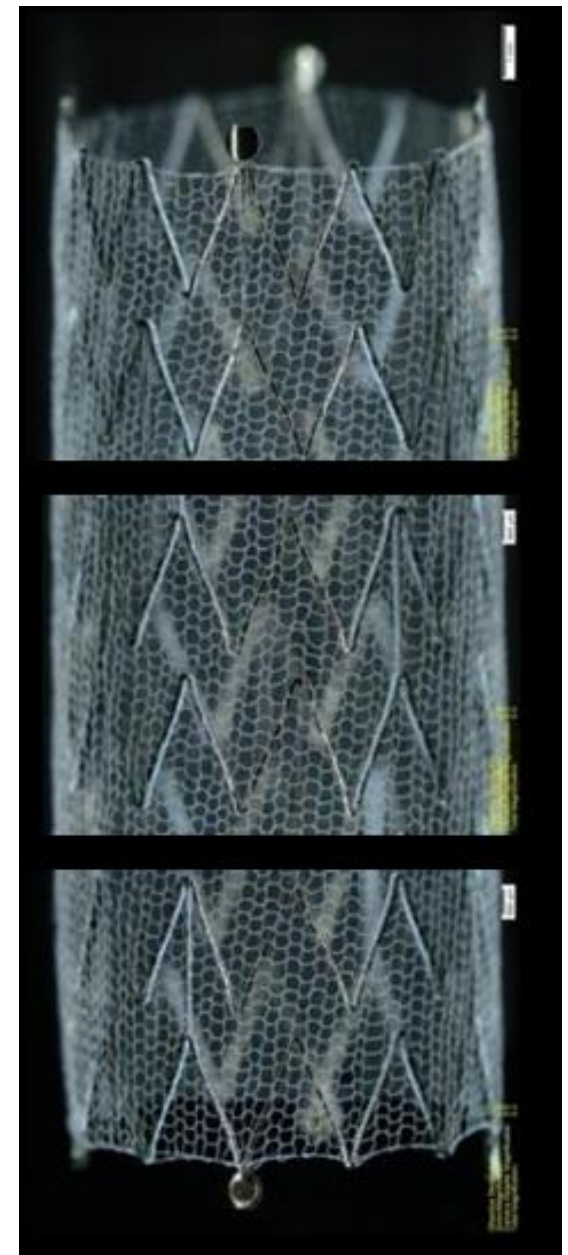
CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent System



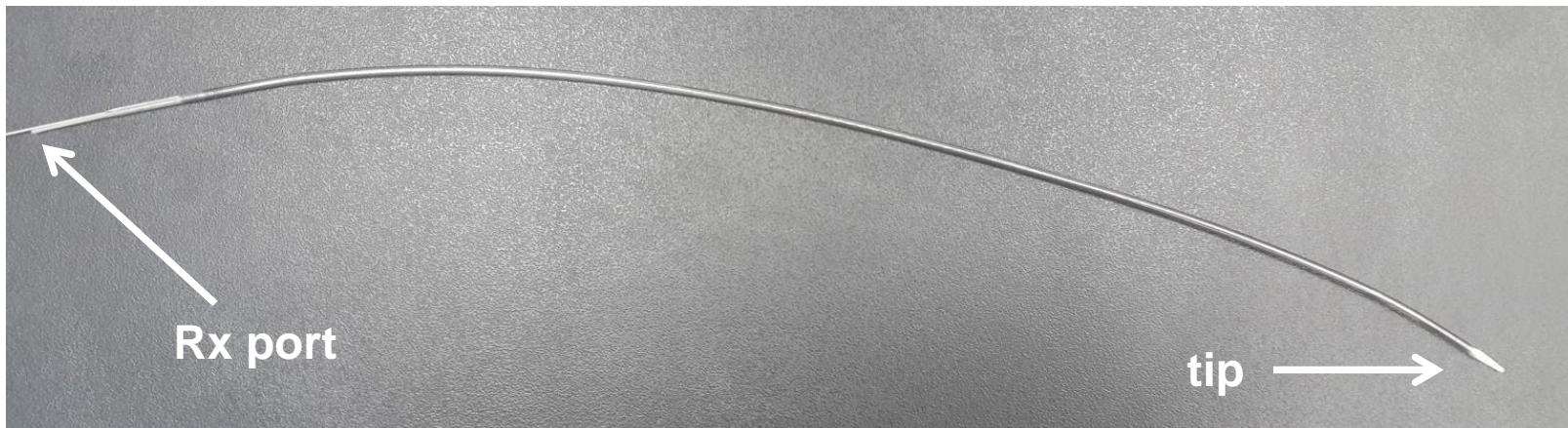
System specifications

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

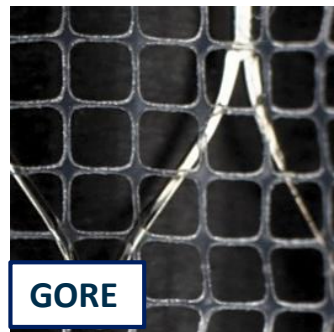
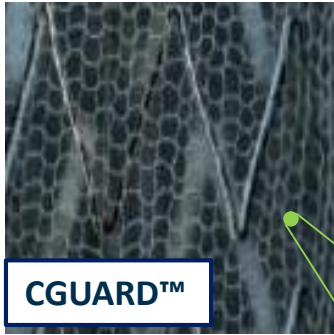
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Pore Size



*165µm

375µm

500µm

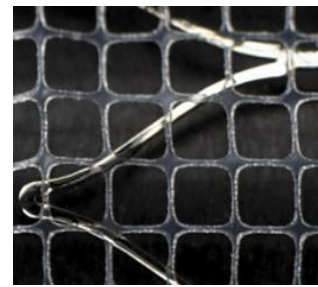
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Closed cell stent

1900µm

Open cell stent





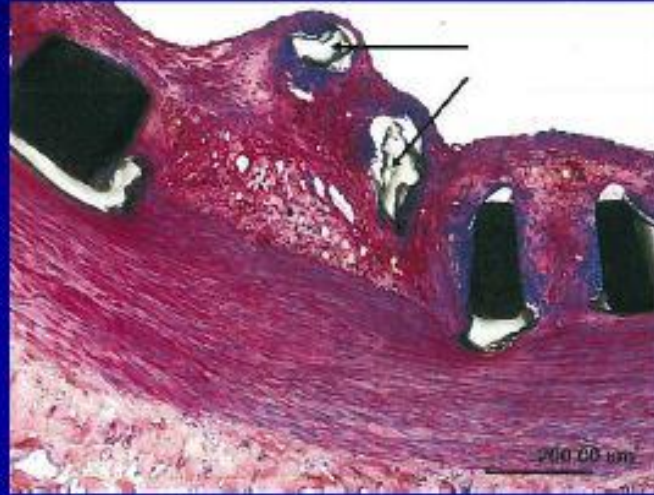
| Name | RoadSaver <i>aka Casper</i> | Gore® Carotid Stent | CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stent frame | closed-cell Nitinol | open-cell Nitinol | open-cell Nitinol |
| Mesh position in re- -lation 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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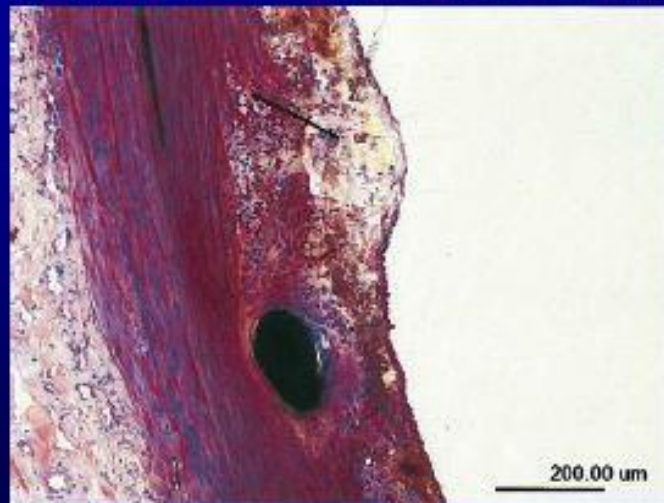
histology / animal

Gore Mesh-Covered Carotid Stent Preclinical Studies

- Canine artery model
- Biologically acceptable tissue response
 - All sidebranches and devices patent through 56 days
 - Full device endothelialization at 30 days
 - Comparatively less medial compression



GORE Stent

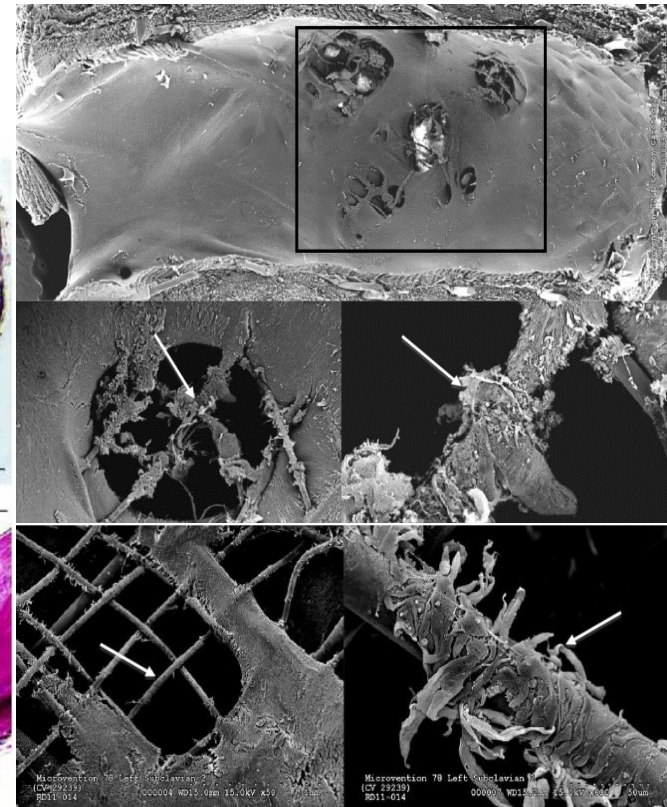
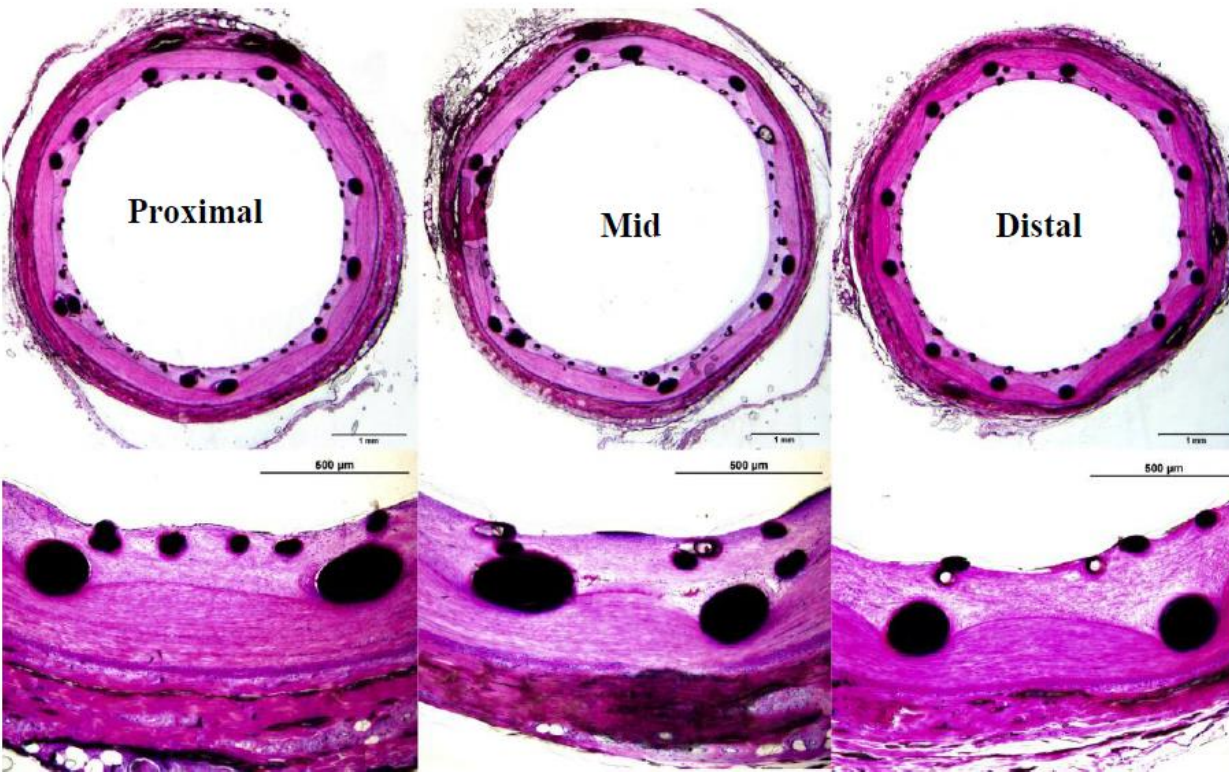


Carotid
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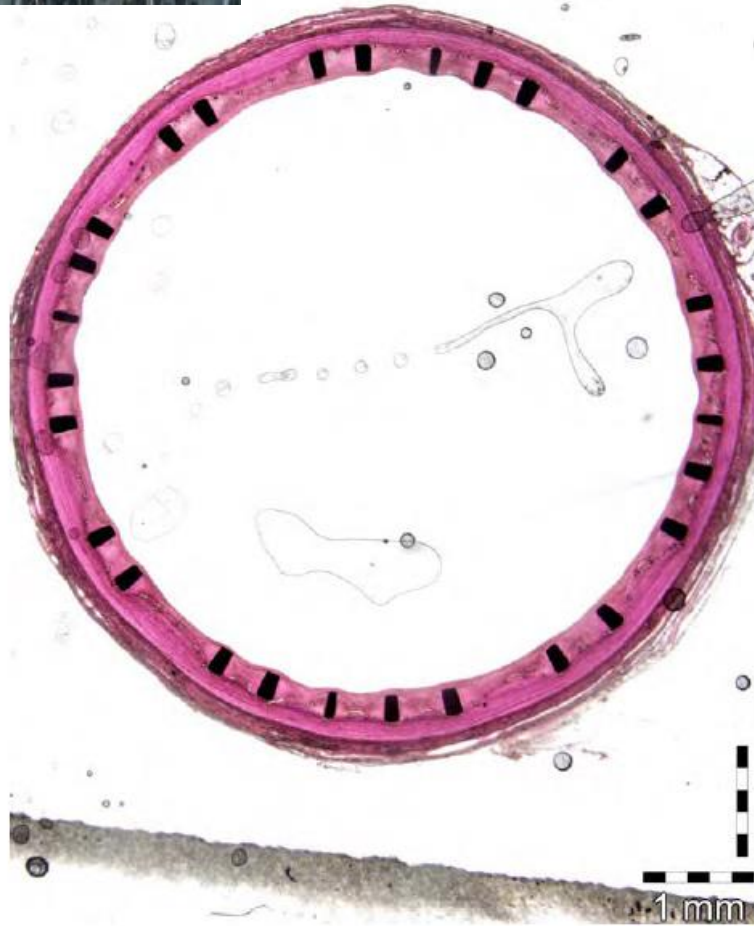


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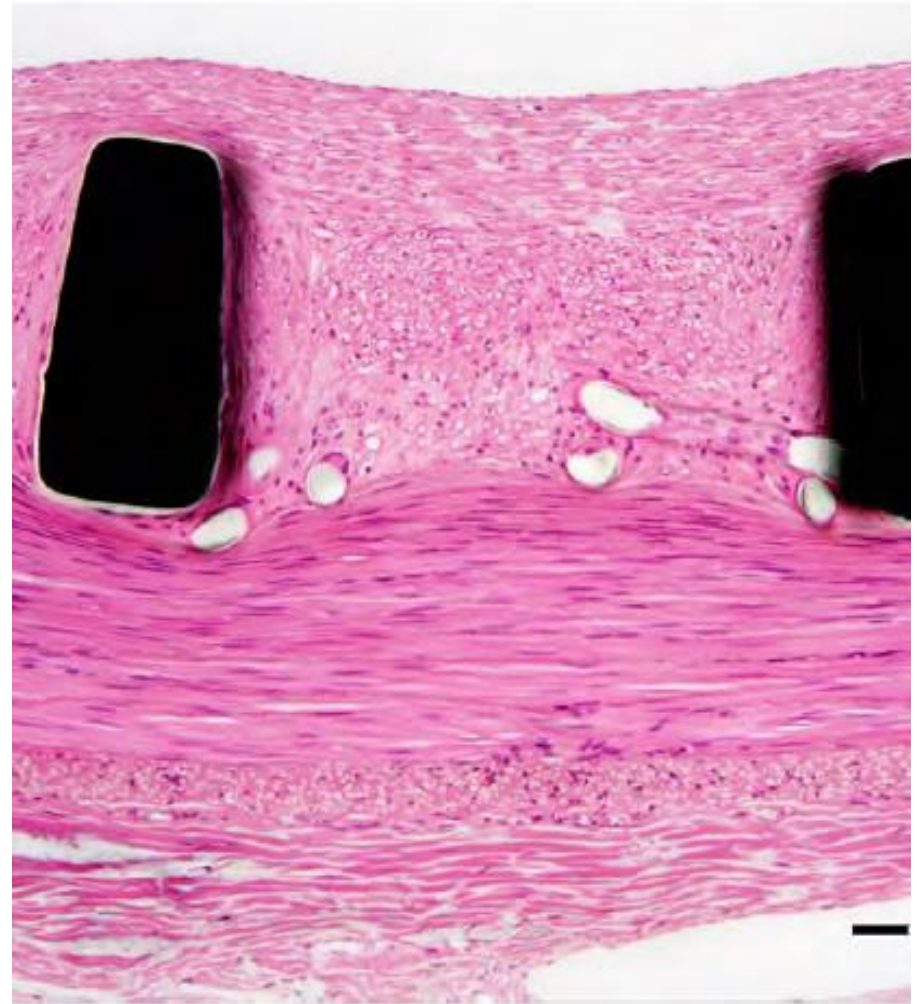
Histology and REM after 6 months



CGuard EPS 90 days / pig

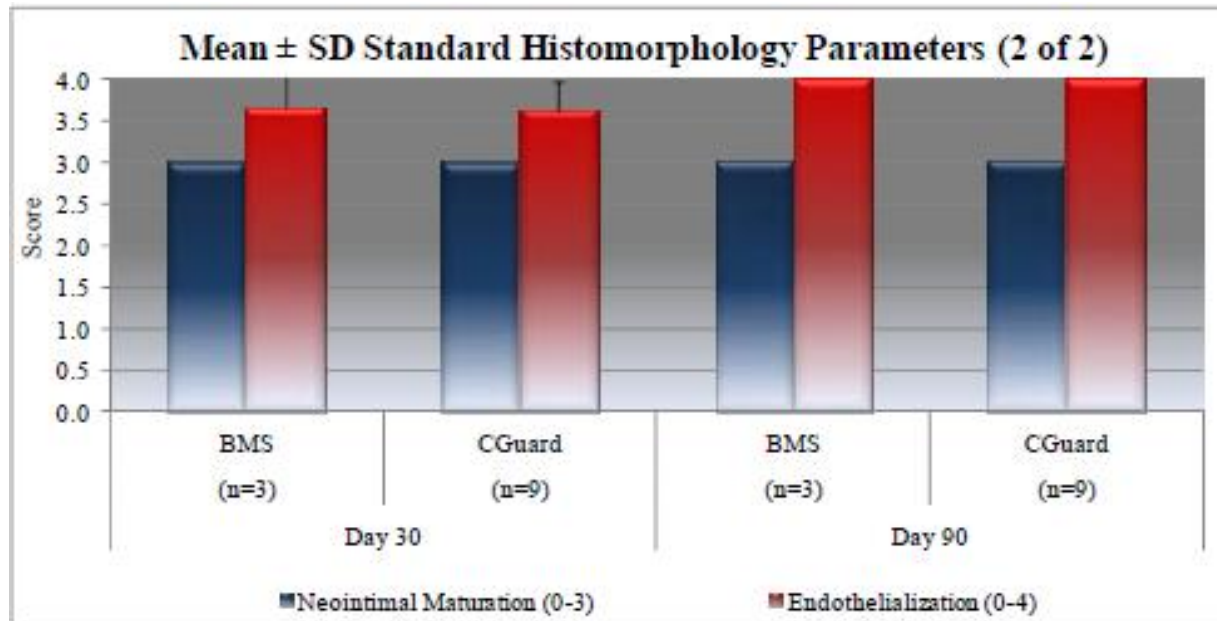
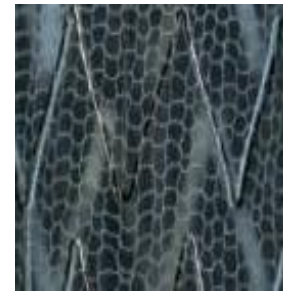


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CGuard EPS 30 & 90 days/pig

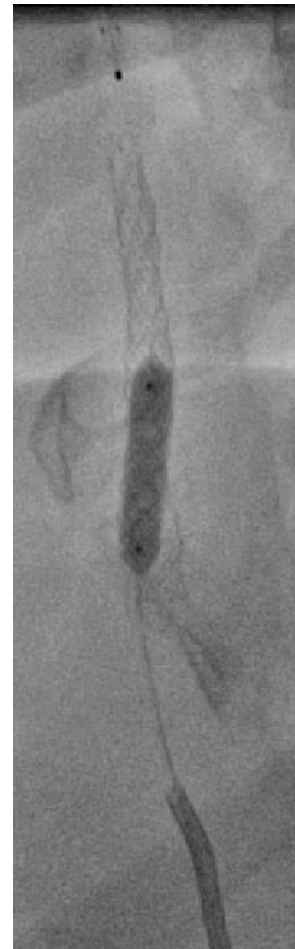
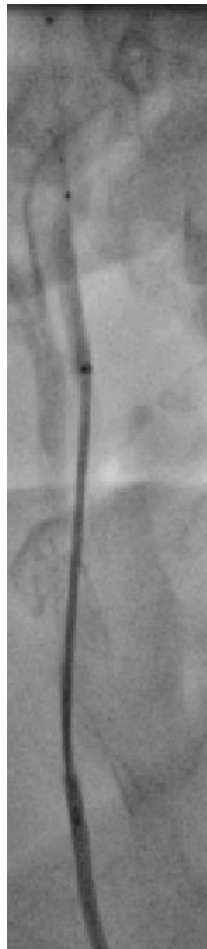
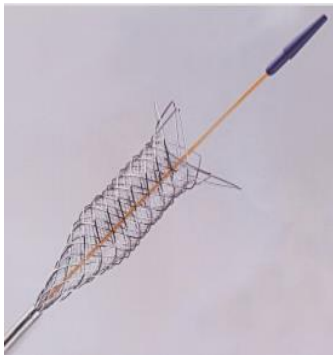


Mean ± SD and Median Standard Histomorphology Parameters

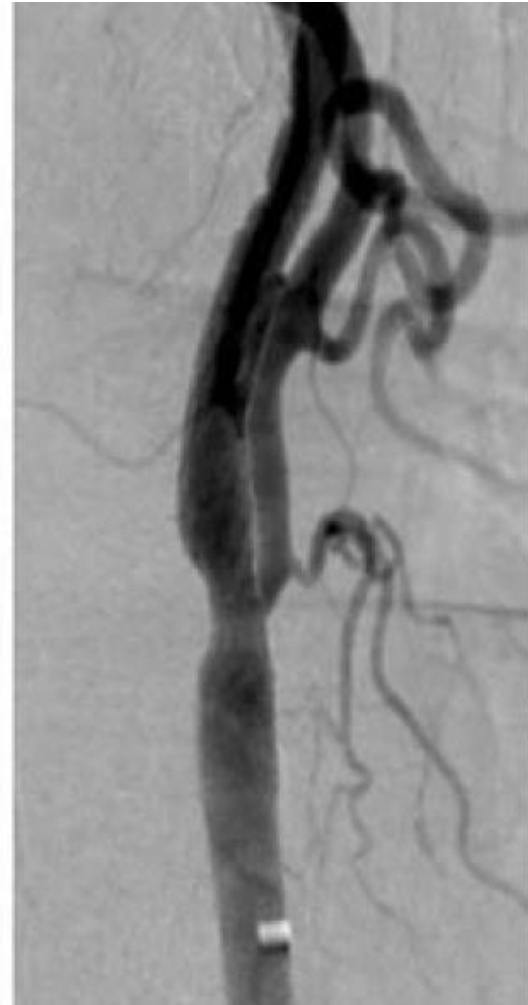
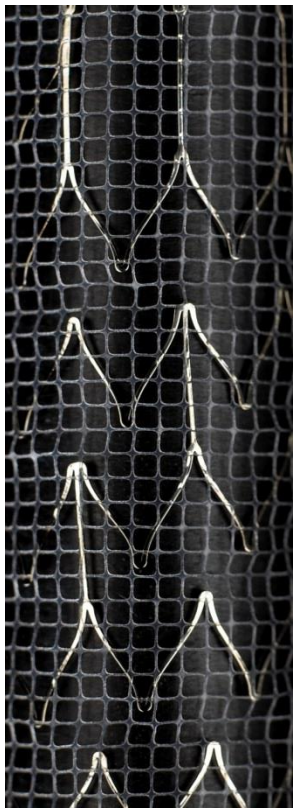
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| Injury (0-3) | 0.00 ± 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 ± 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Inflammation (0-3) | 0.43 ± 0.23 | 0.51 | 0.41 ± 0.22 | 0.36 | 0.17 ± 0.16 | 0.11 | 0.09 ± 0.08 | 0.07 |
| Neointimal Fibrin (0-3) | 1.13 ± 0.23 | 1.00 | 0.82 ± 0.37 | 1.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Adventitial Fibrosis (0-3) | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 ± 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 ± 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Neointimal Maturation (0-3) | 3.00 ± 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 ± 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 ± 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 ± 0.00 | 3.00 |
| Endothelialization (0-4) | 3.67 ± 0.42 | 3.80 | 3.62 ± 0.35 | 3.80 | 4.00 ± 0.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 ± 0.00 | 4.00 |

Imaging angio

Roadsaver / Casper

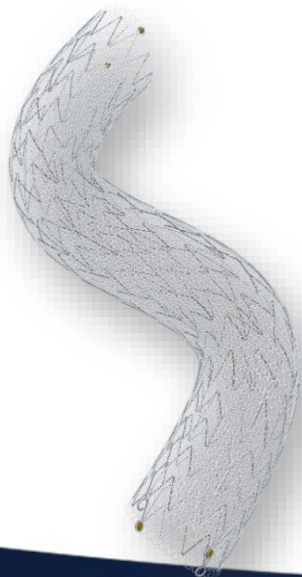
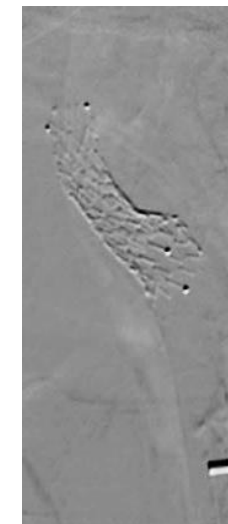
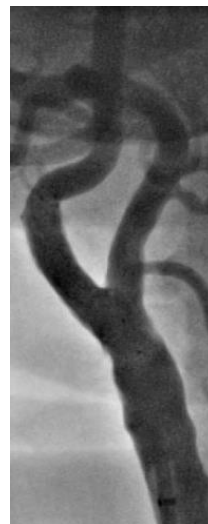
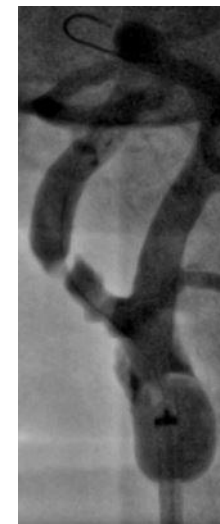
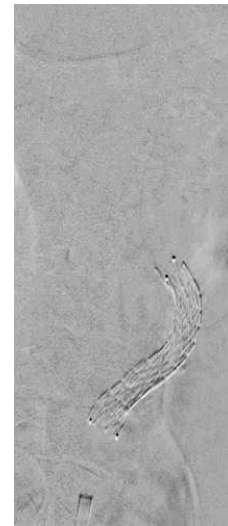
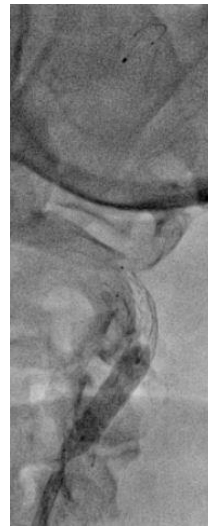


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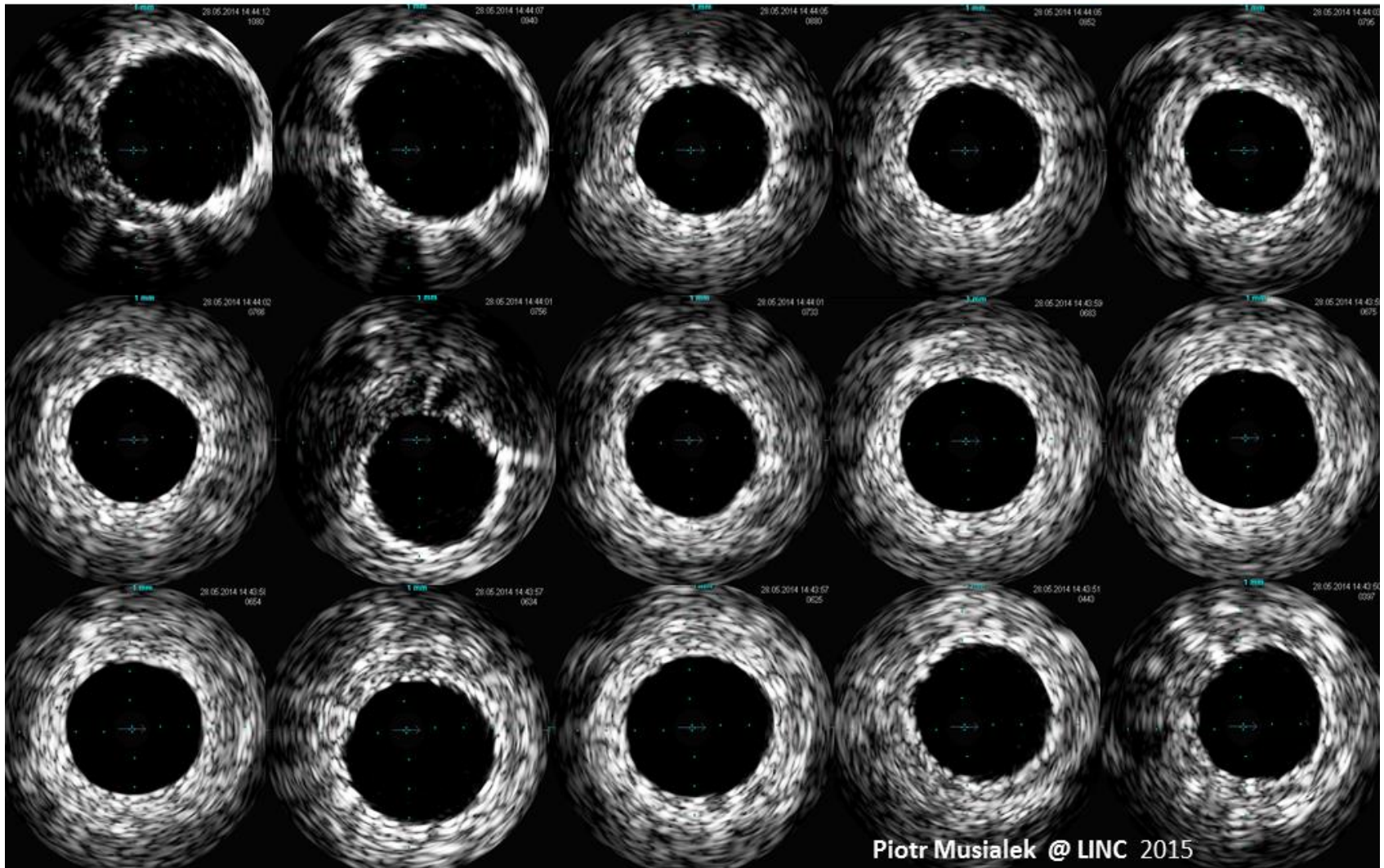
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Imaging IVUS

Initial series of CGuard™ IVUS studies indicates...

- Excellent stent expansion and apposition ✓
- ZERO tissue protrusion though mesh-and-struts ✓

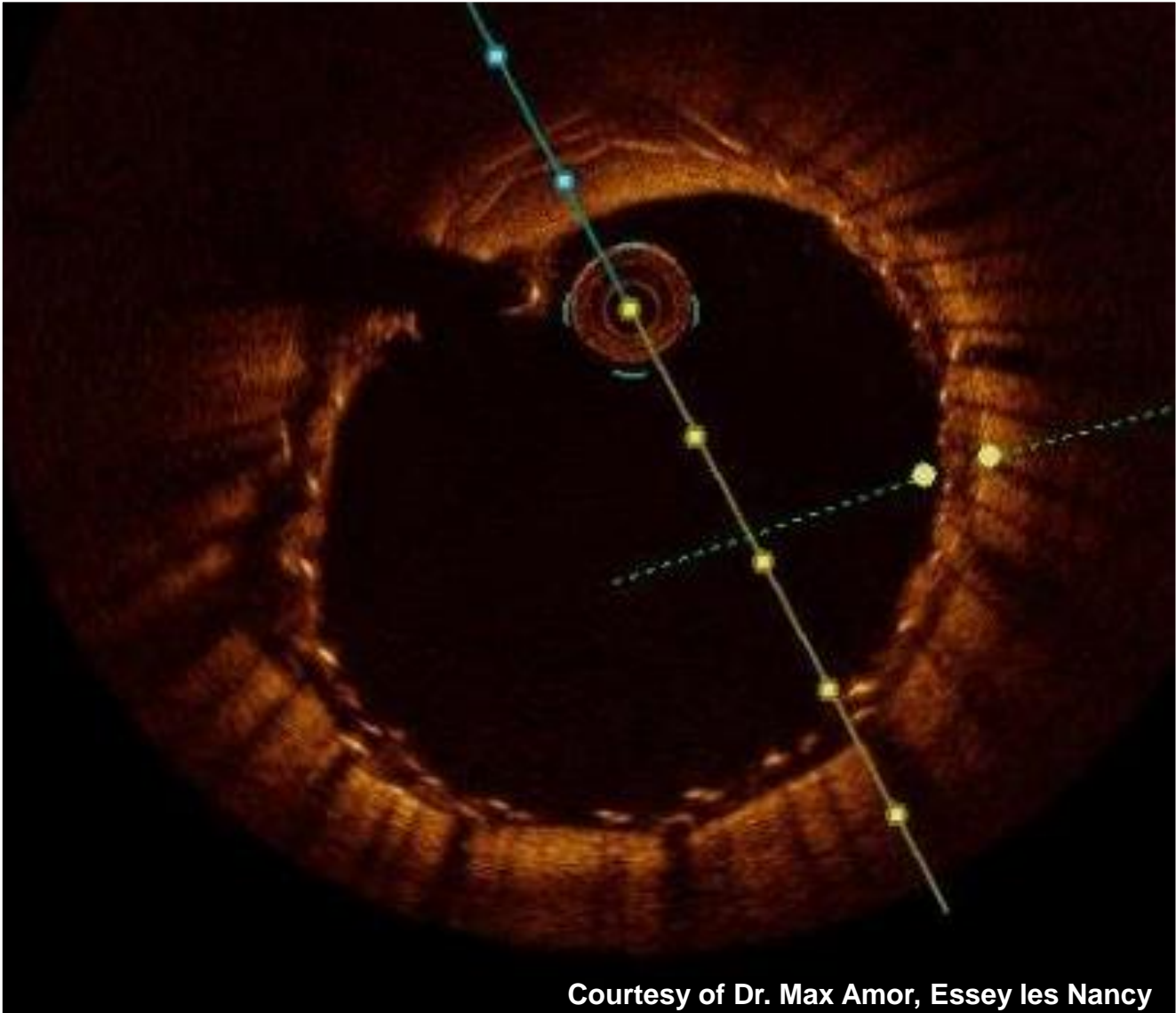


Piotr Musialek @ LINC 2015

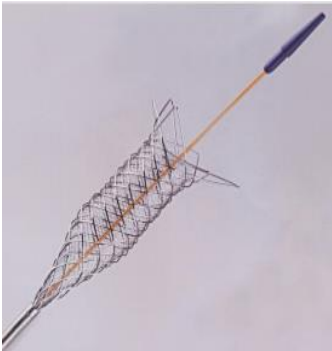
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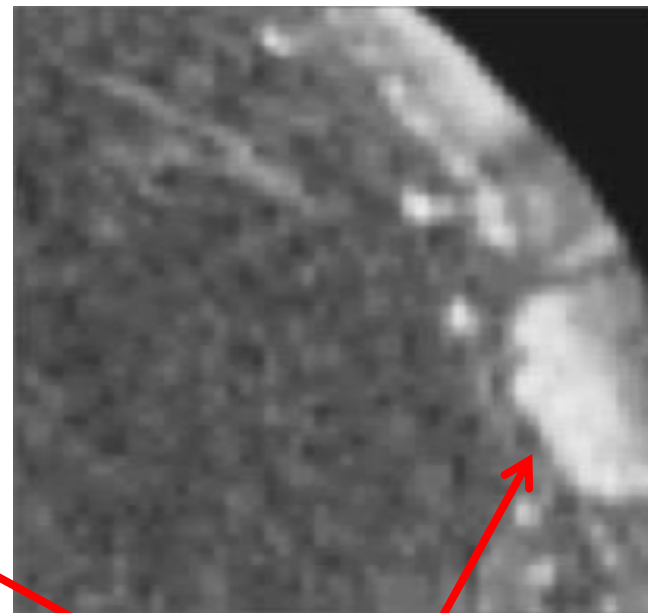
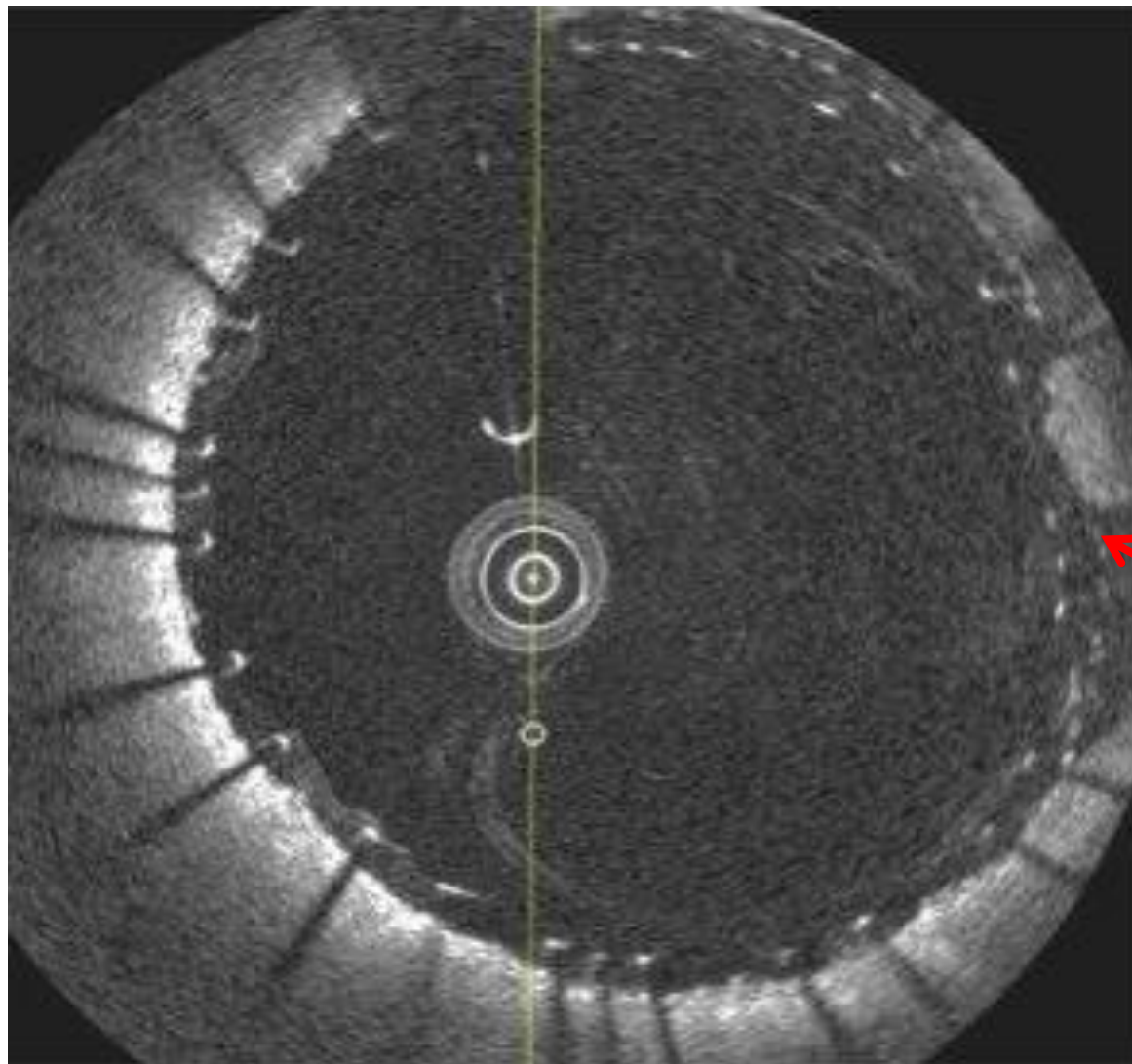
RoadSaver



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CGuard™ EPS



Thrombotic material

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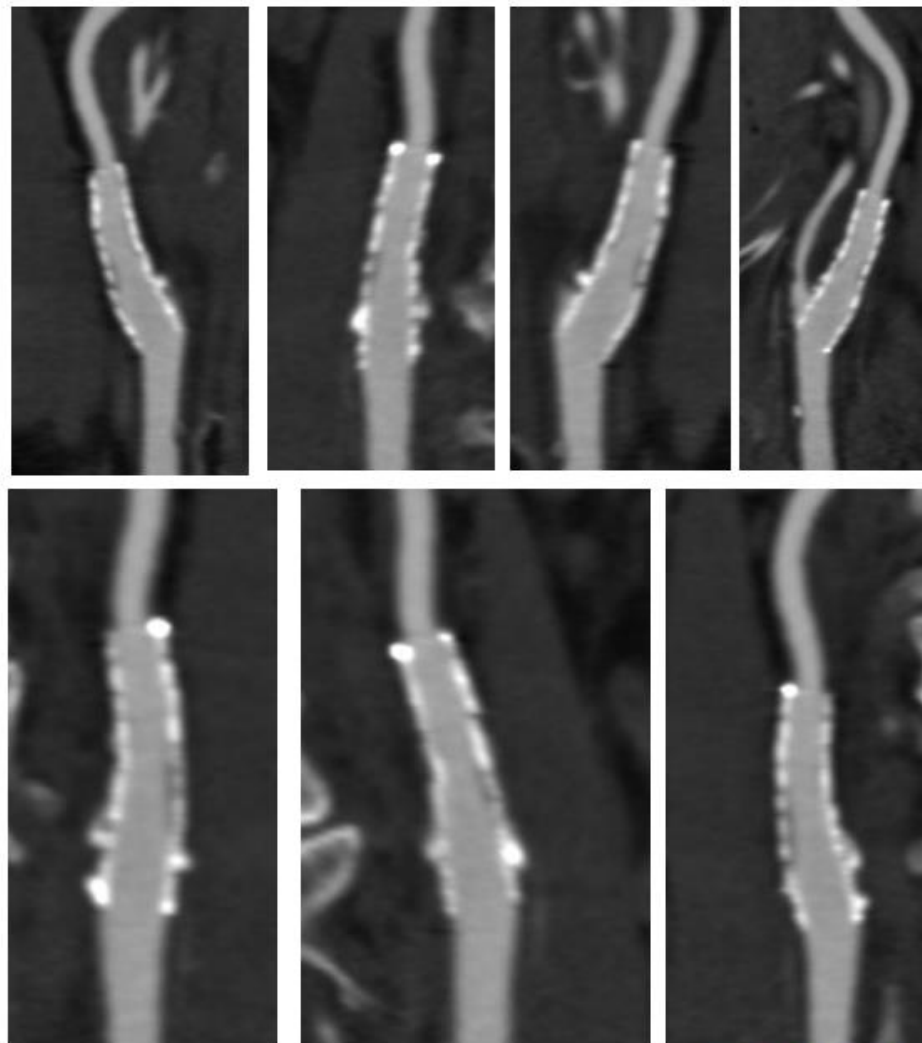
**between the stent
MicroNET
and the vessel wall**

CGuard™ EPS



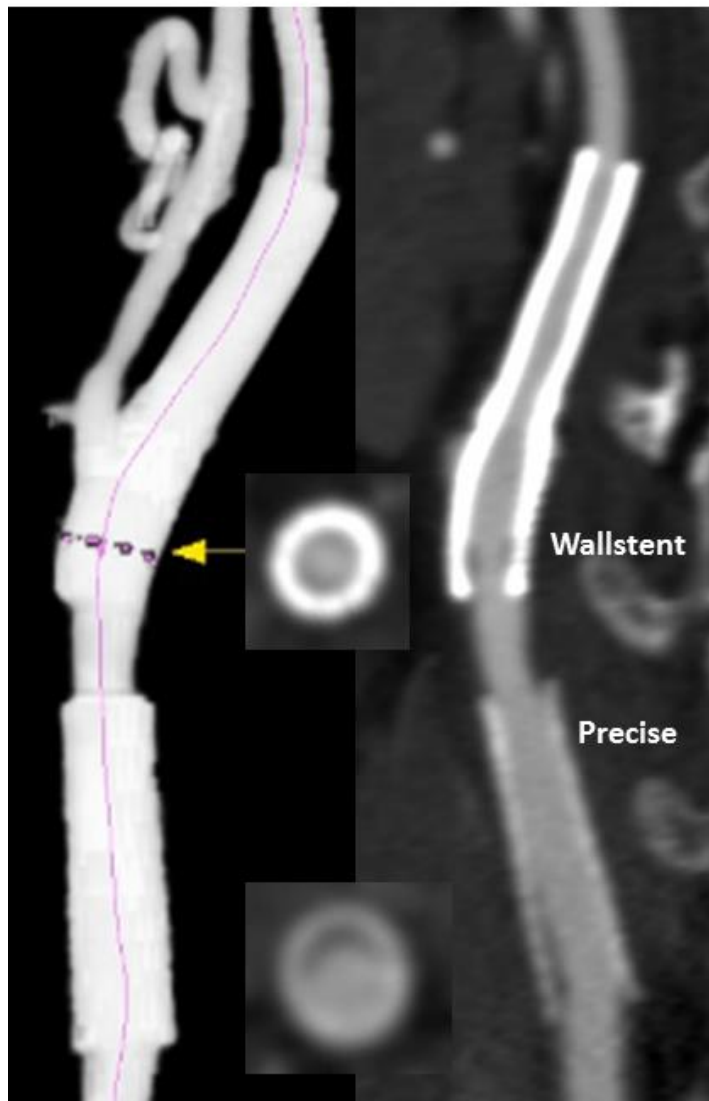
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CGuard 5 months follow-up



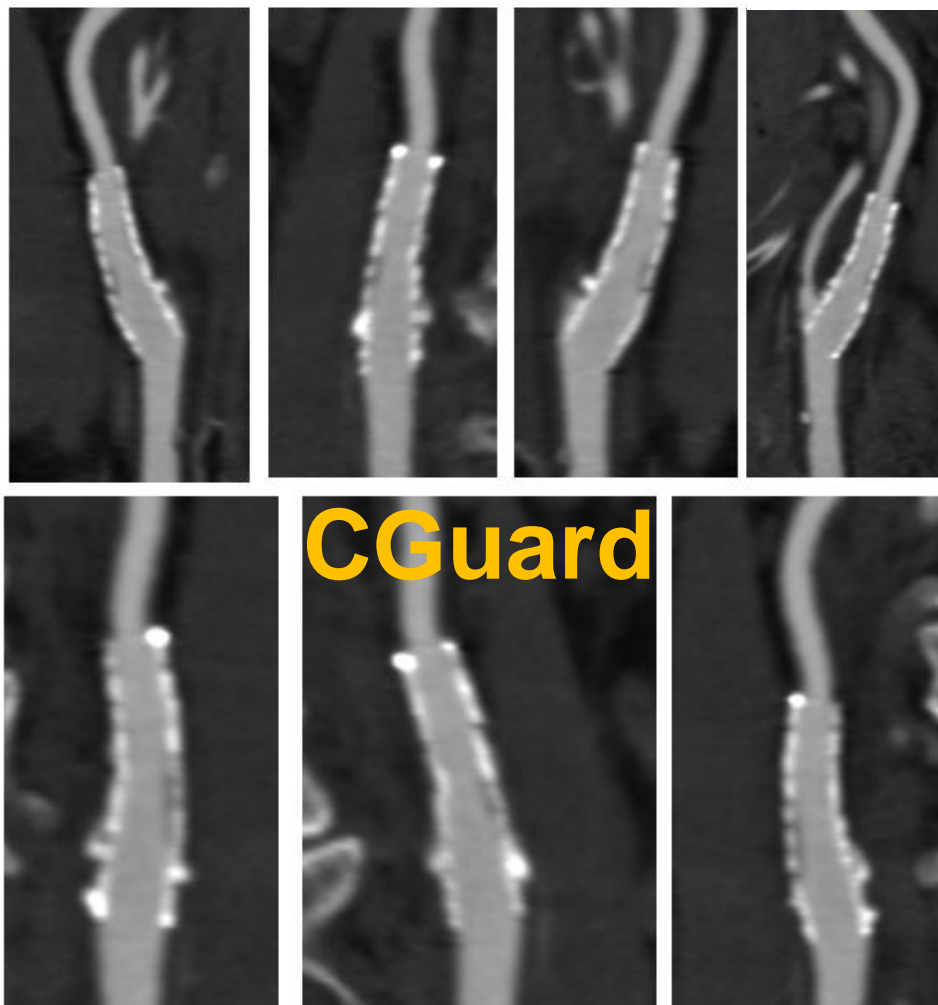
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Evidence

A Prospective, Multicenter Study of a Novel Mesh-Covered Carotid Stent



The CGuard CARENET Trial (Carotid Embolic Protection Using MicroNet)

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ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVES This study sought to evaluate the feasibility of the CGuard Carotid Embolic Protective Stent system—a novel thin strut nitinol stent combined with a polyethylene terephthalate mesh covering designed to prevent embolic events from the target lesion in the treatment of carotid artery lesions in consecutive patients suitable for carotid artery stenting.

BACKGROUND The risk of cerebral embolization persists throughout the carotid artery stenting procedure and remains during the stent healing period.

Evaluation of PET Mesh Covered Stent in Patients with Carotid Artery Disease

The CARENET-Trial

(CARotid Embolic protection using microNET)

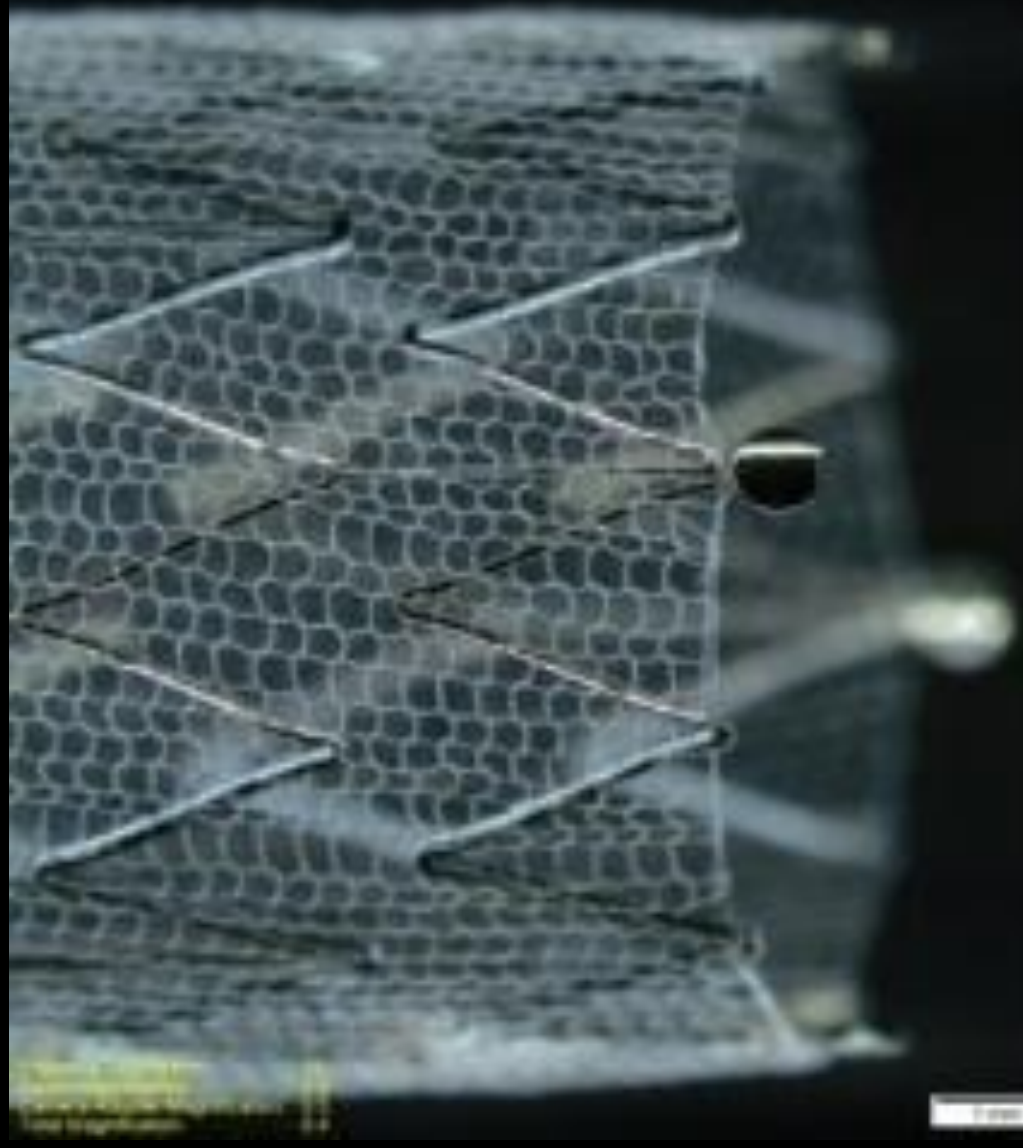
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CGuard™ embolic prevention stent



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Prospective, multi-center, all-comer

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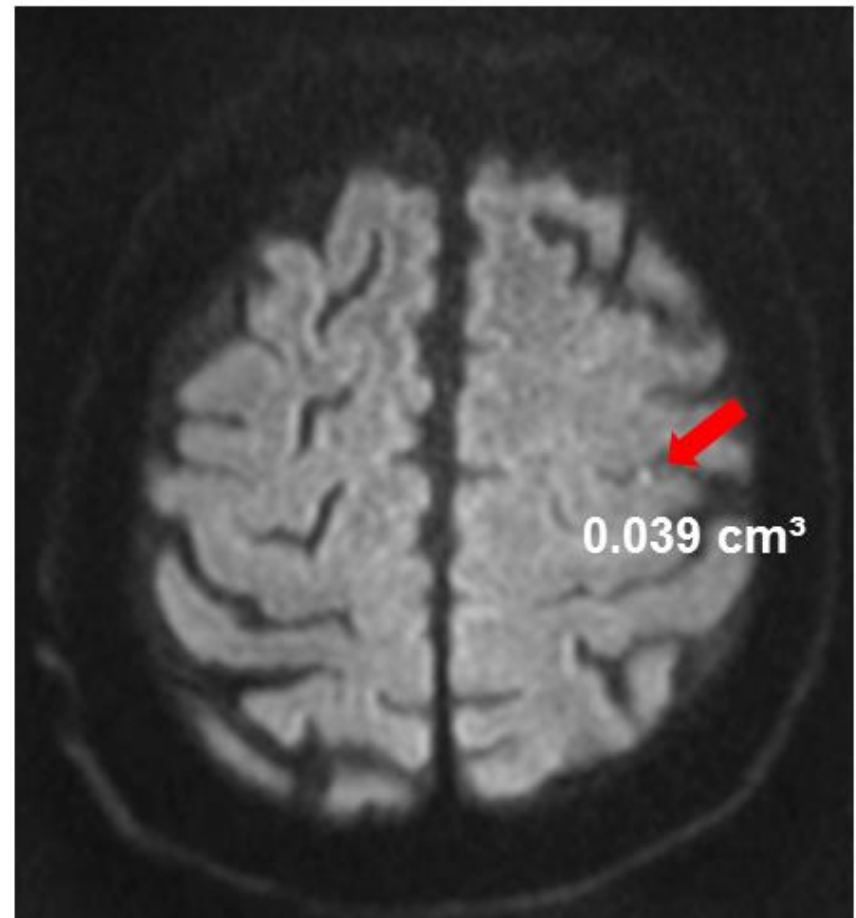
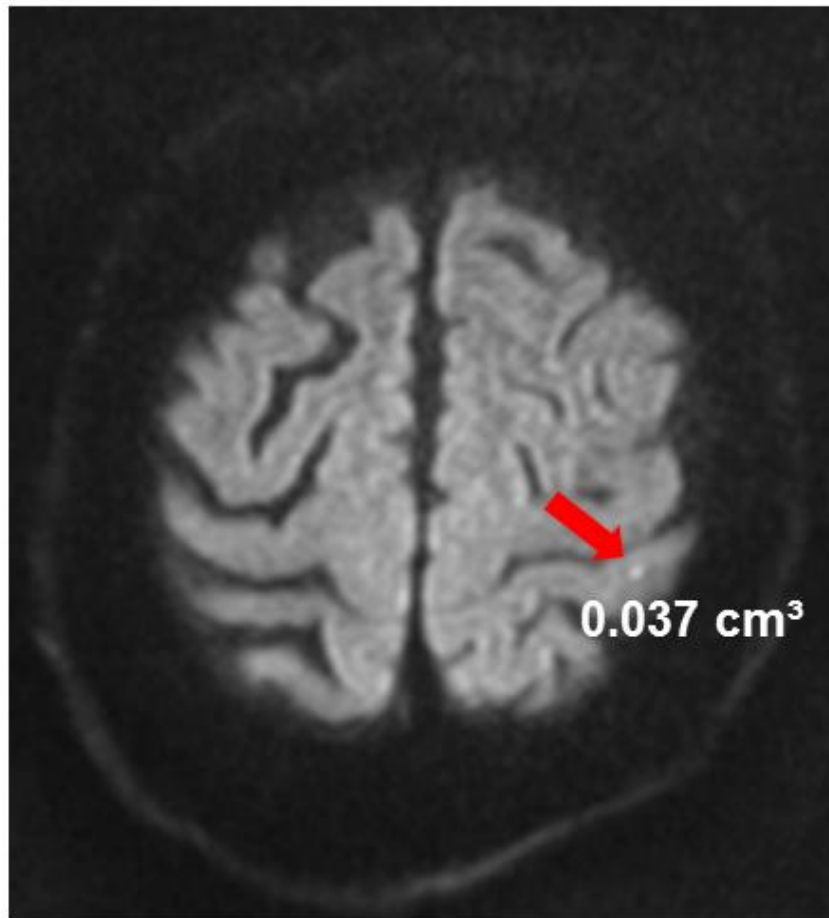
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DW-MRI:

the unforgiving testimony
of what you've done
to the TARGET ORGAN...

The Power of DW-MRI...



48h after LICA-CAS

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DW-MRI analysis @ 48 h

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see patient fluxogram

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≈50% reduction
in new ipsilateral lesion incidence

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**>10-fold reduction
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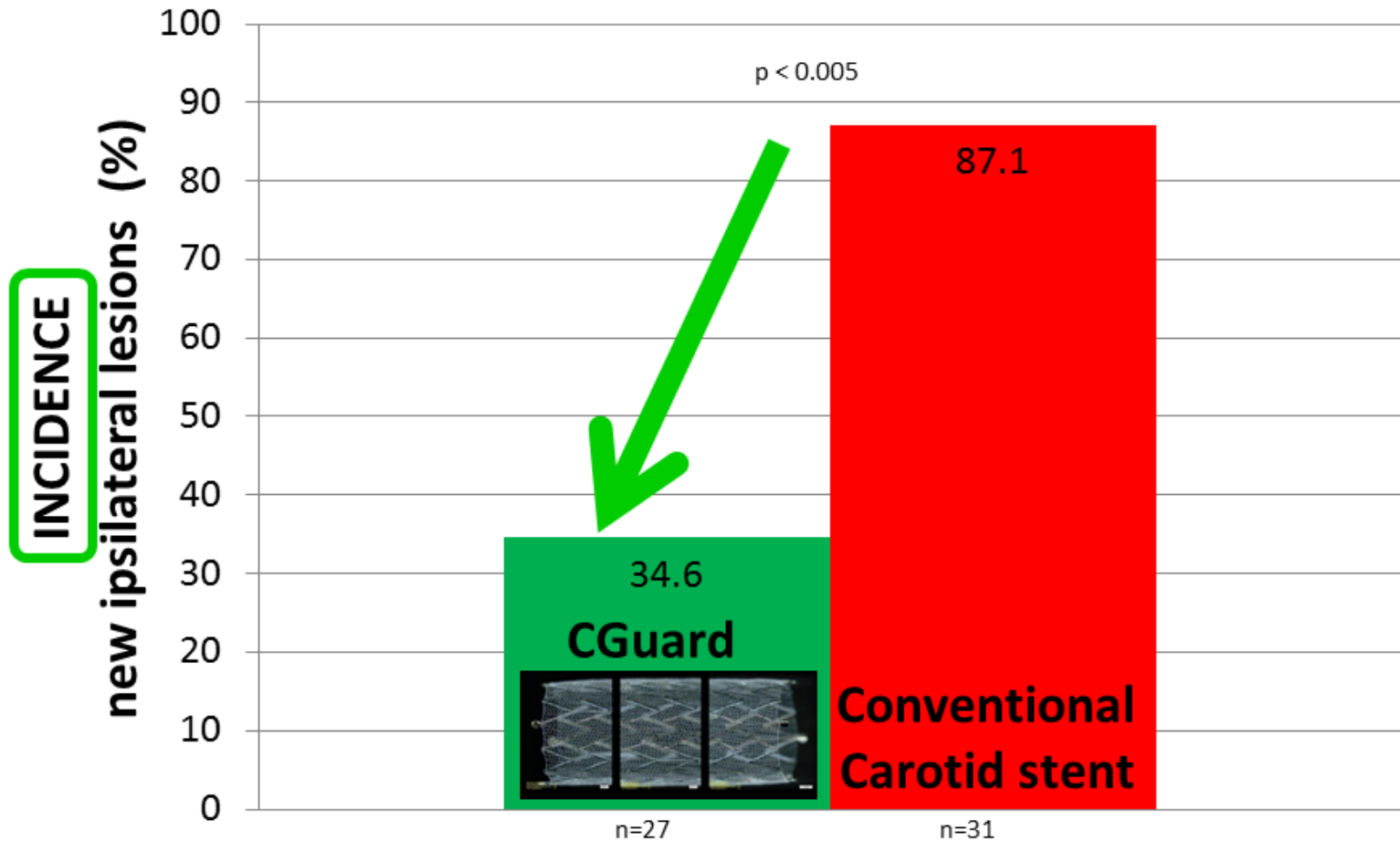
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Filter-protected CAS procedures

CARENET vs PROFI: DW-MRI analysis

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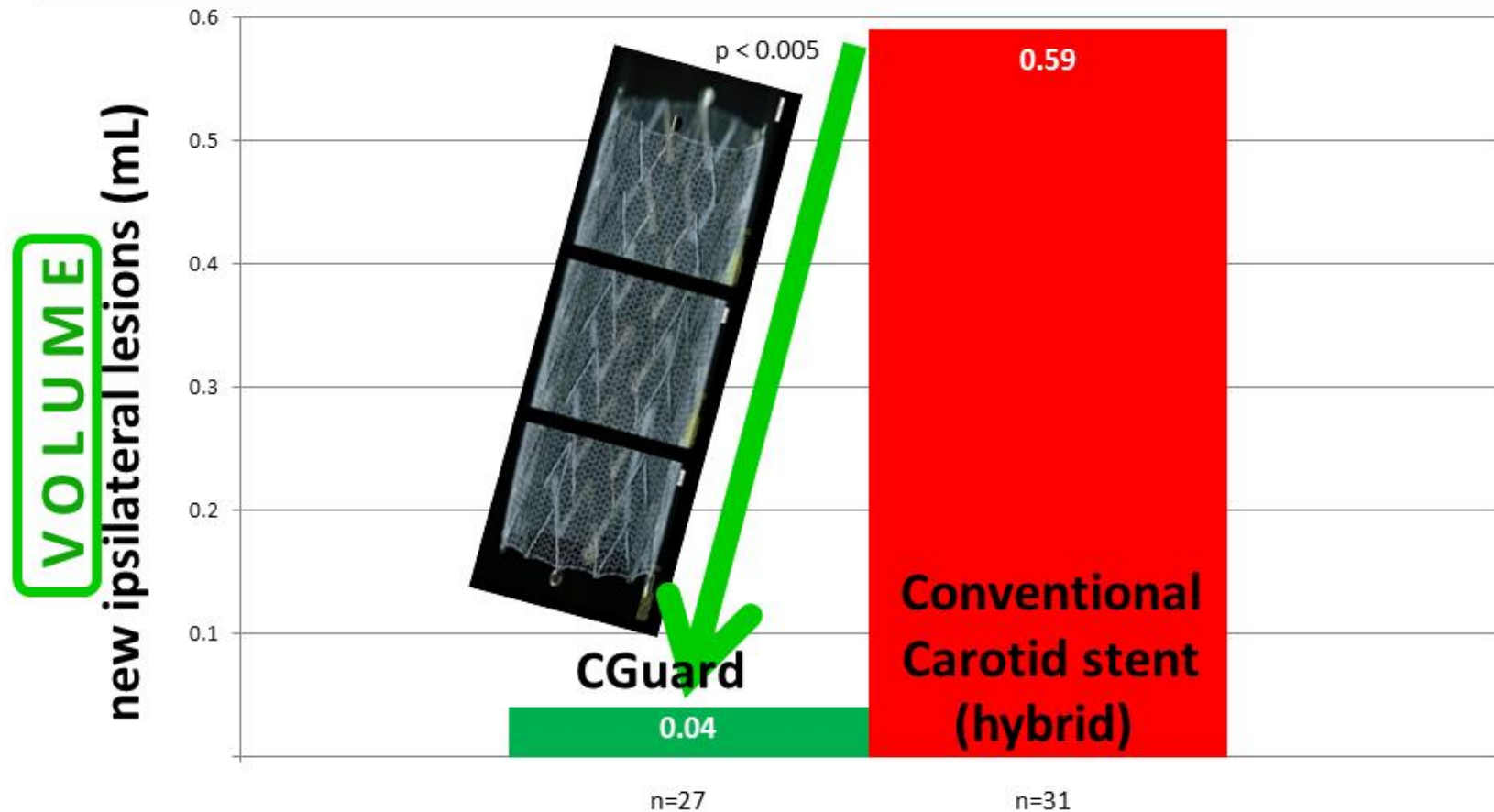
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RESOLVED

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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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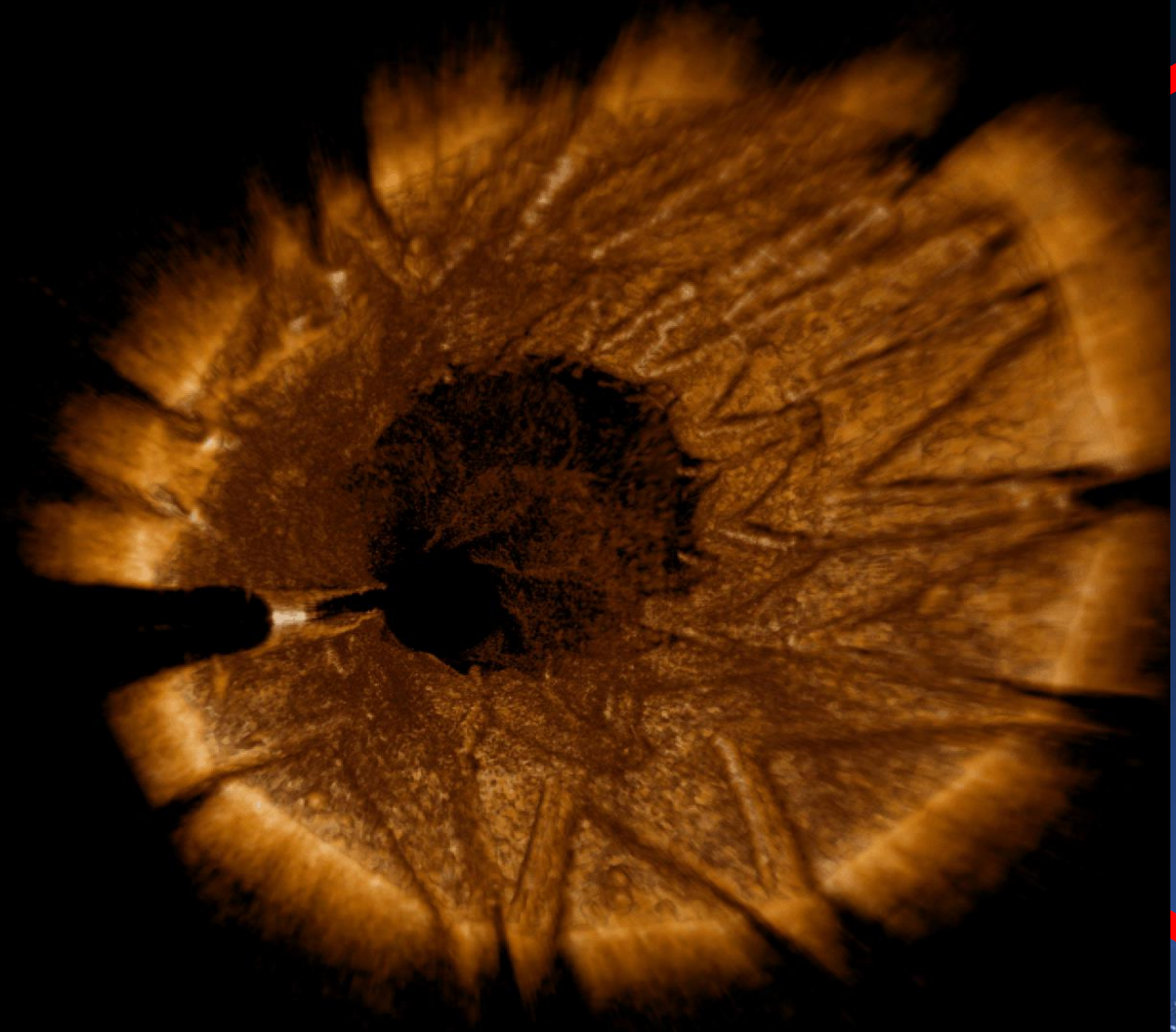
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Anti - Embolic Carotid Stent

Plaque protrusion may lead to early and late distal embolization



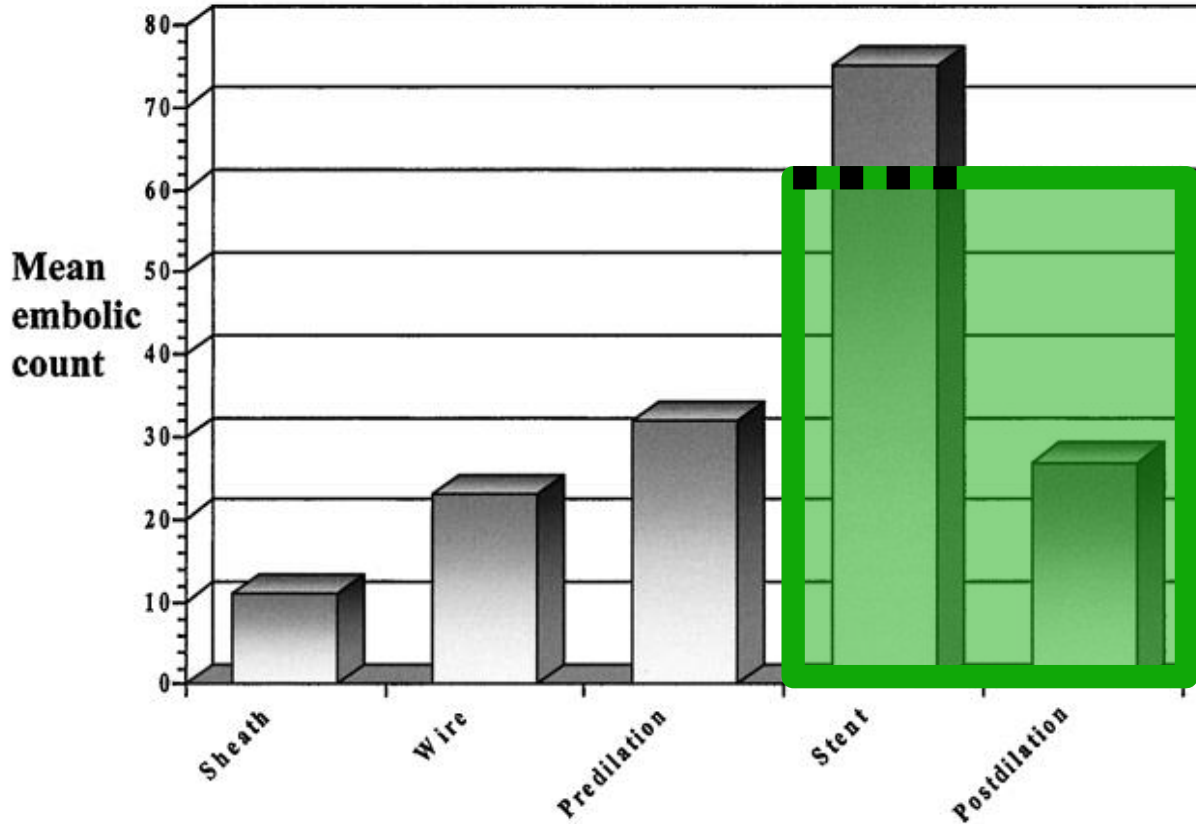
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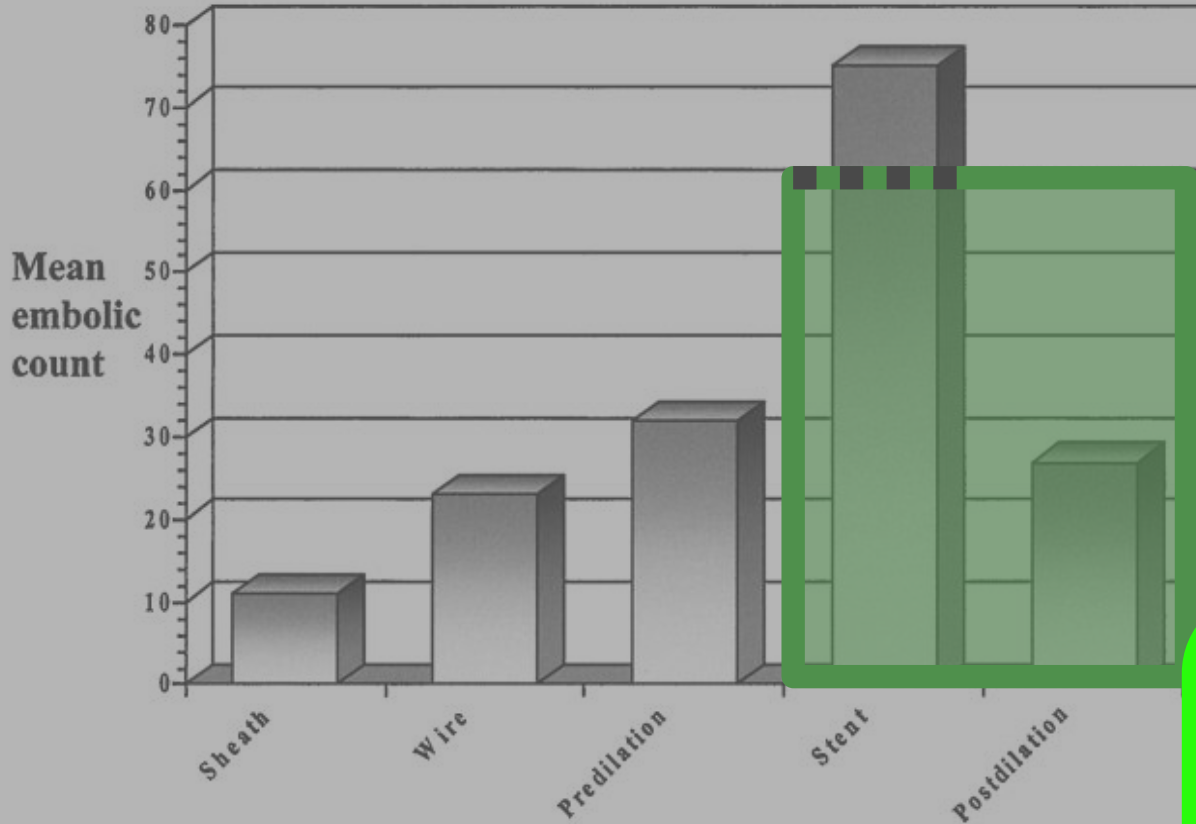
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The PARADIGM Study

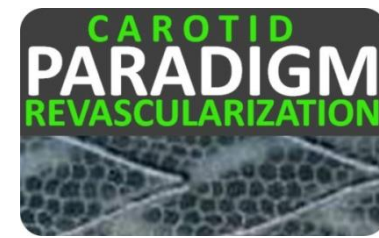




Objective

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

Methods: The CAS Procedure



- **EPD** use mandatory; EPD selection according to the '**Tailored CAS**' algorithm*
- **Liberal postdilatation** accepted in order to maximize potential for '**endovascular full reconstruction**' (minimizing residual stenosis)

- NB. 1. DWI evidence of effective MicroNet prevention against cerebral embolization (CARENET/PROFI)
2. Residual stenosis after CAS as independent predictor of in-stent restenosis

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PARADIGM




Endpoints:

- feasibility of endovascular Tx in unselected referrals using the study device in otherwise routine practice
 - device success (able to deliver + implant + <30% DS)
 - procedure success (device success w/o clinical compl.) (external neurologist, external non-invasive cardiologist)
 - clinical efficacy: MACNE (death/stroke/MI)
 - in-stent velocities (Duplex)
- Timeline for clinical efficacy and in-stent velocities:
- 24-48h
 - 30 days
 - 12 months
 - up to 5y

PARADIGM



- **ASYMPTOMATIC patients treated interventionally only if at  stroke risk**
- **established lesion-level increased-risk criteria used:**
 - thrombus-containing
 - tight, near-occlusive
 - documented progressive
 - irregular and/or ulcerated
 - contralateral ICA occlusion/stroke
 - asymptomatic ipsilateral brain infarct

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PARADIGM: investigator – independent

- external study data verification
- external angiographic analysis
- external statistical analysis



Study Flow Chart (1)



97 carotid stenosis patient referrals*

(external >> internal)



Neuro-Vascular Team

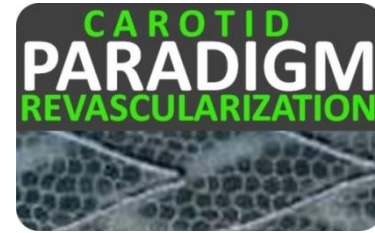
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- Vascular Surgeon
- Cardiologist

for carotid
revascularization
73 patients

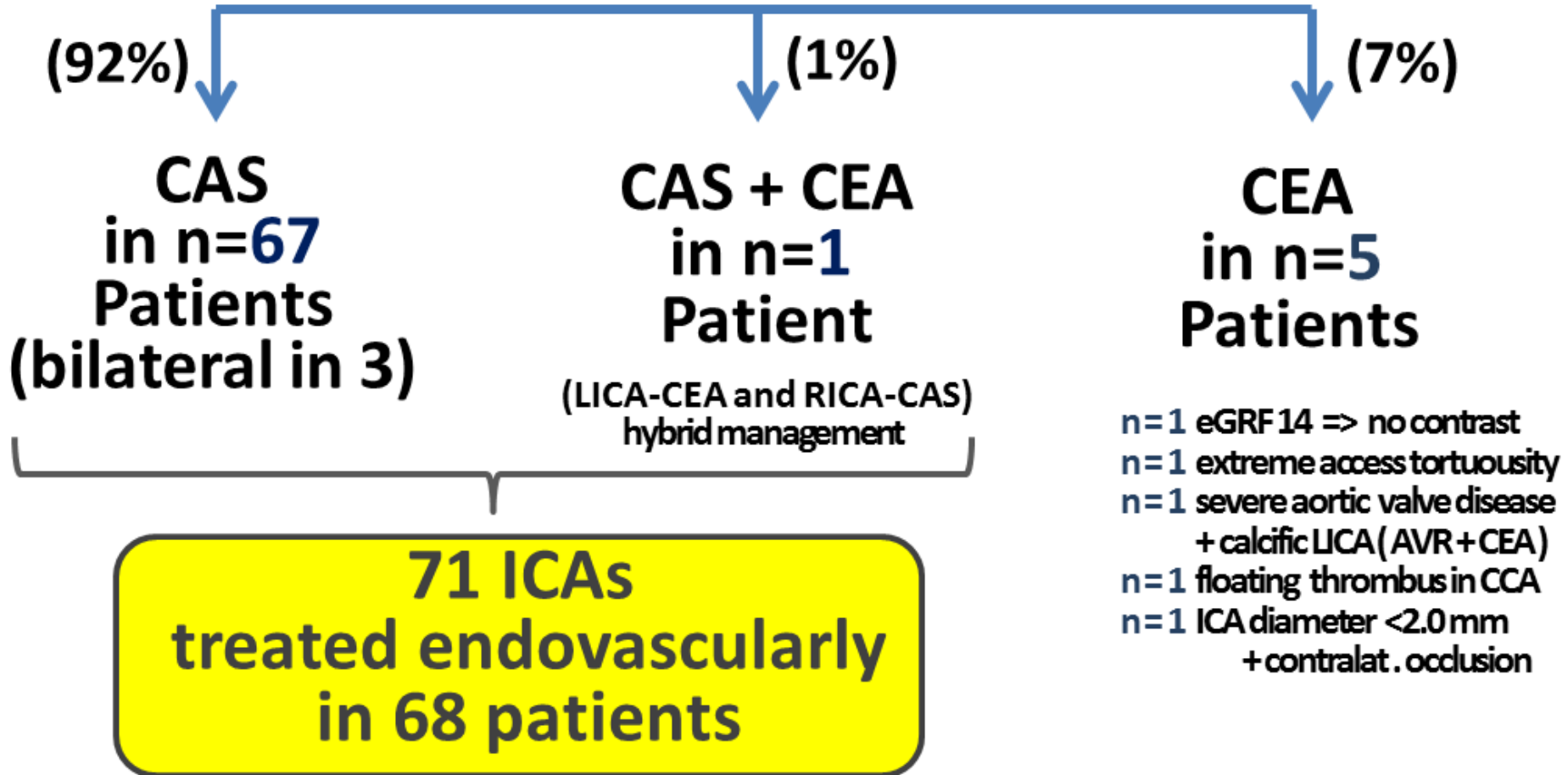
**NOT for carotid
revascularization
24 patients**

- n=19: lesion increased risk and/or severity criteria not met
- n=2: ICA totally occluded on verification
- n=2: ICA functionally occluded + h/o prior ipsil. large infarct with hemorrhagic transformation
- n=1: severe haemodynamic instability (ICA stenosis a sympt.)

Study Flow Chart (2)



73 Patients for carotid revascularization





Clinical characteristics of study patients (n=68)

| | |
|--|---------------|
| age, mean±SD (min–max) | 69 ±7 (55–83) |
| male, % (n) | 66% (45) |
| symptomatic, % (n) | 53% (36) |
| symptomatic ≤ 14 days, % (n) | 28% (19) |
| acutely symptomatic (emergent CAS) , % (n) | 9% (6) |
| index lesion (CAS) , % (n) | |
| RICA | 52% (35) |
| LICA | 44% (30) |
| RICA+LICA | 4% (3) |
| CAD, % (n) | 65% (44) |
| h/of MI, % (n) | 27% (18) |
| CABG or PCI in the past, % (n) | 38% (26) |
| PCI as bridge to CAS, % (n) | 16% (11) |
| AFib (h/o or chronic), % (n) | 6% (4) |
| diabetes, % (n) | 35% (24) |
| h/o neck or chest radiotherapy, % (n) | 4% (3) |

PARADIGM: Results (1)



- Percutaneous treatment **100%** using the intended MicroNet-covered embolic prevention stent system CGuard (ie, no other stents used during the study period)

- Device success **100%**
- Procedure success **100%**
- Transient Dopamine infusion **19%** (n=14)
- Debris in EPD **18%** (n=13)
- Access site complications **0%** (n=0)
- Vascular plug closure **45%** (n=32)

PARADIGM: Results (2)



Index lesion **qualitative** characteristics (n=71 lesions)

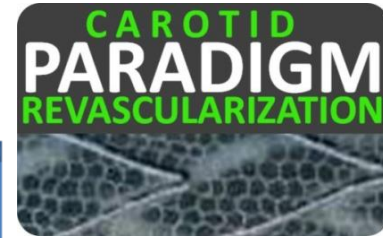
| | All (n=71) | Symptomatic (n=37) | Asymptomatic (n=34) | p |
|--|------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| thrombus, % (n) | 15% (11) | 24% (9) | 6% (2) | 0.025 |
| near occl./string, % (n) | 21% (15) | 30% (11) | 12% (4) | 0.084 |
| progressive*, % (n) | 27% (19) | 11% (4) | 44% (15) | 0.003 |
| ulcerated, % (n) | 41% (29) | 46% (17) | 35% (12) | 0.470 |
| irregular, % (n) | 72% (51) | 65% (24) | 79% (27) | 0.197 |
| contralateral occl., % (n) | 17% (12) | 22% (8) | 35% (12) | 0.291 |
| highly calcific, % (n) | 23% (16) | 14% (5) | 35% (12) | 0.050 |
| asymptomatic ipsilat. brain embolization/infarct | N/A | N/A | 32% (11) | N/A |

* verified on imaging

CoreLab-Quantified

- ICA reference diameter **4.99 ± 0.36mm** (from 4.27 to 6.02mm)
- Lesion length **19.9 ± 5.8mm** (from 8.19 to 30.25mm)

PARADIGM: Results (3)



Index lesion quantitative characteristics (n=71 lesions)

| | All (n=71 lesions) | Symptomatic n=37 | Asymptomatic n=34 | p |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Before CAS | | | | |
| PSV, m/s | 3.8 ± 1.3 | 3.7 ± 1.1 | 3.8 ± 1.5 | 0.862 |
| EDV, m/s | 1.3 ± 0.7 | 1.4 ± 0.6 | 1.3 ± 0.8 | 0.687 |
| Diameter stenosis % (QA) | 82 ± 9 | 79 ± 9 | 84 ± 9 | 0.021 |
| CAS | | | | |
| EPD type | | | | 0.092 |
| Proximal* | 35% (25) | 44% (16) | 26% (9) | |
| Distal** | 65% (46) | 56% (21) | 74% (25) | |
| post-dilat balloon# peak pressure, mmHg | 18.4 ± 3.4 | 17.5 ± 3.6 | 19.2 ± 2.9 | 0.037 |
| After CAS | | | | |
| Stent length (QA) [§] | | | | NA |
| Nominal 30 mm (min-max) | 29.66 ± 0.30 (28.73-30.07) | 29.66 ± 0.28 (29.02-30.07) | 29.65 ± 0.32 (28.73-30.02) | |
| Nominal 40 mm (min-max) | 39.73 ± 0.34 (38.88-40.22) | 39.69 ± 0.41 (38.88-40.22) | 39.77 ± 0.28 (39.14-40.04) | |
| Residual diam. stenosis | 7 ± 4% | 5 ± 4% | 7 ± 5% | 0.257 |
| in-stent PSV, m/s | 0.70 ± 0.28 | 0.66 ± 0.29 | 0.74 ± 0.27 | 0.266 |
| in-stent EDV, m/s | 0.17 ± 0.07 | 0.17 ± 0.07 | 0.18 ± 0.07 | 0.457 |

* Emboshield (n=7); FilterWire (n=14); Spider (n=25)

** Gore FlowReversal (n=4) or flow reversal with MoMa (n=21)

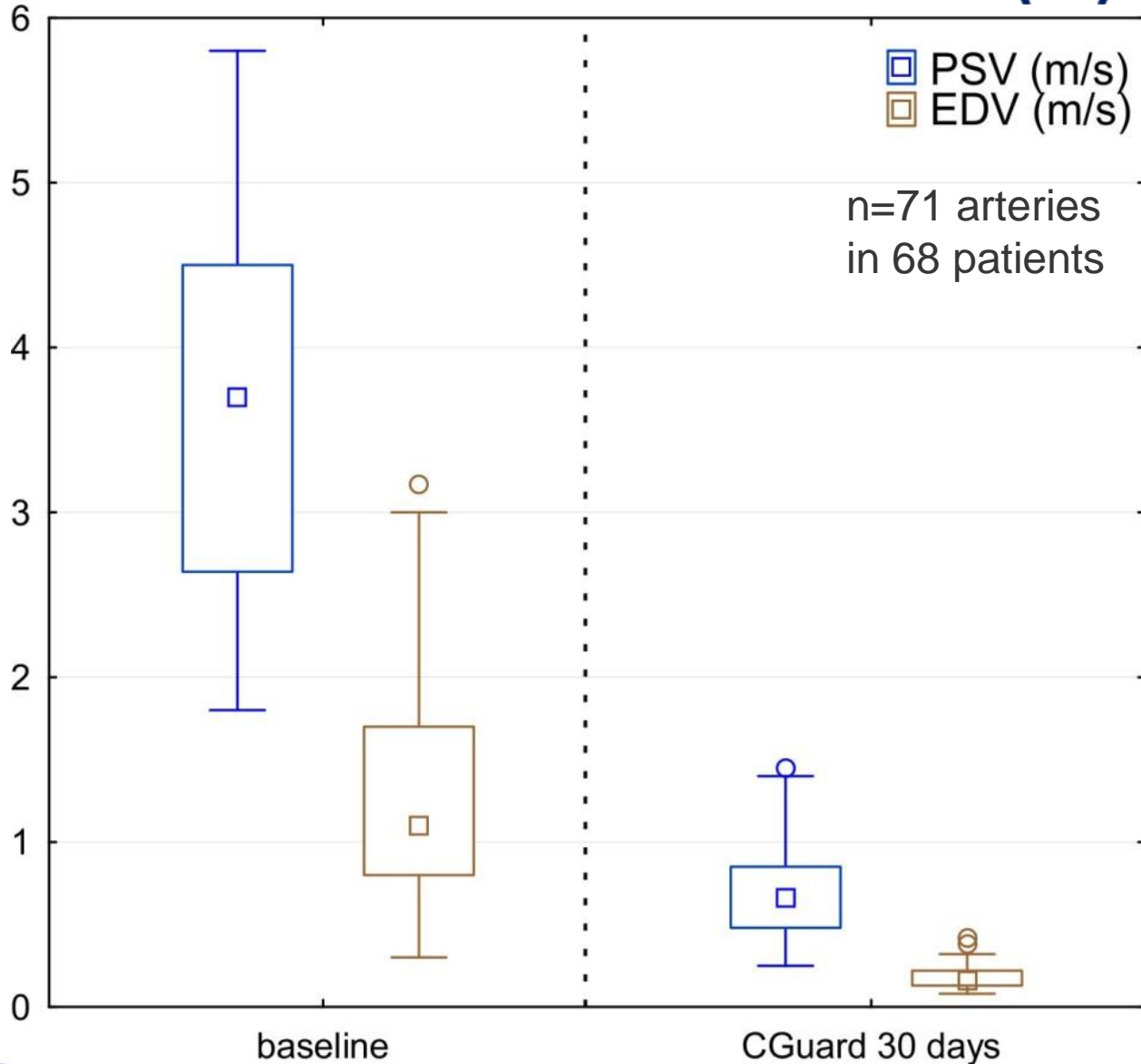
(NB. mean flow reversal time was 6min 48s, from 5min 18s to 11min 2s)
 # 4.5mm (n=5); 5.0mm (n=36); 5.5mm (n=29); 6.0mm (n=1);
 § 30mm in 51 lesions; 40mm in 18 lesions (2 other lesions required two stents each)

PARADIGM: Results (4)

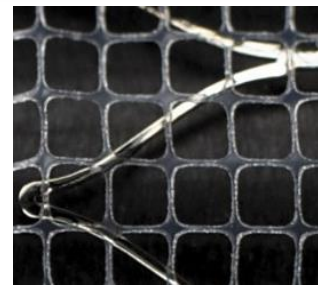


- **Death/stroke/MI @ 48h** **0%**
- **Death/stroke/MI @ 30d** **0%**

PARADIGM: Results (5)



Procedure - Relevant Information



| Name | RoadSaver <i>aka Casper</i> | Gore® Carotid Stent | CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Re-sheathable ? | yes* | no | no |
| Crossing profile | 5F | 5F (smaller diam) 6F (larger diam) | 6F |
| Foreshortening | yes | unknown** | no # |
| Stent placement accuracy | - | N/D | ++ # |
| Ability to eliminate residual stenosis | N/D | N/D | yes # |
| Externally-analysed systematic DW MRI study data | unknown | unknown | yes ## |

on-going **Studies**



CLEAR-ROAD; a Physician-initiated Carotid Trial Investigating the Efficacy of Endovascular Treatment of Carotid Arterial Disease With the Multi-layer RoadSaver Stent

This study is currently recruiting participants. (see Contacts and Locations)

Verified August 2015 by Flanders Medical Research Program

Sponsor:

Flanders Medical Research Program

Information provided by (Responsible Party):

Flanders Medical Research Program

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:

NCT02529345

First received: April 27, 2015

Last updated: August 19, 2015

Last verified: August 2015

[History of Changes](#)

► Purpose

The objective of this clinical investigation is to evaluate the clinical outcome (up to 12 months) of treatment by means of stenting with the RoadSaver (Terumo) in subjects at high risk for carotid endarterectomy requiring carotid revascularization due to significant extra-cranial carotid artery stenosis.

Study Type: Interventional
Study Design: Endpoint Classification: Efficacy Study
Intervention Model: Single Group Assignment
Masking: Open Label
Primary Purpose: Treatment

Primary Outcome Measures:

- 30-day rate of Major Adverse events (MAE)

Estimated Enrollment: 100
Study Start Date: April 2015
Estimated Study Completion Date: May 2017
Estimated Primary Completion Date: April 2016 (Final data collection date for primary outcome measure)

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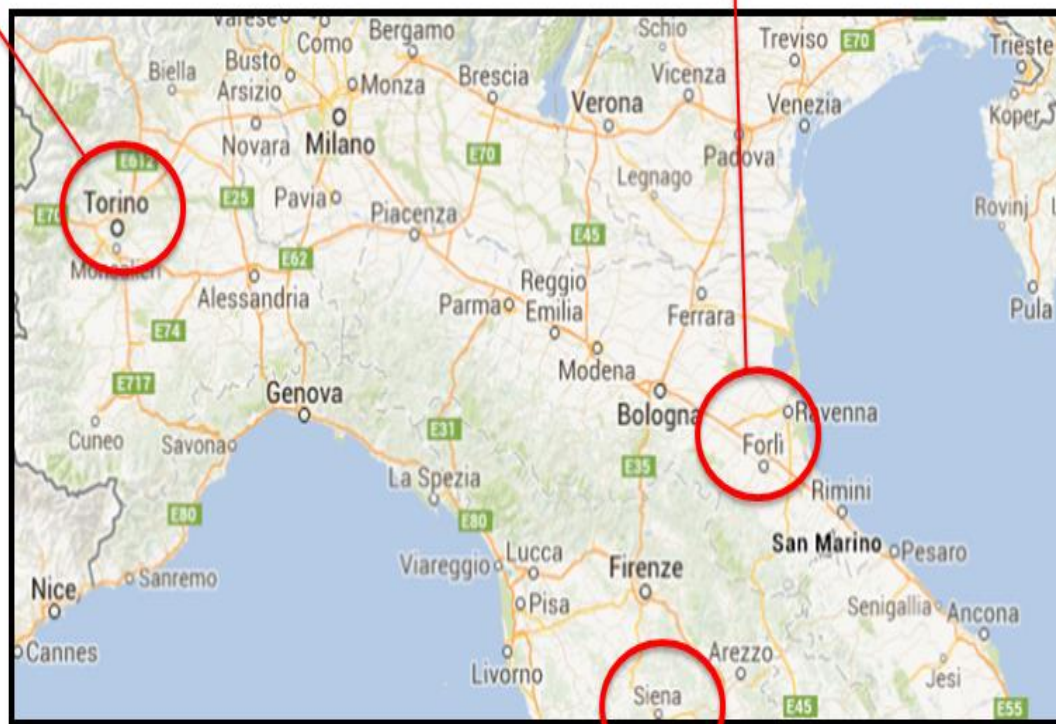




Italian registry - Roadsaver

Torino: Dr. C. Rabbia
Radiologist

Cotignola: Dr. A. Cremonesi
Cardiologist



3 Italian Vascular Centers

Siena: Prof. C. Setacci
Vascular Surgeon



RoadSaver Italian registry - Preliminary results

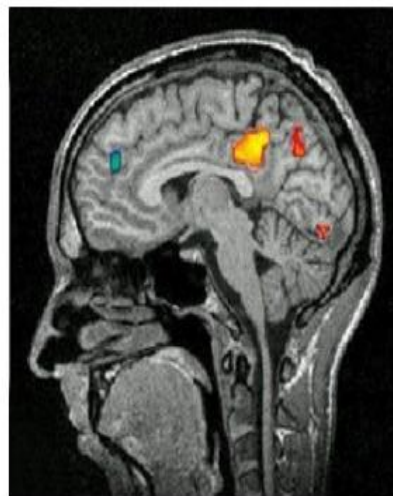
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Cotignola, Siena, Torino

more than 100 cases

Italian registry - Preliminary results

- ◆ Subgroup analysis - MR
 - Magnetic Resonance evaluation of cerebral parenchyma before and 24 hours post-op



New lesions in **1 case** @ 24h
(n=3 in the ipsilateral and
n=2 in contralateral
hemisphere)



GORE® Carotid **S**tent **C**linical Study for the treatment of carotid **A**rtery stenosis in patients at increased risk **F**or adverse events **F**rom car**O**tid en**D**arterectomy

The Gore **SCAFFOLD** Clinical Study

PIs: P.A. Schneider and W.A. Gray

- **Number of Subjects**

312 subjects (max 40 at each site)

ClinicalTrials.gov

A service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health

NCT # 01901874

- **Primary Endpoint**

Composite of Major Adverse Events (MAE) defined as death, any stroke, or myocardial infarction through 30 days post index procedure plus ipsilateral stroke between 31 days and 1 year

*All primary endpoint events will be determined by the study Clinical Events Committee

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- **Data expected 2017**



Physician-initiated prospective Italian Registry of carotid stenting with the C-Guard mesh-stent: the IRON-Guard registry. Rationale and design

Announced: J CARDIOVASC SURG 2015;56:787-91

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Massimo Sponza, *Udine*
Andrea Stella, *Bologna*
Enrico Vecchiati, *Reggio Emilia*

Planned enrollment: n = 200 patients

**Primary endpoint: clinical – MAE
death/stroke/MI ≤ 30 days**

PARADIGM – Extend (aka PARADIGM-101)

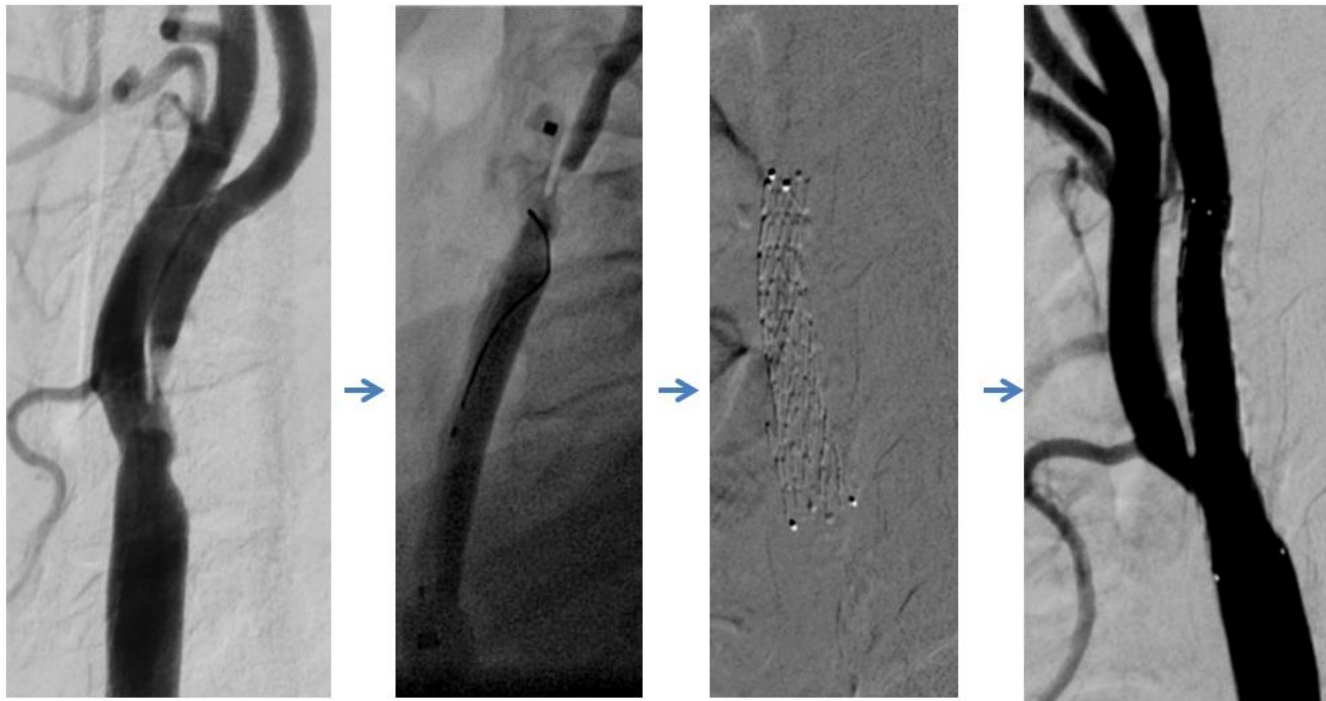


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PARADIGM – 101 **recruitment completed**



Patient #101 in 'PARADIGM-EXTEND' (a.k.a. 'PARADIGM 101')
subacute stroke

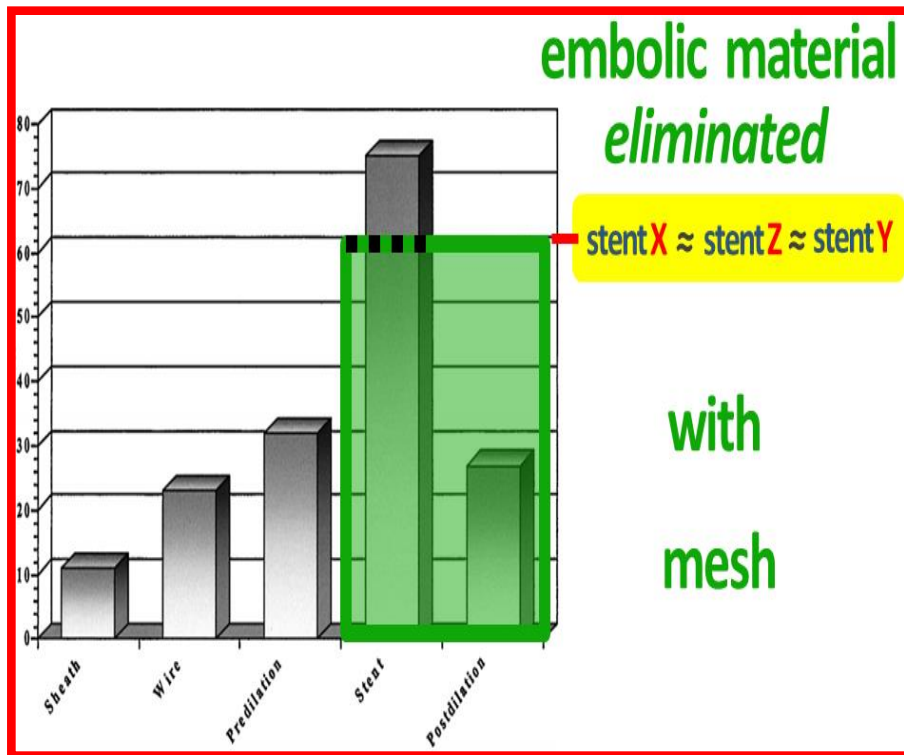
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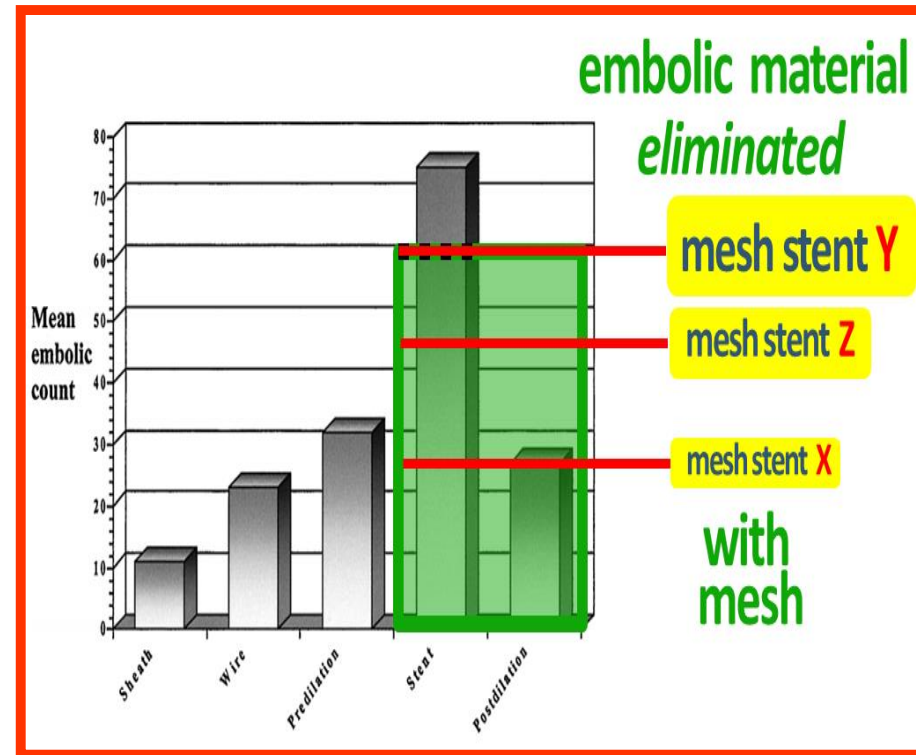
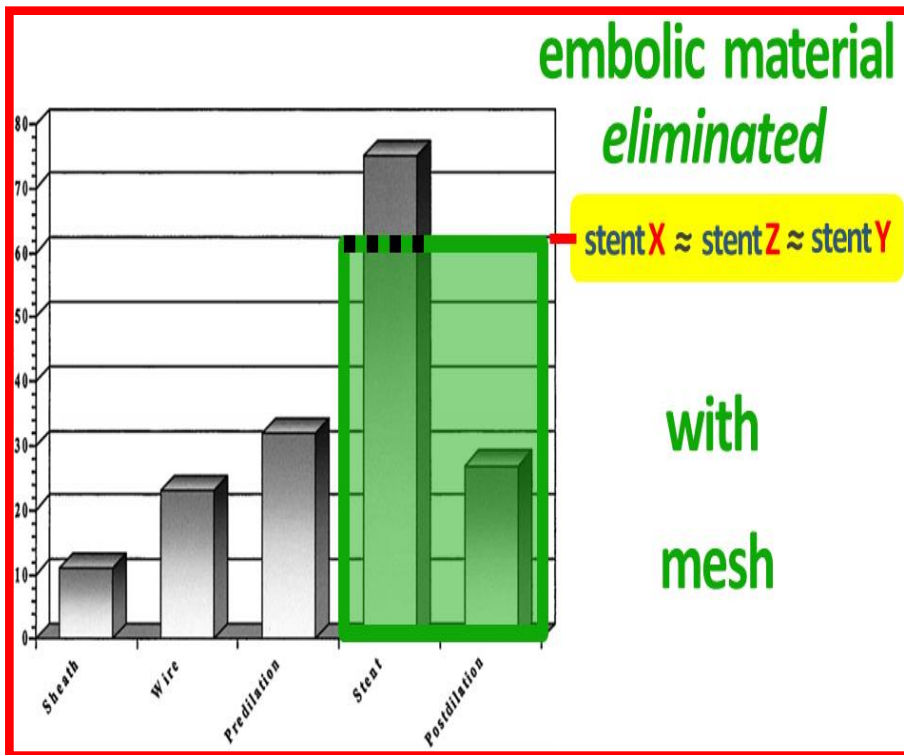
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Remaining Unknowns (2)

- **Large-scale** (multi-center, multi-hundred patient), controlled clinical endpoint **data?**
- Long-term treatment durability / 'no restenosis' proof
NB. so far – no worrying signal 
- Role in **open** (CEA) **vs. endo** (CAS) **balance**
- Role in **primary** stroke prevention

Conclusions

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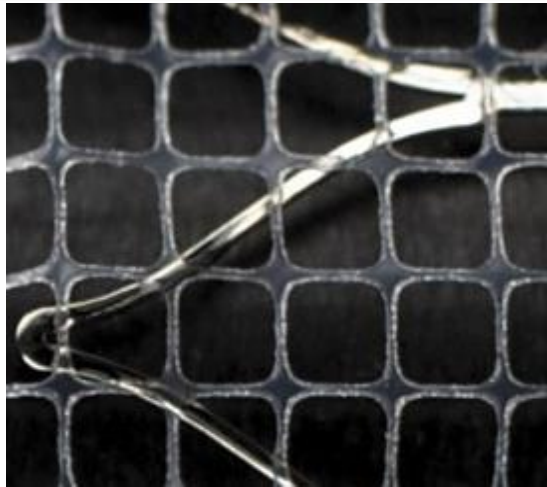
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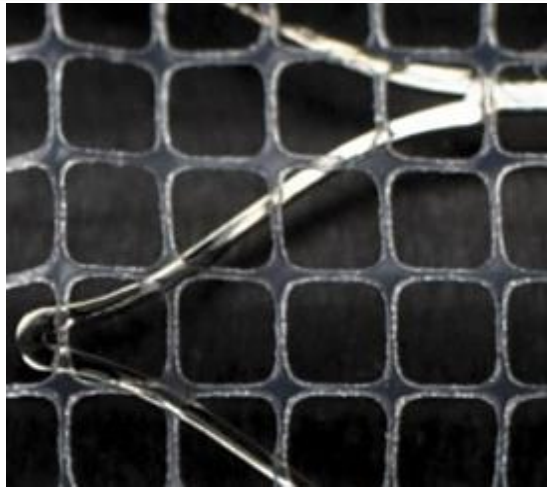
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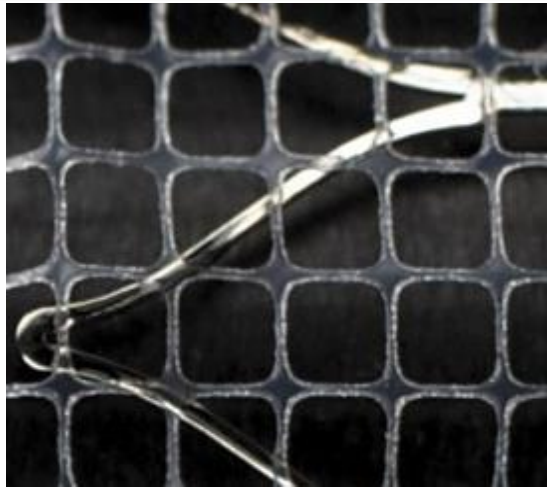
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revascularization ?





Carotid Revascularization

2015⁺ REALITY

CAS 2010 VISION

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Improved technology for CAS — better EPDs (flow reversal and proximal occlusion) and better stents (membrane-covered, ultra-closed cell, and biodegradable). Several issues may improve CAS outcomes, such as the introduction of new and better stents. An ex vivo study showed that use of a polyurethane membrane-covered stent resulted in lower cerebral embolization rates.⁶⁹

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