

# Debata II: Carotidal stenting v.s. carotidal endatherectomy- surgical side



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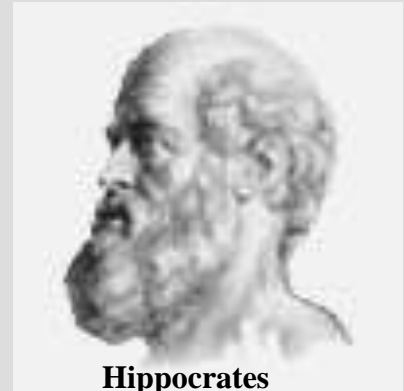


## History

Hippocrates, 400 B.C. carotid compression

Greek: Karos – “deep sleep”

Karoun – “to stupefy”



**Hippocrates**

Chiari, 1905 - 7 of 400 consecutive autopsies with carotid artery

Occlusion 4 of 7 died of cerebral embolism

1927, Egas Moniz – 1st cerebral angio

1936, Sjogquist – 1st case of internal carotid occlusion by angio

1942, Hultquist – 1400 autopsies, 3% incidence of thrombosis

1951, C. Miller Fisher

Etiology: Occlusion of the carotid Artery

8 ICA occlusions hemiplegia,

Prophetic statement: “some day vascular surgery Neurosurgery will find a way to bypass the occluded portion of the internal carotid artery during the period of fleeting symptoms.”



**Miller Fisher**



# History

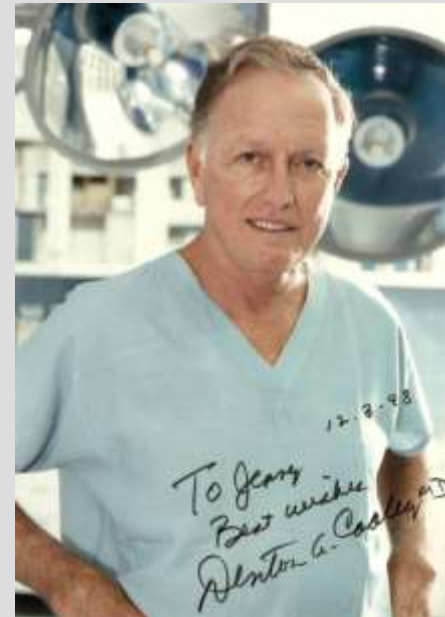
1953, Michael DeBakey –  
1st successful carotid endarterectomy

Published 22 years later



1953, Denton Cooley – 1st  
published report of carotid  
Endarterectomy

“I’ve always felt that I did  
well as a student because I  
lacked confidence.”



## **Epidemiology**

- **Stroke – 3rd leading cause of death behind cardiovascular disease and cancer**  
**-600,000 – 750,000 people / year**
- **Leading cause of adult disability**
- **Second leading cause of dementia**
- 90% of CVA attributable to atherosclerosis**
- Approx. 25% directly related to carotid stenosis**

### **Presentation**

- **Asymptomatic – 37%**
- **Hemispheric TIAs – 29% includes dysphasia/aphasia, contralateral paresis/plegia, contralateral sensory changes,contralateral homonymous hemianopsia**
- **Transient Monocular Blindness – 9%**
- **Minor CVA – 24%**



NASCET (asymptomatic carotidal stenosis)

ECST (symptomatic carotidal stenosis)

- Recommend CEA for:
- All asymptomatic men and women with  $>70\%$  stenosis, the earlier the better
- All symptomatic men with 50-69 % stenosis if within 2 weeks of last event

### **CEA vs Endovascular - Summary**

**ICSS (International Carotid Stenting Study) active trial**

**CREST (Carotid Revasc. Endart. Vs Stenting)**

**SPACE (Stent-protected Perc. Angiopl. Vs CEA)**

**EVA-3S (Endart. Vs angiopl. In pts with severe symptomatic stenosis)**



## ***Cerebral Angiography***

**1927 – Egas Moniz – Lisbon – The first reproducible technique for imaging the cerebral circulation using direct injection of iodides**

**1937-1951 – About 100 cases reported of cervical carotid artery occlusion diagnosed by arteriography**

**Most early cerebral angiograms did not include the carotid arteries. The diagnosis was thought to be “middle cerebral artery thrombosis”**

## ***The Advent of Carotid surgery***

**1951 – Carrea – Buenos Aires – ICA resection and ECA/ICA Anastomosis**

**1953 – Strully – Unsuccessful attempted endarterectomy of an occluded ICA**

**August 7, 1953 – DeBakey – First CEA**

**November , 1954 – Pickering and Rob – CCA-ICA anastomosis.**

**1959 – DeBakey organized the series of Cooperative Studies between 1968-1976**

**1976 – present – Explosive growth!**



# ***Carotid Endarterectomy***

**45-90 Minutes of General or Regional Anesthesia**

**Anterior neck Incision**

**Shunt**

**Carotid Sinus Blockade**

**Plaque removal and tacking**

**Patching**

**Post Operative Monitoring**



**CEA is clearly indicated and effective in good risk, symptomatic patients with stenosis greater than 70%  
CEA is probably indicated in patients with complex deep plaque ulceration.**

**CEA is appropriate for asymptomatic patients with stenosis greater than 70%, but only with combined M&M <3% and expected patient survival >5 years.**

**There is probably a role for CAS in high risk, symptomatic patients , but treatment should be within an investigational protocol.**





# CEA vs stenting

- Several studies have been carried out or are in progress to compare CEA and repair of carotid artery disease using interventional radiology
- Because of the potentially significant and lasting damage from a stroke and the relative success of CEA, studies comparing the two treatment options have been somewhat slow to be carried out
- Most of the early studies compare the two techniques in specific patient groups (i.e. elderly patients or poor surgical candidates)



# WALLSTENT trial

- 219 patients with symptomatic stenosis
- Carotid arteries were 60-90% occluded
- Patients were randomly assigned to receive CEA or angioplasty and stenting (*without* protective filter device)
- 1-yr follow-up showed significantly higher rate of post-procedure stroke with angioplasty and stenting group compared to CEA group (12.2 vs 3.6%)



# SAPPHIRE study

- CEA vs carotid stenting *with* protective filter device
- 334 patients with concurrent conditions that made them poor surgical candidates
- Symptomatic carotid stenosis of  $\geq 50\%$  or asymptomatic stenosis of  $\geq 80\%$
- Primary end-point: major cardiovascular event within one year (death, stroke, MI)



# Results of SAPHIRE study

- Major cardiovascular events within one year were more common in CEA group than in angioplasty and stenting group (20.1% compared to 12.2%)
- Carotid revascularization was repeated within one year in fewer patients with stents than in patients who underwent CEA (0.6% and 4.3%,  $p=.04$ )



# Stenting vs CEA in elderly patients

- **Retrospective study of pts  $\geq 75$  years old who had been treated for carotid stenosis**
- **53 pts who had undergone stenting between June 2001 and April 2004 were compared to 110 pts who had undergone CEA between January 1997 and December 2001**
- **Primary outcome was MI or major, minor, or fatal stroke within one month of treatment**



# Results of CEA vs stenting in elderly patients

- Incidence of major *or* minor stroke within 30 days of treatment was significantly higher in stenting than in CEA group (11.3% to 1.8%,  $P<0.05$ )
- Incidence of major stroke within 30 days was similar in the two groups, but incidence of minor strokes was higher in stenting group (7.5% vs 0%,  $P<0.05$ )
- Protective embolic filter devices were used in this trial



# CAVATAS trial

- **504 pts with carotid stenosis were randomly assigned to CEA or angioplasty and stenting**
- **Results showed similar major risks and effectiveness of the two treatment options**
- **Outcomes following surgery were worse than outcomes reported in major trials evaluating carotid surgery, supporting the fact that there is a great deal of variability in outcome depending on surgeon expertise**



- **ICSS Safety results – 1713pts– 3 pts excluded; 853 pts CAS, 857 pts CAE**
- **Summary and conclusions**
- **• Strong evidence that CEA is safer than CAS in the primary ITT**
- **analysis (any stroke, death or perio-op MI, 8.5% v 5.1%, p=0.004)**
- **• Twice as many strokes after CAS than after CEA in the perprotocol**
- **analysis (7.0% v 3.3%, p=0.001)**
- **• Difference largely driven by non-disabling stroke**
- **Safety results**
- **• Higher 30 day risk of any cranial nerve palsy and haematoma**
- **in CEA arm compared to CAS arm.**
- **• Blinded MRI substudy supports the results of the main study**
- **and makes it unlikely that the difference is the result of bias**
- **• Carotid endarterectomy is the treatment of choice for suitable**
- **patients with recently symptomatic carotid stenosis**





# Our experience

**Standard**

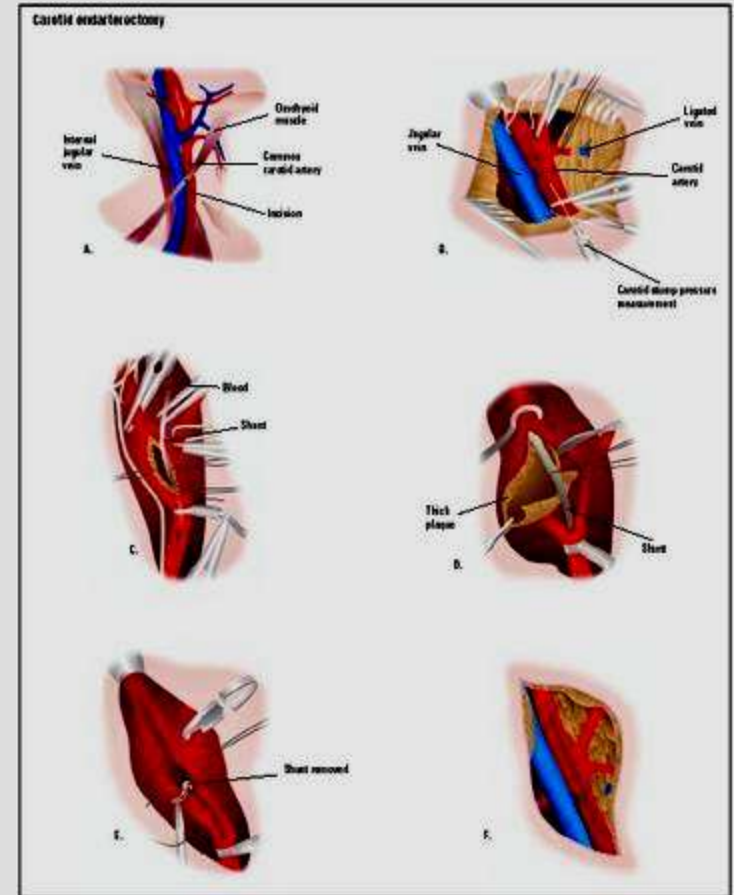
**Thombendatherectomy**

- invert technique
- patch technique

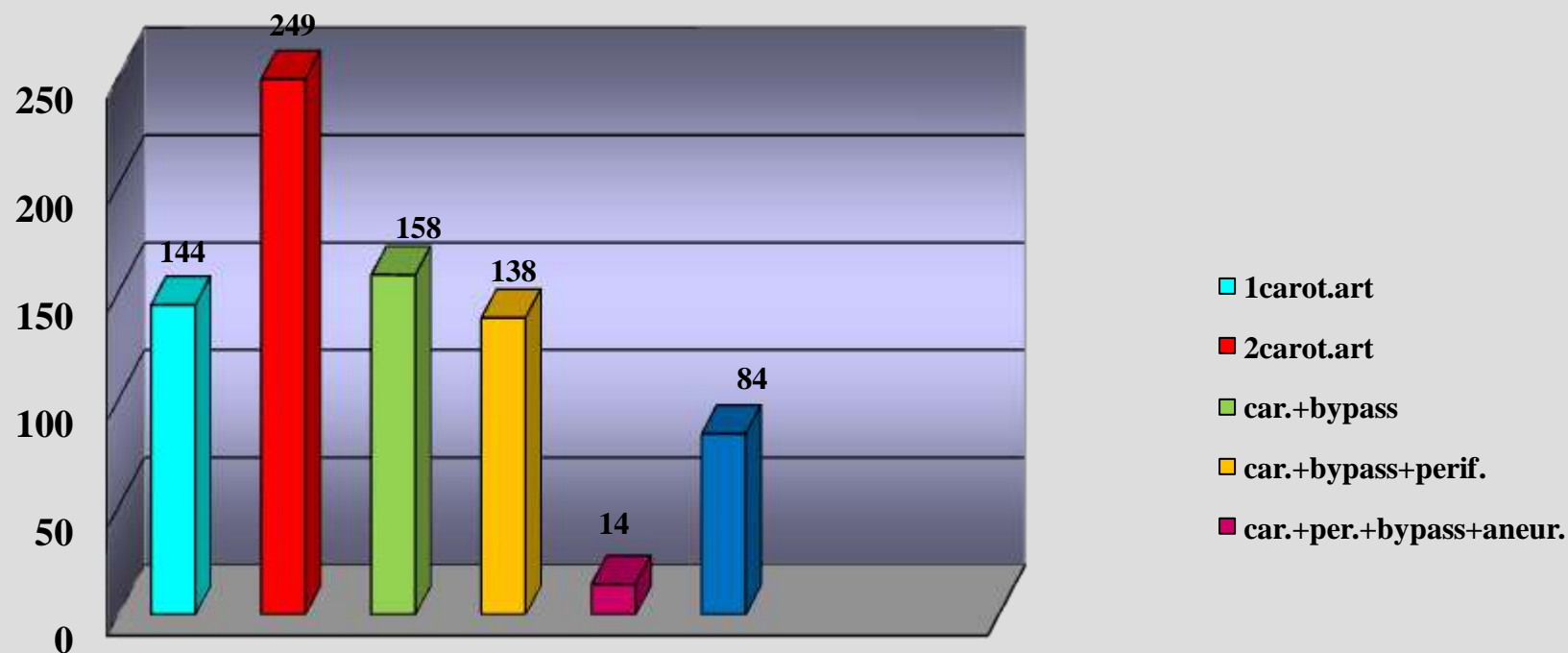
**General deep anesthesia**

**Longitudinal lateral neck  
incision**

**Shunt**



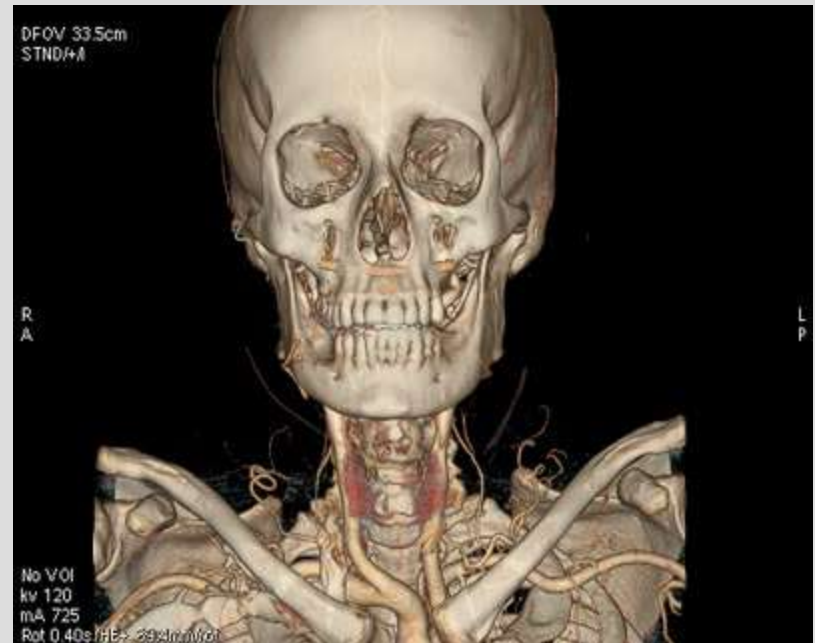
# Vascular surgery N= 703 pts.



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery-our technique

## Goals:

- Minimal incision ( 2cm)
- Without shunt
- Fast and safe surgery  
(minimal invasive )
- Ideal monitoring of  
the cerebral function
- Minimal invasive anesthesia
- Early mobilization
- Best long term results



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery

## N = 84pts; period 12/09-05/10

Age (years)  $62.2 \pm 7.8$

Sex (f/m) 21/63



### Comorbidities:

Hyperlipidemia-	53,5% (45pts)	Coronary artery disease	51,2%(43pts)
Diabetes disease-	50%(42pts)	Abdominal aneurysm	5,9% (5pts)
Hypertension –	55,9%(47pts)	Peripheral vascular disease	10,7%(9pts)
COPD –	17,8%(15pts)	Both carotid	34,5%(29pts)
Adiposity –	15,5%(13pts)		
Smokers –	58,3%(49pts)		



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery



# **Minimal invasive carotidal surgery**

## **Results –intraoperative data N=84pts**

- **TEA** **69,0%(58pts)**
- **Carotidal kinking** **27,4%(23pts)**
- **Extranatomy bypass** **1,2%(1pts)**
- **Venous graft** **1,2%(1pts)**
- **Carotidal aneurysm** **1,2%(1pts)**
  
- **Mean time of carotidal clamping** **13±0.8min**
- **Mean time skin to skin** **30,7 ± 22.1min**
- **Intubation due to agitation** **5,9%(5pts)**



# **Minimal invasive carotidal surgery**

## **Results N=84pts**

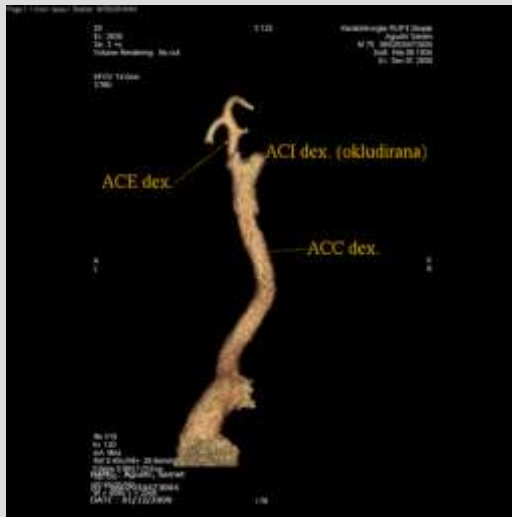
- **Redon drainage pull out** **4-6 h after**
- **In hospital stay 1,5days** **84 pts**
- **Complications –**
  - early postoperative carotidal occlusion** **1pat.**
- **Transient events**
  - glosopharyngeal paresis** **3 pts**
  - facialis paresis** **9 pts**
- **Follow up – 1 – 6months**





# Minimal invasive carotid surgery

## - acute carotid occlusion



Pre-op MSCT



First operation in awake settings-  
after thrombectomy left sided  
plegia, speech disorders, and  
swallowing disorders

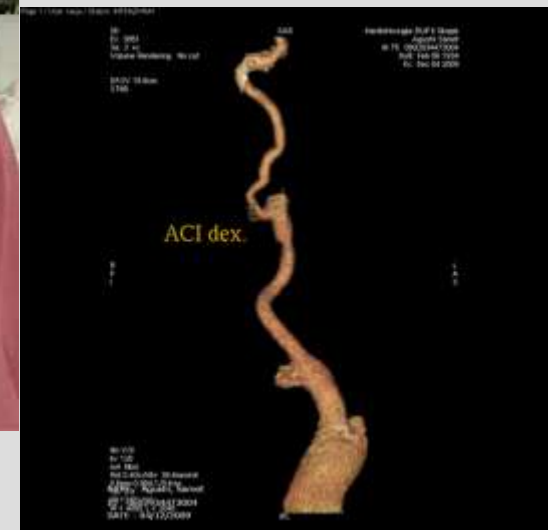
Urgent surgery- by-pass with venous graft  
within first 6 hours



24 hours after second surgery



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Postop MSCT

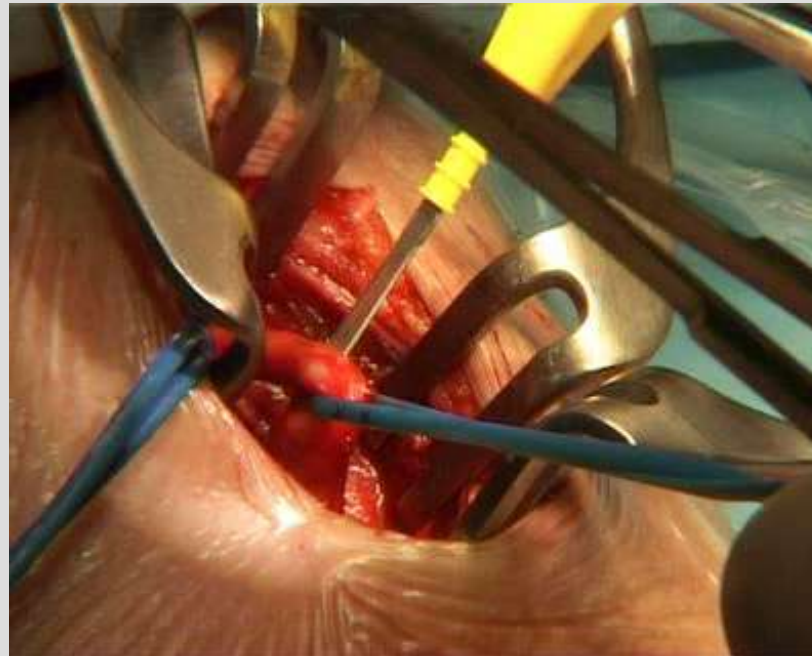


# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery - carotidal kinking

Pre – op. 64 MSCT

Pre – op. 64 MSCT

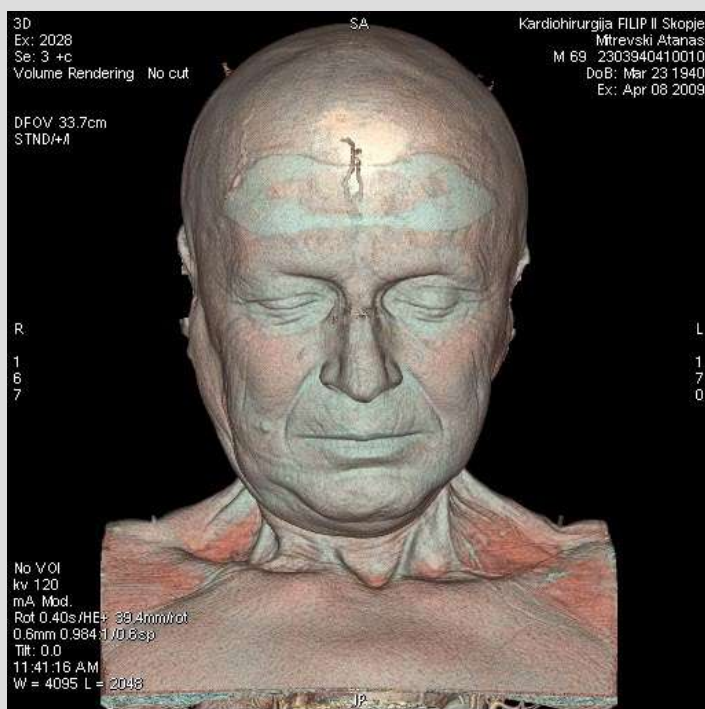
surgery



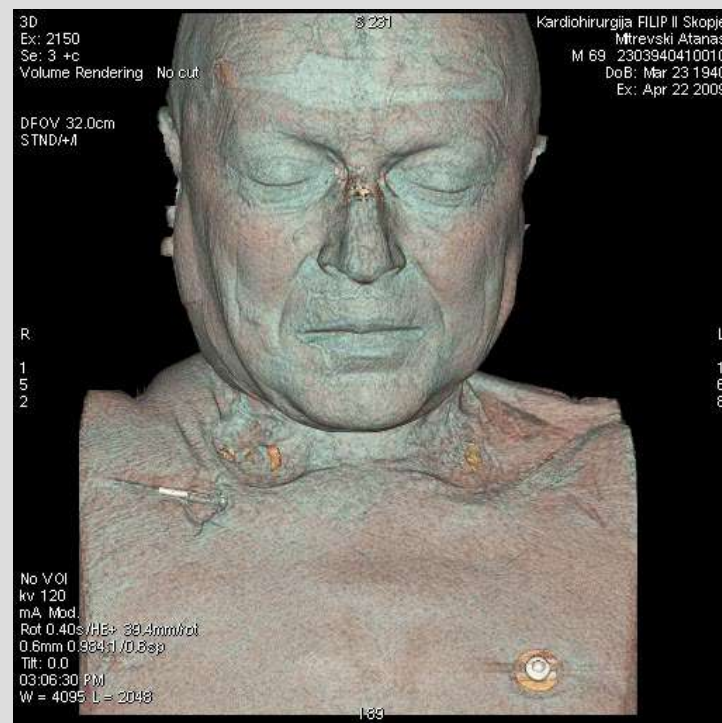
Post-op.



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery extranatomy by-pass grafting



**Pre-op.**



**Post op.**



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# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery

## Surgery for carotid aneurysm

**T.B. 63y. Old female**  
**15 years treated from**  
**enlarged thyroidal gland**



**Pre-op.**

**Post op.**



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery



- ✓ **Consciousness of the patient during surgery provides both the anesthesiology and surgical team with one of the best neurologic monitoring devices, immediately showing the effect of cross-clamping and eventual need for changes in anesthetic or surgical steps.**
- ✓ **Better cost-benefit**



# Minimal invasive carotidal surgery

## Future

### Stent

- Fast tracking procedure
- Awake patient
- ↑ risk for embolisation
- Carotidal aneurysm
- Carotidal kinking
- ↑ costs for medical treatment (costs for clopidogrel)
- Long term results ???



### Surgery

- Fast tracking procedure
- Awake patient
- ↓ risk for embolisation
- Carotidal aneurysm
- Carotidal kinking
- ↓ costs for medical treatment (aspirin)
- Long term results -proven



# Conclusion

- **Carotid vascular disease is prevalent in the US and results in significant mortality and morbidity when untreated**
- **Results of trials comparing the invasive treatment options are ongoing and have shown somewhat conflicting results**
- **Studies support the use of angioplasty and stenting in certain patient populations**





# Conclusion

- **Patients with carotid stenosis who are likely to benefit more from carotid angioplasty and stenting than from CEA include pts with significant comorbidities that make them poor surgical candidates**
- **Elderly pts may be at higher risk of having a minor stroke within 30 days following stenting than CEA**
- **The use of protective embolic filters is important in the outcome following angioplasty and stenting**





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