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CEPHALIC VEIN THROMBOSIS  
WITH ILMENITIN TREATMENT

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# TCAR 2022

## THE END OF CEA?

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# Carotid Disease & Stroke

- 85% ischemic
- Most common source: extracranial carotid artery – especially carotid bulb
  - Embolic - plaque morphology; intraplaque hemorrhage and rupture
  - Thrombotic – cardiac embolus, in-situ thrombosis of critical stenosis
- Prevalence in US pop (>18) 2.7% and will increase to 3.9% by 2030

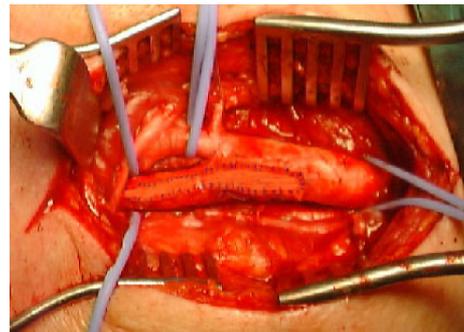
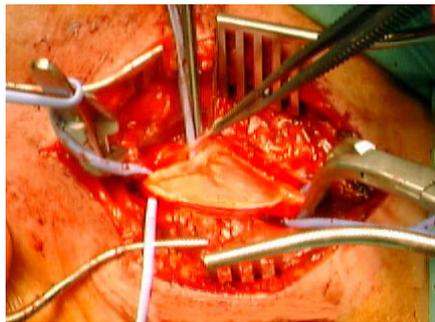
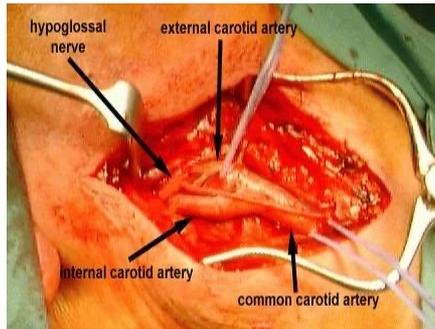


# Best Medical Therapy

- STOP SMOKING
- Anti platelet
- Statin
- Hypertensive control
- Diabetes control
- Healthy diet / weight loss / exercise



## carotid endarterectomy (CEA) is still the standard of care for carotid revascularization

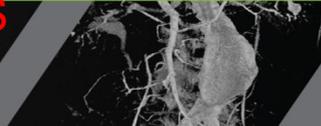


# Challenges of Surgical Intervention

- Scarring
- Lengthy hospital stay
- Open surgical procedure leads to quality of life issues for patients
- Risks of general anesthesia
- Inappropriate for patients at high-risk for surgery due to medical co-morbidities and/or anatomical considerations

# TransFemoral Carotid Artery Stenting Trials

- SAPPHERE
- ARCHeR
- BEACH
- CABERNET
- CREST
- MAVeRIC
- SECURITY
- CARESS
- CAPTURE
- PASCAL
- TACIT
- CAVATAS
- VIVA
- MOMA
- SPACE
- EVA-3S
- CREATE
- CASES
- EXACT
- ACT-1
- EMPIRE
- EPIC EU
- SAPPHERE WW
- SONOMA
- CHOICES
- PROTECT
- CANOPY
- SCAFFOLD
- CONFIDENCE



## Selective Lt Carotid Angio

Long Lt ICA ulcerated lesion  
(>80% stenosis)



# Tf-CAS

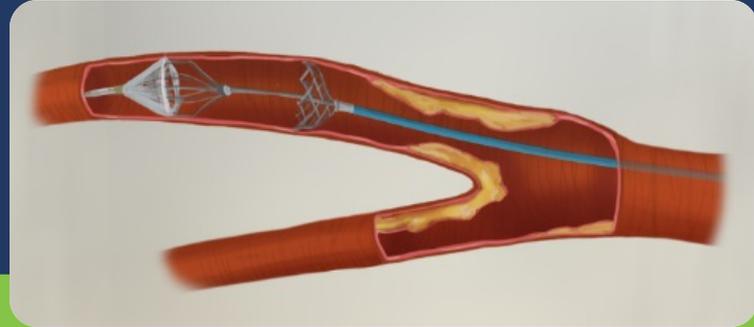
## Completion Angiogram

Free flow into the ICA



# Current Treatments for Carotid Disease

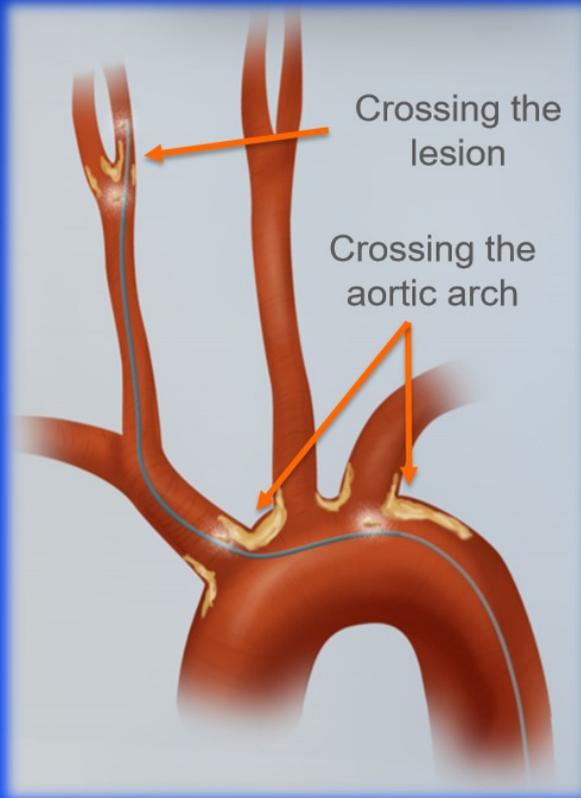
- Less Invasive Alternative: **Carotid Artery Stenting, transfemoral approach**
- Patient friendly, durable<sup>1</sup>, but...
- Excess procedural stroke risk<sup>1</sup>
- Procedure itself can create thrombo-embolism



• <sup>1</sup>CREST Trial: N Engl J Med 2010;363:11-23



## The devastating Complication of a procedure intended to *prevent* stroke is... *Stroke*



- Transfemoral CAS requires 3 steps that create embolic risk

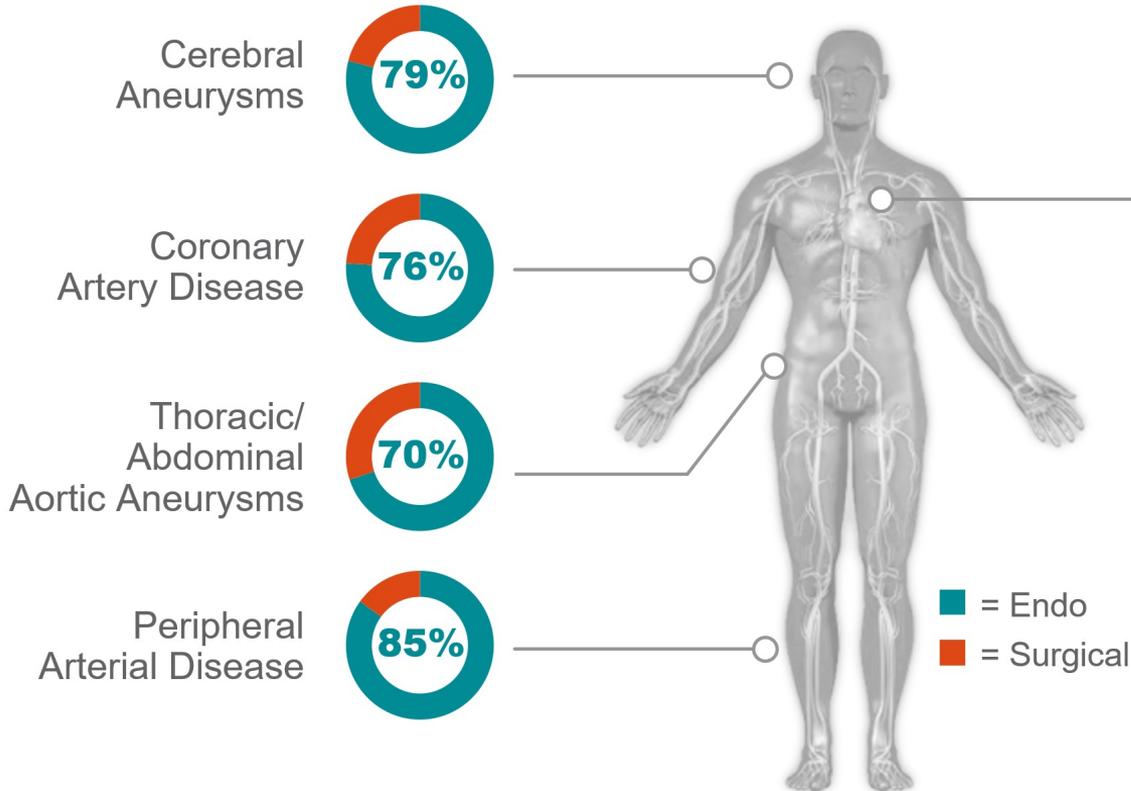
1. Advancing catheters through the aortic arch
  - 18% Non-Ipsilateral stroke rate in CAPTURE Study<sup>1</sup>



Diseased Aortic Arch

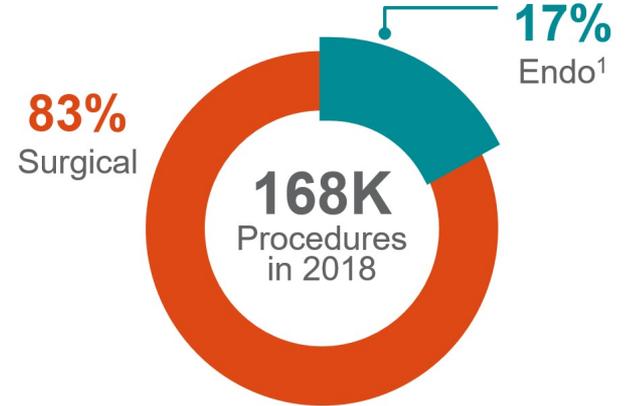
2. Navigating the lesion before neuroprotection established
3. Inadequate neuroprotection from misaligned filters and inadequate manual aspiration of emboli

# Endovascular Treatment: “New Normal”



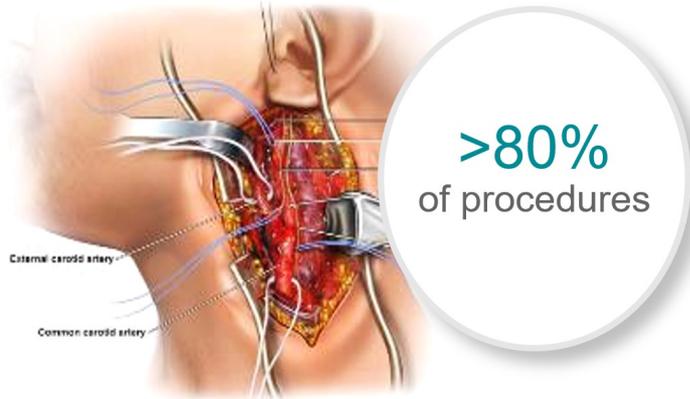
**THE LAST FRONTIER:**  
Open to Endo Conversion

**Carotid Artery Disease: U.S.**



# CEA: The “Gold Standard”

**SURGICAL:**  
Carotid Endarterectomy  
(CEA)  
65+ years



LOW 30-day stroke risk



SIGNIFICANT adverse events

MI<sup>1</sup>: 2.3% CEA vs 1.1% TF-CAS

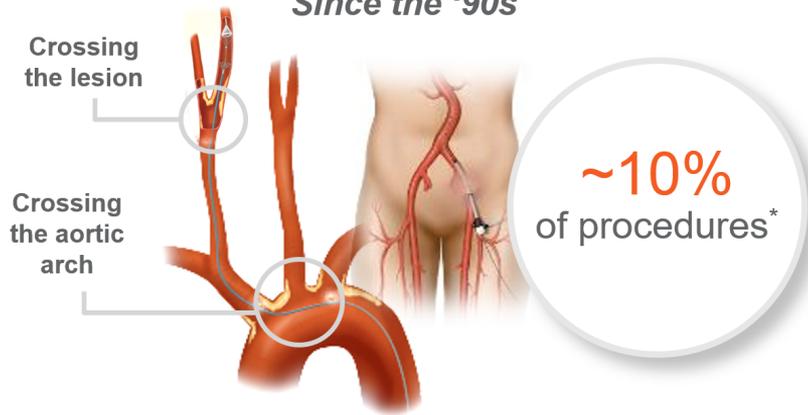
CNI<sup>2</sup>: 2.1% unresolved at 6 months

Is there a better alternative?

# TF-CAS: The Suboptimal Alternative

## ENDOVASCULAR: Transfemoral Carotid Artery Stenting (TF-CAS)

*Since the '90s*



LOWER adverse events



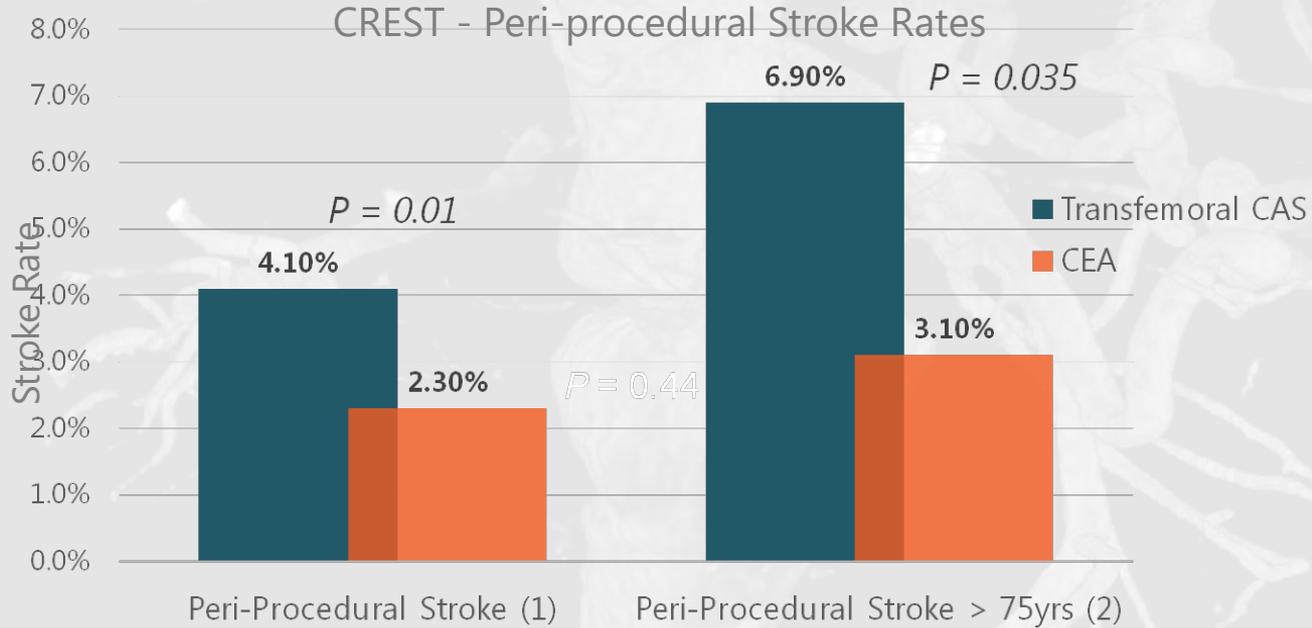
HIGHER (~2x) 30-day stroke risk

Stroke<sup>1</sup>: 4.1% TF-CAS vs 2.3% CEA

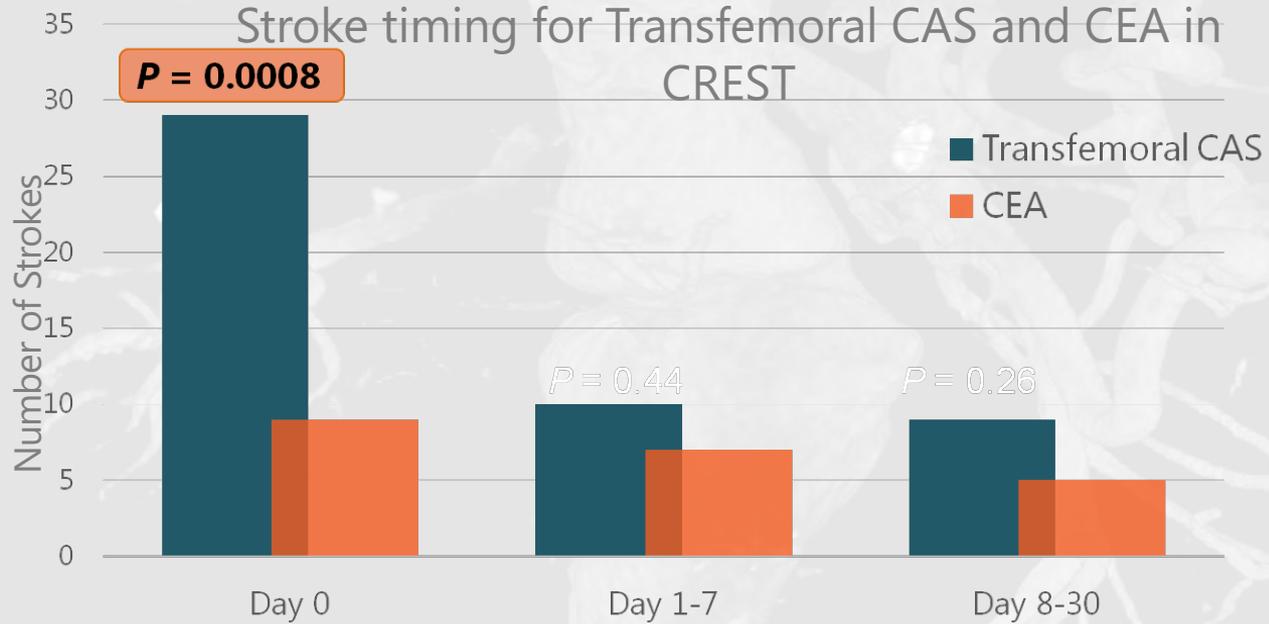
DW-MRI<sup>2</sup>: 87% new lesions w/distal embolic protection

Is this a “niche procedure”?

# 2x Peri-Procedural Stroke rate for Transfemoral CAS



# Day 0 Stroke is the Culprit



# Challenge: “Delivery”, Not “Performance/Durability”

## Long-Term Results of Stenting versus Endarterectomy for Carotid-Artery Stenosis

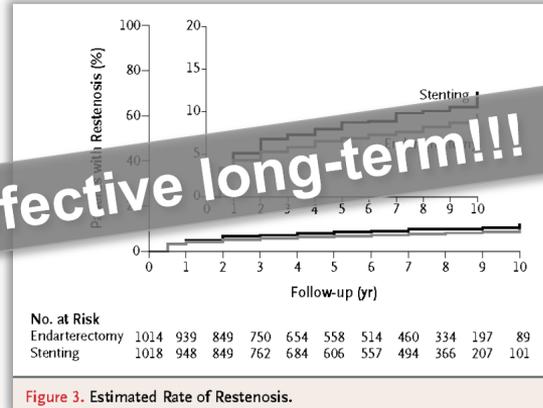
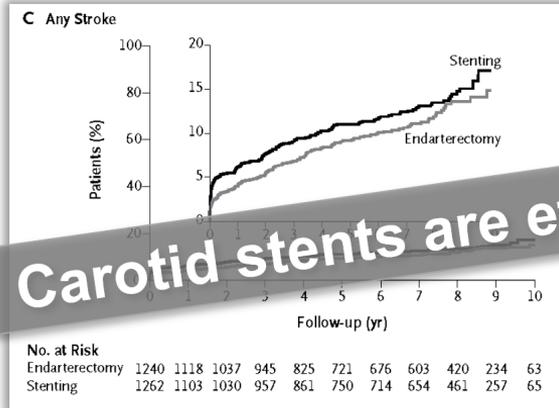
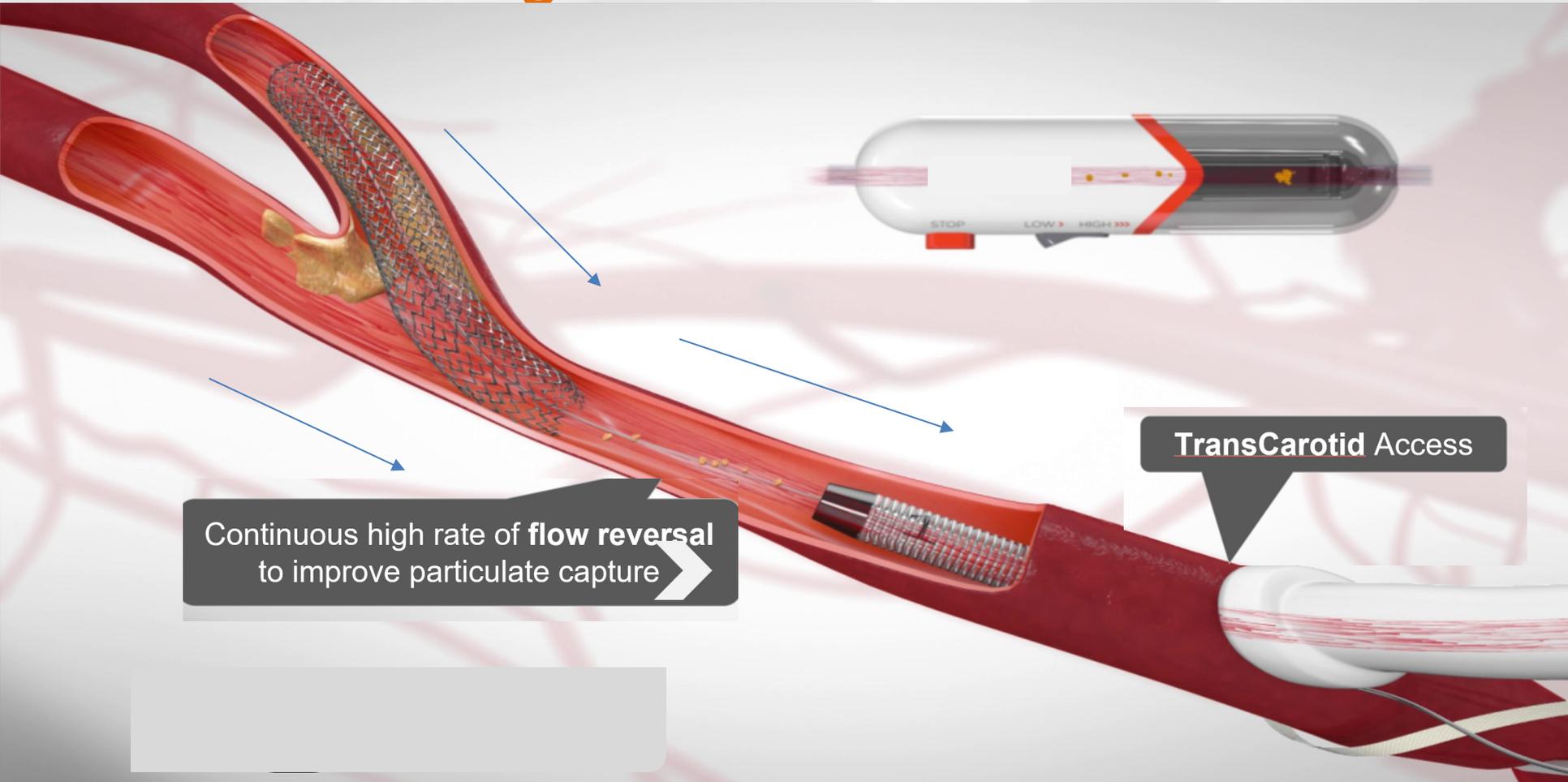


Figure 3. Estimated Rate of Restenosis.

Carotid stents are effective long-term!!!

CREST (10 years data): **NO** difference in postprocedural ipsilateral stroke or **restenosis**

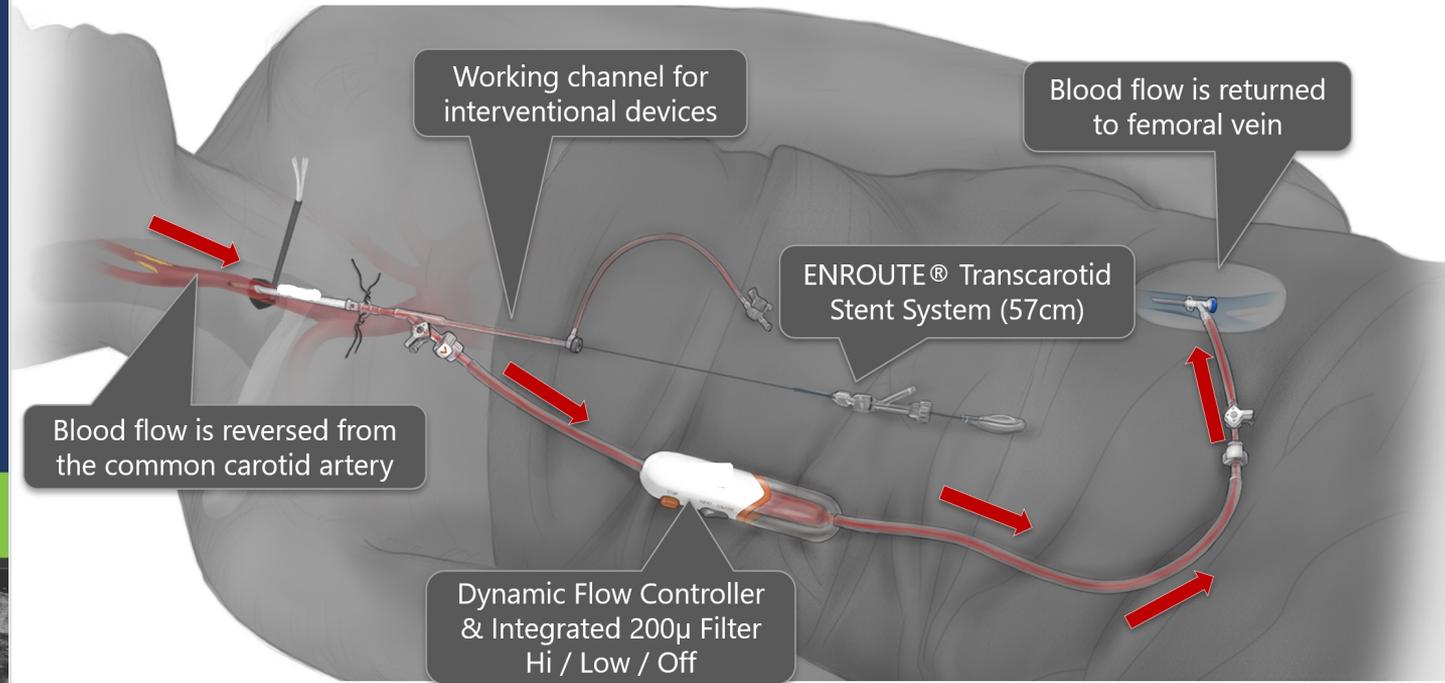
# New Paradigm: TransCarotid and Flow Reversal



Continuous high rate of **flow reversal** to improve particulate capture 

TransCarotid Access

# TCAR: TRANSCAROTID ARTERY REVASCLARIZATION



# Transcervical Carotid Artery Revascularization

## *Advantages of TCAR Procedure:*

- Establish embolic protection before lesion crossing (proximal protection)
- Flow reversal (“surgical” back-bleeding)
- Avoiding the aortic arch

TCAR



# DW-MRI “Hits” Similar to CEA

Study	Procedure	Embolic Protection	Patients	New Ipsilateral DWI Lesions
ICSS <sup>2</sup>	CEA	Clamp, backbleed	107	17%
PROOF <sup>3</sup>	TCAR	Proximal clamp, reversed flow	56	18%
PROFI <sup>1</sup>	Transfemoral CAS	Proximal occlusion (MoMA)	31	45%
ICSS <sup>2</sup>	Transfemoral CAS	Distal filter (various)	51	73%
PROFI <sup>1</sup>	Transfemoral CAS	Distal filter (Emboshield)	31	87%



# Should All Patients Be Treated with TCAR?

*New DW-MRI  
Lesions*



- *Transfemoral  
CAS / Arch  
Manipulation*

- *Stroke (?)*
- *Neurocognitive  
Decline*



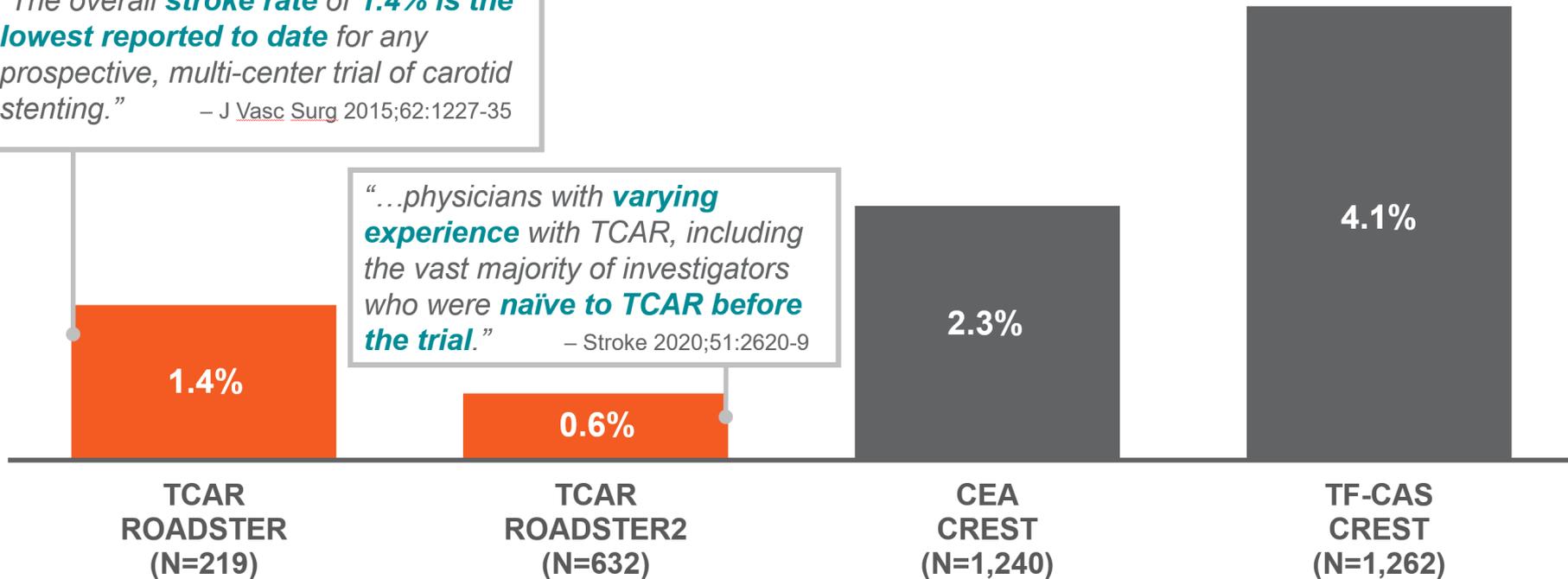
# Excellent Clinical Trial Data

**ROADSTER(2)** - High Surgical Risk Patients

**CREST** - Standard Surgical Risk Patients

“The overall **stroke rate of 1.4% is the lowest reported to date** for any prospective, multi-center trial of carotid stenting.”  
– J Vasc Surg 2015;62:1227-35

“...physicians with **varying experience** with TCAR, including the vast majority of investigators who were **naïve to TCAR before the trial.**”  
– Stroke 2020;51:2620-9



TCAR  
ROADSTER  
(N=219)

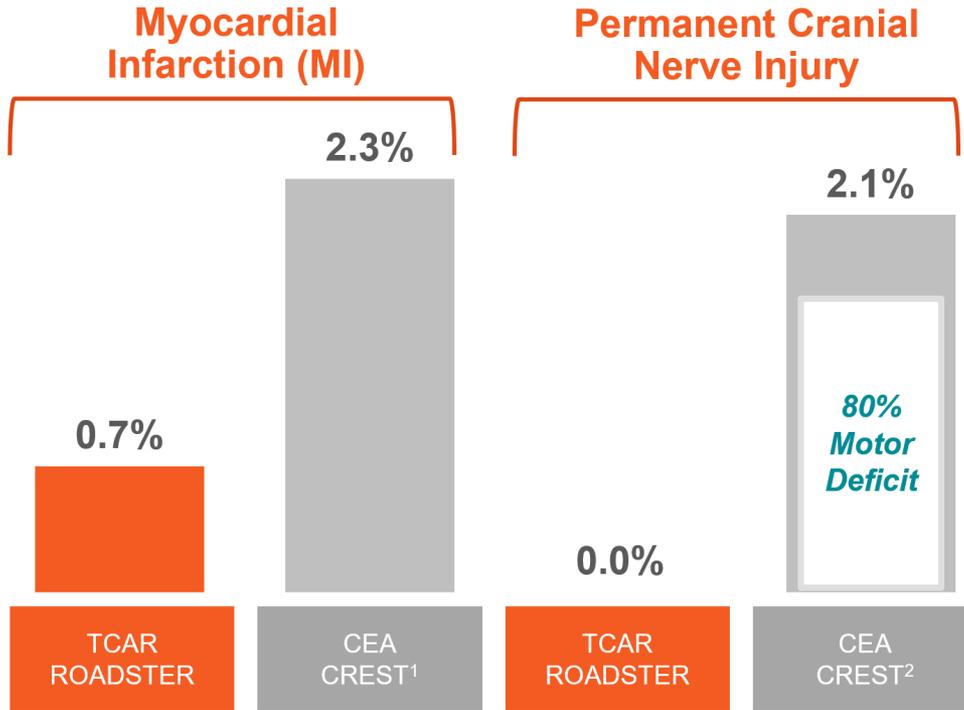
TCAR  
ROADSTER2  
(N=632)

CEA  
CREST  
(N=1,240)

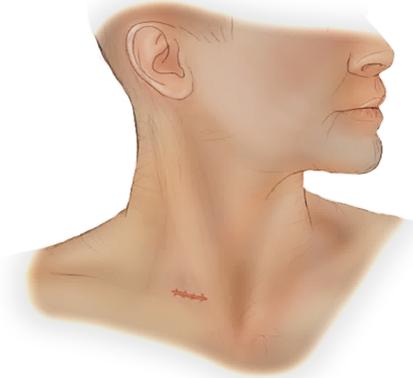
TF-CAS  
CREST  
(N=1,262)



# TCAR: Powerful Reduction In Surgical Morbidity



ROADSTER<sup>1</sup> - High surgical risk  
CREST<sup>2</sup> - Standard surgical risk



Patient satisfaction w/less invasive

Shorter procedure duration

Favorable for local anesthesia

More likely for next day discharge

# TCAR: Easy to Learn

## Learning Curve for Surgeons Adopting Transcarotid Artery Revascularization Based on the Vascular Quality Initiative-Transcarotid Artery Revascularization Surveillance Project

Check for updates

(J Am Coll Surg 2020;230:113–120.)

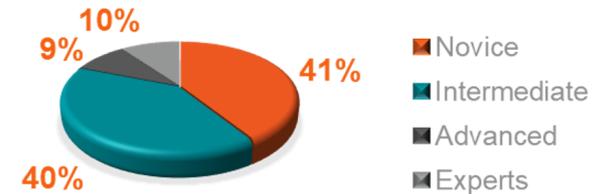
### Reproducibility Regardless of Experience Level

#### Experience Level (cases)

Novice (1-5)  
Intermediate (6-20)  
Advanced (20-30)  
Experts (30+)

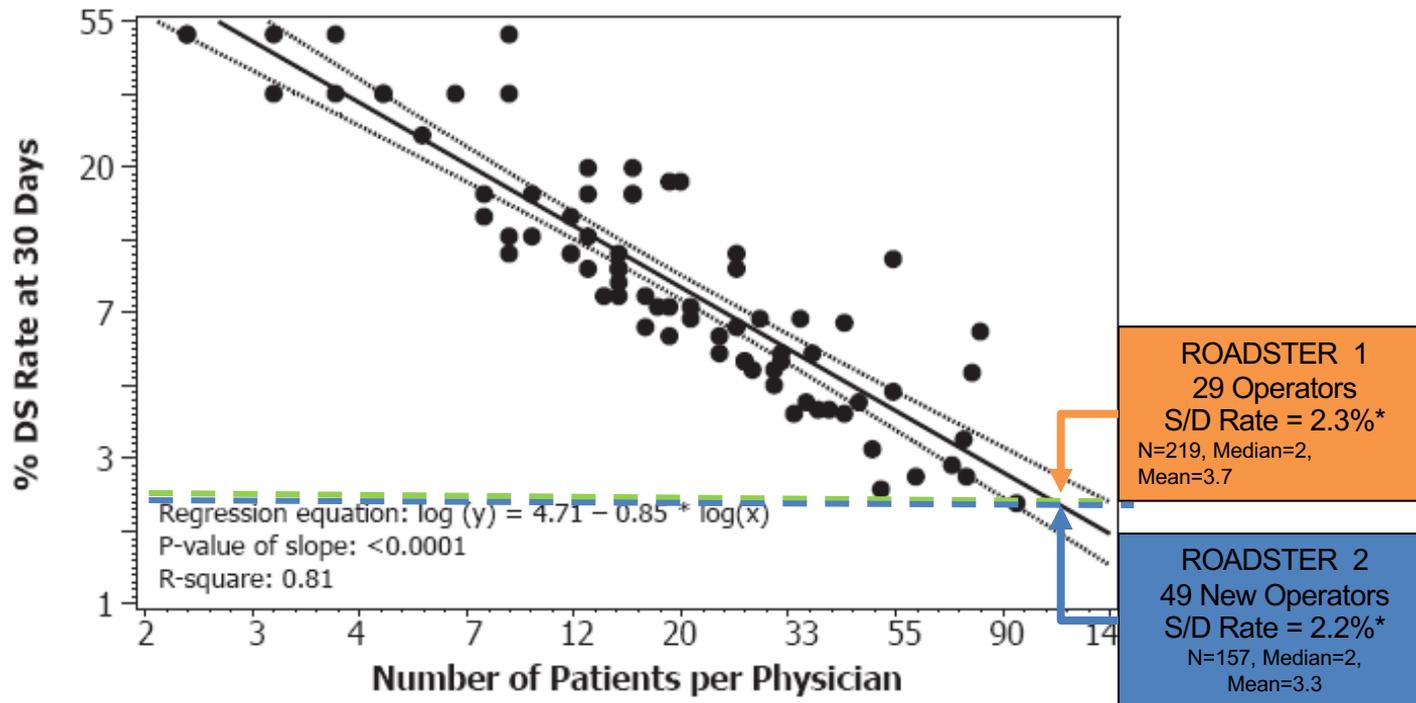
	Statistically Equivalent
Stroke	✓
S/D	✓
S/D/MI	✓
MI	✓
CNI	✓

### LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE



# CEA-like outcomes with shorter learning curve than transfemoral-distal filter CAS

Gray WA et al. CAPTURE 2 Registry. JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2011;4:235-246



\*Includes patients with Major Protocol Deviations

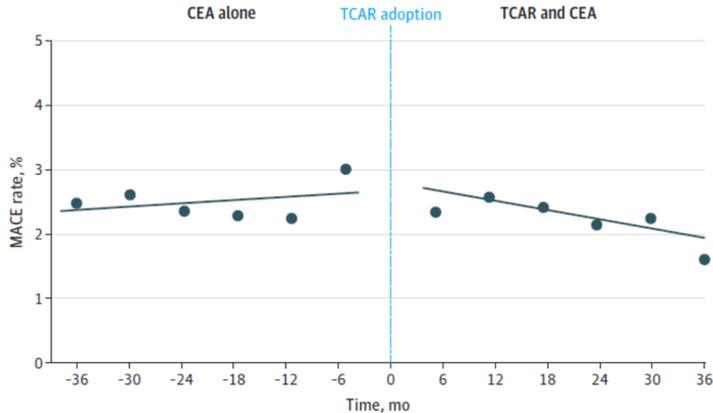
# The Benefits of TCAR in Your Practice

Original Investigation | Surgery

JAMA Network Open. 2021;4(2):e2037885. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.37885

## Association of Adoption of Transcarotid Artery Revascularization With Center-Level Perioperative Outcomes

Figure 2. Rate of Perioperative Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE)



Availability of TCAR associated with **10% decrease in MACE at 12 months** after all carotid revascularization

- Allowed proceduralist to align patients with procedure best suited to them
- Improvement across ALL patients undergoing carotid revascularization



# WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR TCAR?

## ▪ Anatomical Requirements (per IFU)

- **≥5cm** = Working distance from clavicle to bifurcation (“**access to lesion**”)
- **≥6mm** = CCA reference diameter
- CCA free of significant disease for safe sheath insertion and vessel occlusion
- AND: lesion amenable to stent placement

**Anatomic eligibility for transcatheter carotid artery revascularization and transfemoral carotid artery stenting** (J Vasc Surg 2019;69:1452-60.)

**Anatomic criteria in the selection of treatment modality for atherosclerotic carotid artery disease** (J Vasc Surg 2020;72:1395-404.)

**~70-85%** are anatomically “optimal” for TCAR

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT?

- **National Coverage Decision (NCD) for Carotid Stenting**
  - Since 2005: Symptomatic, **high risk** for CEA, >70% stenosis
  - TCAR Surveillance Project (VQI)
    - Asymptomatic, **high risk**, >80% stenosis
    - Symptomatic, **high risk**, >50% stenosis
    - Inpatient (overnight); use of “transcarotid-labeled stent”
    - Modified Rankin Scale <3

**2 out of 3** qualifies as “high risk” for CEA

# "HIGH RISK" CRITERIA FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Any **ONE** risk factor qualifies patient for CMS high surgical risk status

## **PHYSIOLOGIC HIGH RISK**

- Age  $\geq 75$
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction  $\leq 35\%$
- $\geq 2$  diseased coronaries with  $\geq 70\%$  stenosis
- Unstable angina
- Myocardial infarction within 6 weeks
- Abnormal stress test
- Need for open heart surgery
- Need for major surgery (including vascular)
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Severe pulmonary disease

## **ANATOMIC HIGH RISK**

- Prior head/neck surgery or irradiation
- Restenosis post CEA
- Surgically inaccessible lesion
- Spinal immobility
- Laryngeal palsy; Laryngectomy
- Permanent contralateral cranial nerve injury
- Contralateral occlusion
- Severe tandem lesions
- Bilateral stenosis requiring treatment

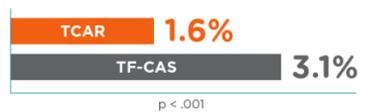
“Among patients undergoing treatment for carotid stenosis, transcatheter carotid artery revascularization, compared with transfemoral carotid artery stenting, was significantly associated with a lower risk of stroke or death.”

JAMA. 2019 Dec 17;322(23):2313-2322

## TCAR Vs. TF-CAS Results\*

The investigators found a significant decrease in stroke and death for patients who underwent TCAR as well as procedural efficiencies such as less radiation and less contrast. The investigators also found a significant decrease in stroke or death at one year.

### In-Hospital Stroke or Death



### Stroke



### Death



## Outcomes from the VQI-TSP Database published in 2020\*

The updated VQI data continues to validate and strengthen TCAR's clinical story as a safe, less invasive option to CEA and will continue to drive adoption of TCAR towards the standard of care.

The VQI data also continues to point to the additional "non-stroke" related benefits of TCAR such as lower rates of MI, CNI and reduced procedure time.

	TCAR (n=6384)		CEA (n=6384)
<b>Stroke</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	P=0.881	1.4%
Death	0.4%	P=0.662	0.3%
MI	0.5%	P=0.005	0.9%
Stroke/Death	1.6%	P=0.945	1.6%
Stroke/Death/MI	2.0%	P=0.172	2.4%
Ipsilateral Stroke	1.2%	P=0.247	1.4%

**TCAR is associated with a shorter LOS (≤1 day) vs. CEA**  
p < .001

Length of Stay



CNI



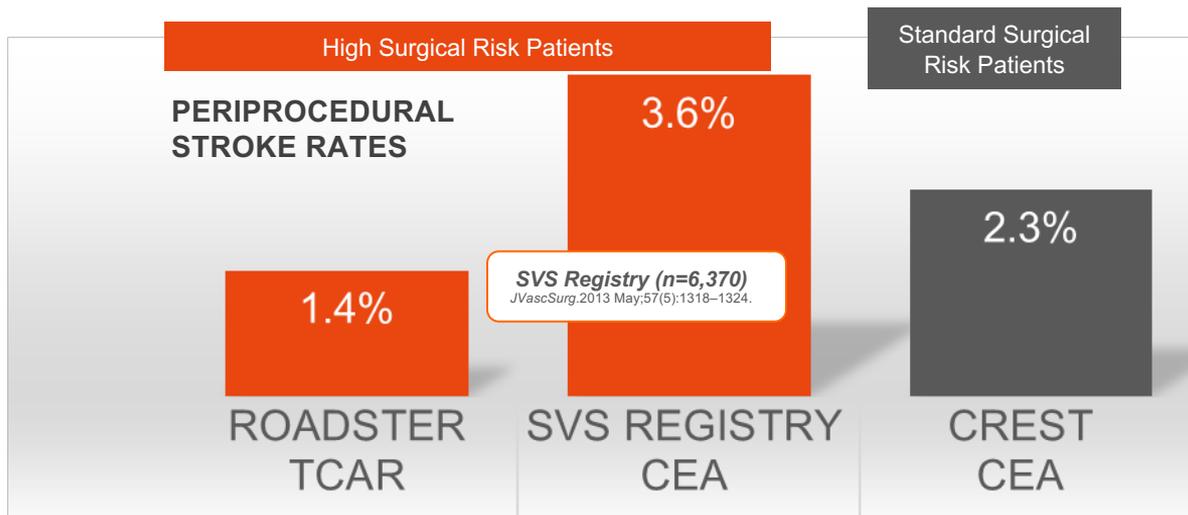
MI



Operative Time



## CEA Perioperative stroke rates significantly worse in High Surgical Risk patients



ROADSTER: J Vasc Surg. 2015 Nov;62(5):1227-35.

SVS Registry: Schermerhorn, et al. The impact of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services high-risk criteria on outcome after carotid endarterectomy and carotid artery stenting in the SVS Vascular Registry. J Vasc Surg. 2013 May;57(5):1318-24.

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Baseline Characteristics	TCAR N=5,716	CEA N=44,442	P-value
Age, Mean (SD)	74 (67-80)	71 (65-77)	<.001
Female	36.4%	39.4%	<.01
Non-White Race	9.8%	10.2%	.38
Hypertension	90.9%	89.5%	<.01
Diabetes Mellitus	38.0%	36.7%	.05
Coronary Artery Disease	51.8%	26.7%	<.001
CHF	18.8%	11.1%	<.001
COPD	27.7%	23.2%	<.001
Chronic Kidney Disease (GFR <60)	39.0%	33.4%	<.001
Ipsilateral Stenosis ≥ 80%	54.2%	47.0%	<.001
Prior Ipsilateral CEA	16.4%	1.7%	<.001
Prior CABG/PCI	40.7%	34.5%	<.001
Symptomatic	38.6%	29.6%	<.001
General Anesthesia	81.6%	92.6%	<.001

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Unadjusted Outcomes (In-hospital)	TCAR N=5,716	CEA N=44,442	P-value
Stroke	1.4%	1.2%	.37
Stroke/Death	1.6%	1.4%	.23
Stroke/Death/MI	2.0%	2.0%	.98
In-hospital Death	0.5%	0.3%	<b>.03</b>
30-day Death	0.7%	0.7%	.95
Myocardial Infarction	0.5%	0.7%	.07
Hemodynamic Instability			
Hypertension	14.0%	19.9%	<b>&lt;.001</b>
Hypotension	14.7%	10.1%	<b>&lt;.001</b>
Bleeding with Intervention	1.3%	1.0%	.14
CNI	0.3%	2.6%	<b>&lt;.001</b>
Non-Home Discharge	6.6%	6.4%	.70
LOS >1 day	29.6%	31.2%	<b>0.03</b>

# Propensity Score Matching

	Propensity Score Matching (n=5,160 in each)	
In-Hospital Outcomes	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Death	0.86 (0.46-1.61)	0.63
Ipsilateral Stroke	0.92 (0.64-1.32)	0.64
Stroke	0.80 (0.58-1.11)	0.19
MI	0.41 (0.26-0.66)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Stroke/Death	0.77 (0.57-1.04)	0.09
Stroke/Death/MI	0.65 (0.50-0.84)	<b>&lt;0.01</b>
Cranial Nerve Injury	0.13 (0.07-0.22)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Post-procedural Hypotension	1.66 (1.47-1.87)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Post-procedural Hypertension	0.64 (0.57-0.71)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Bleeding with intervention	1.17 (0.83-1.65)	0.38
Non-Home discharge	0.75 (0.64-0.87)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Hospital Stay for more than 1 day	0.74 (0.68-0.80)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

Matched on symptomatic status, age, CAD, CHF, COPD, CKD, prior ipsilateral CEA, prior ipsilateral CAS, contralateral occlusion, ASA Class and statin use

# Not great TCAR cases

- Heavily Calcified lesions
- Short CCA (<5 cm from access site to lesion)
- Small CCA (<6 mm), heavily diseased CCA
- Open laryngeal stomas
- Severe radiation dermatitis

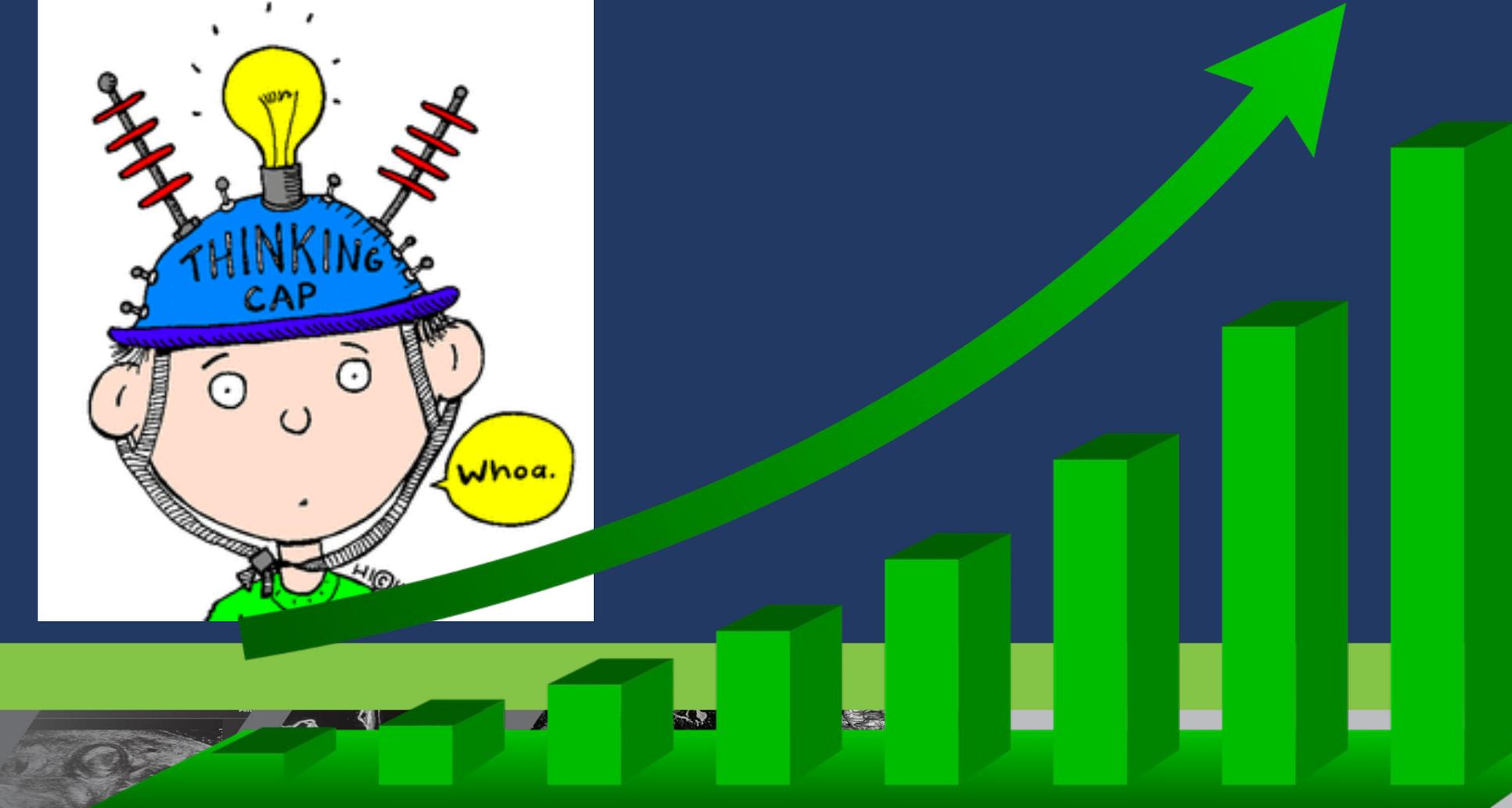


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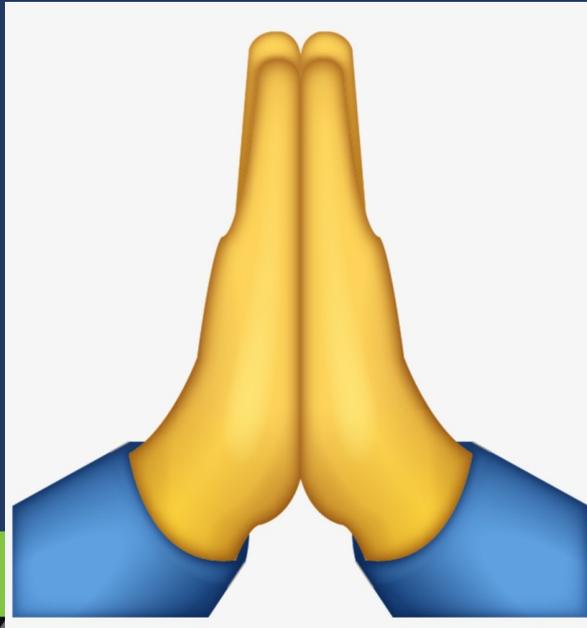


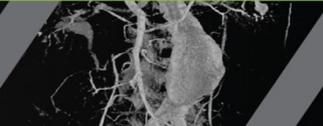
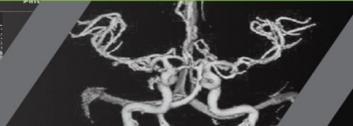
# CEA





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