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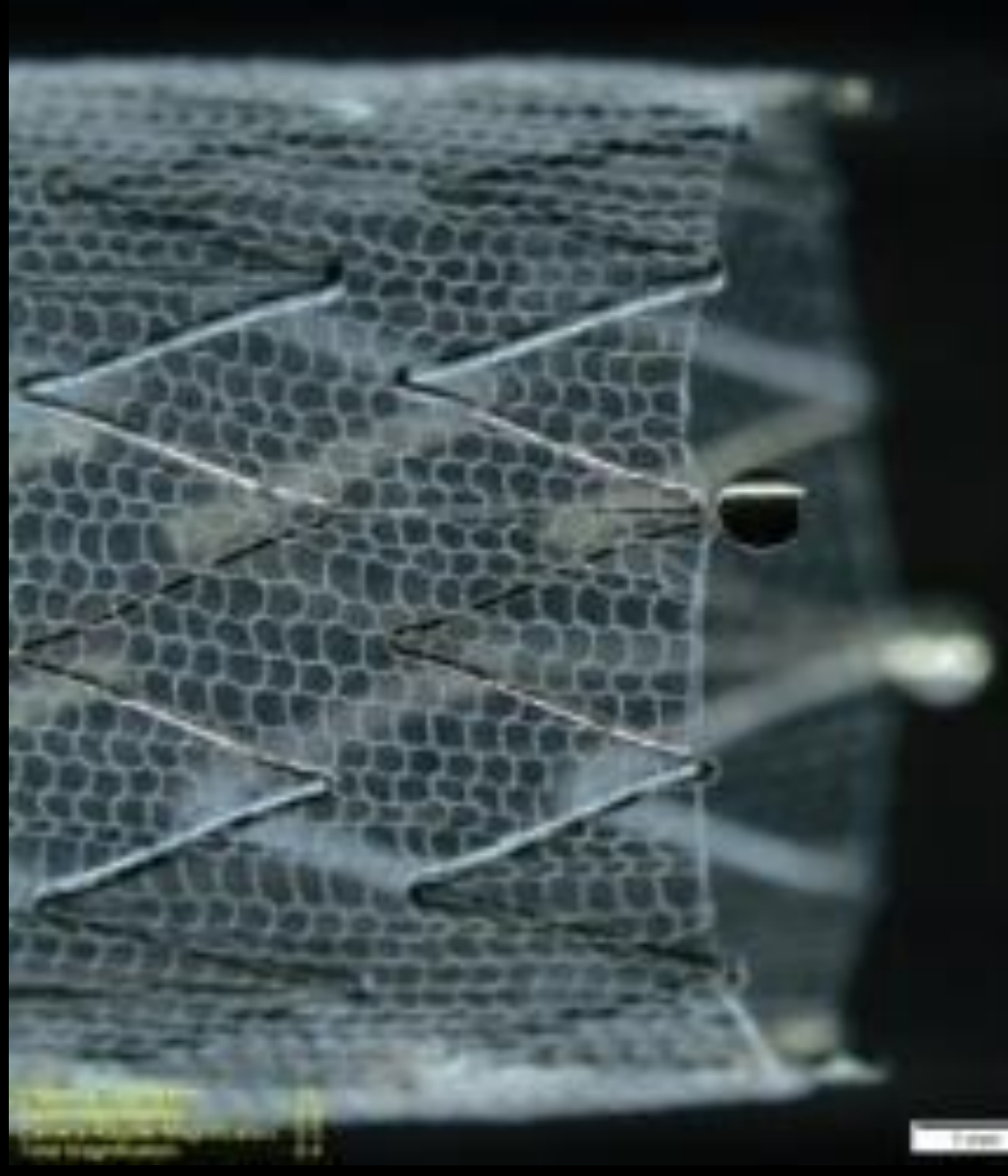
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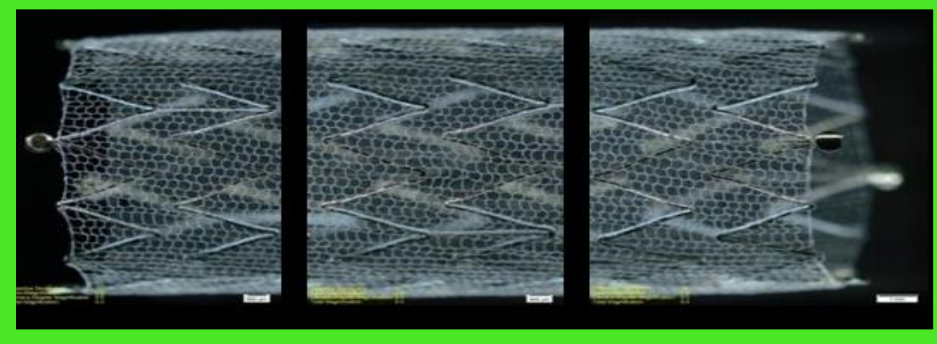


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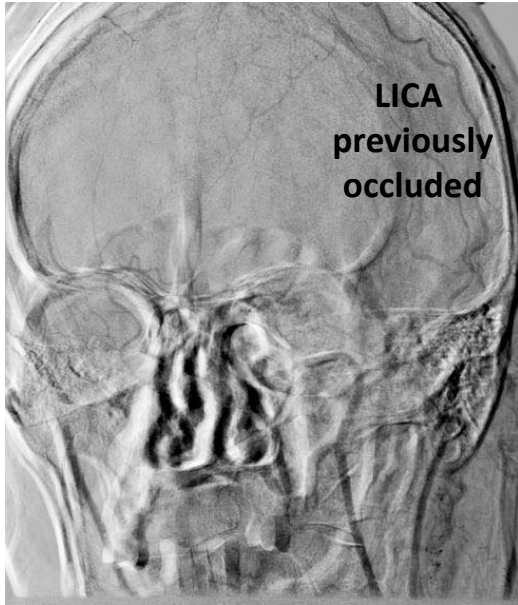
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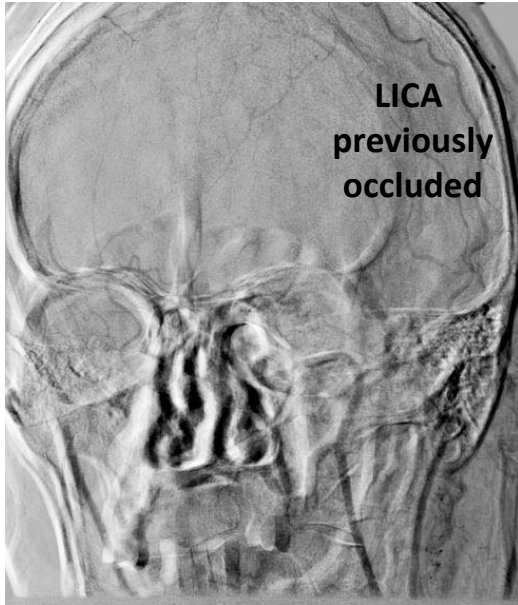
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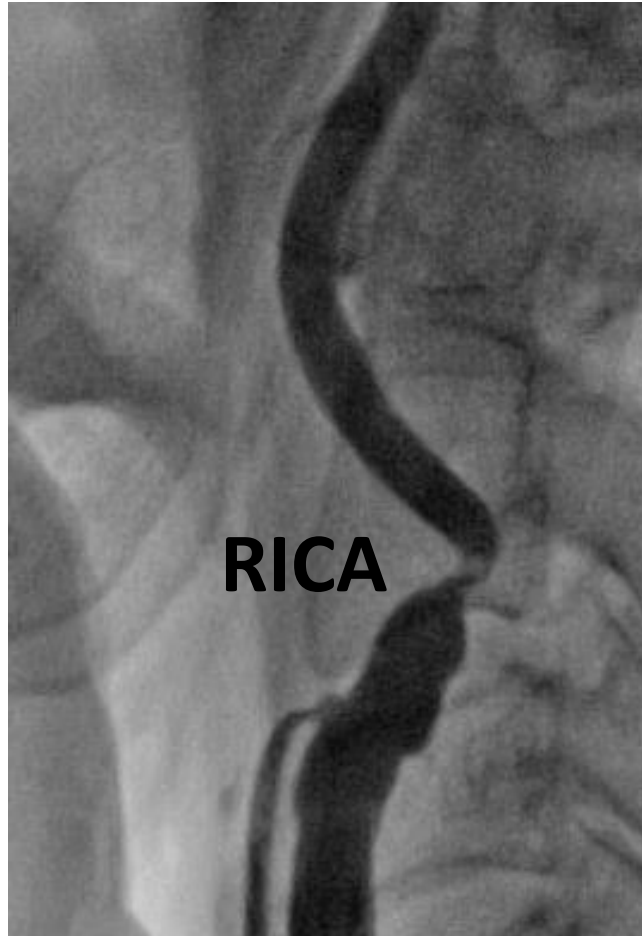
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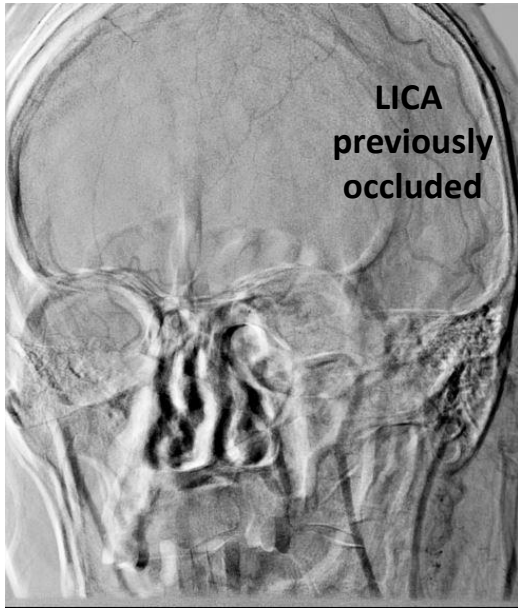


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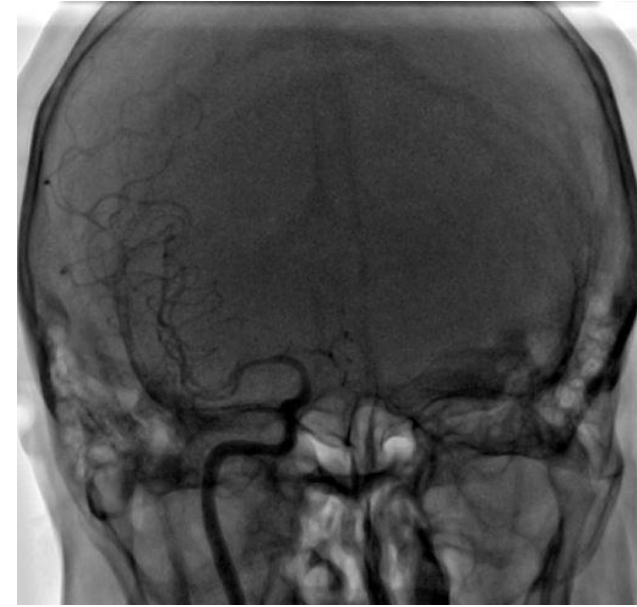
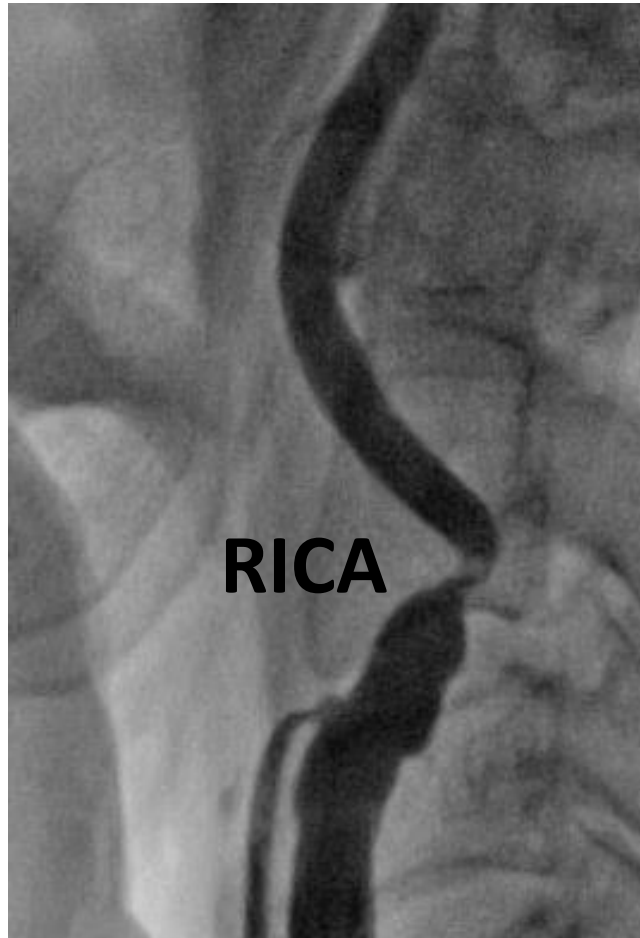


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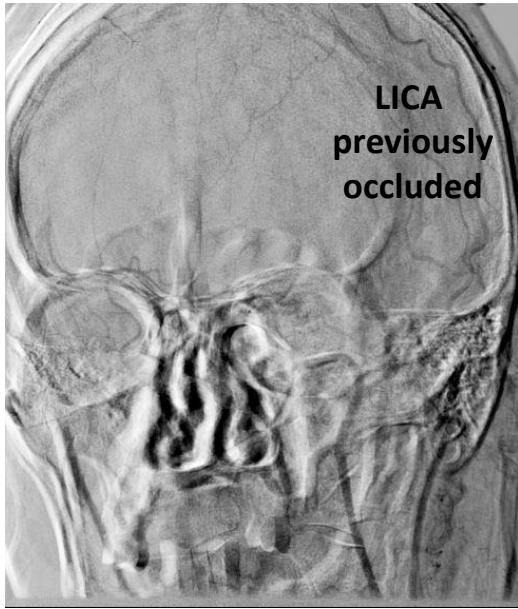


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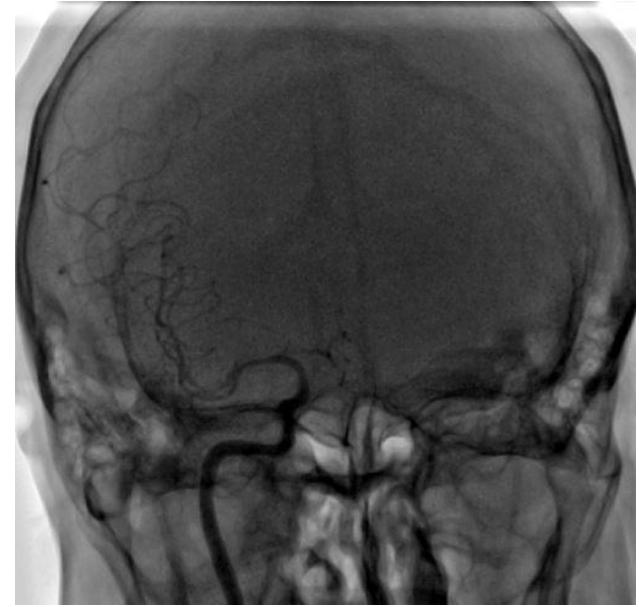
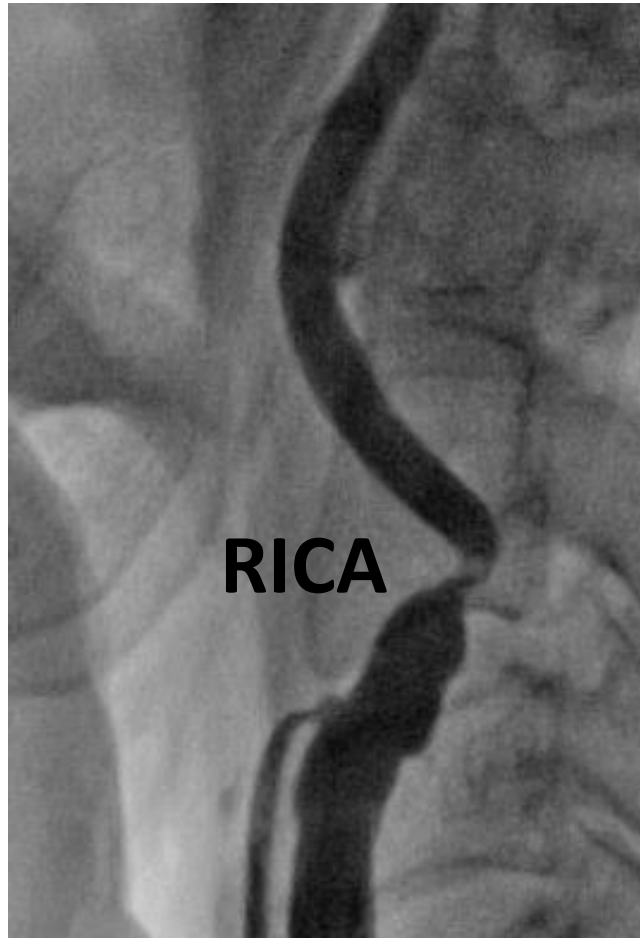


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# Thrombus-containing / acutely symptomatic **STROKE-in-evolution**



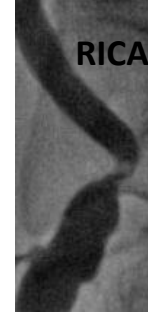
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# Thrombus-containing lesion acutely symptomatic patient

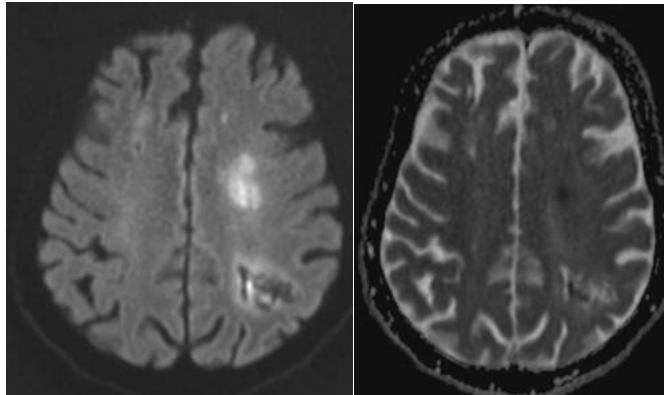
## DW-MRI on admission

Fresh ischemic lesion in the L hemisphere  
[ 'haemodynamic' lesion, resulting from cross-flow ↓ ]  
'old' ischemic lesion in the R hemisphere  
(no diffusion limitation in the R)

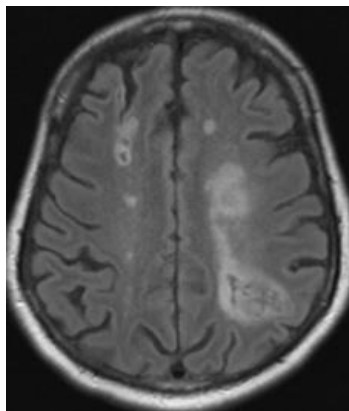


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DWI

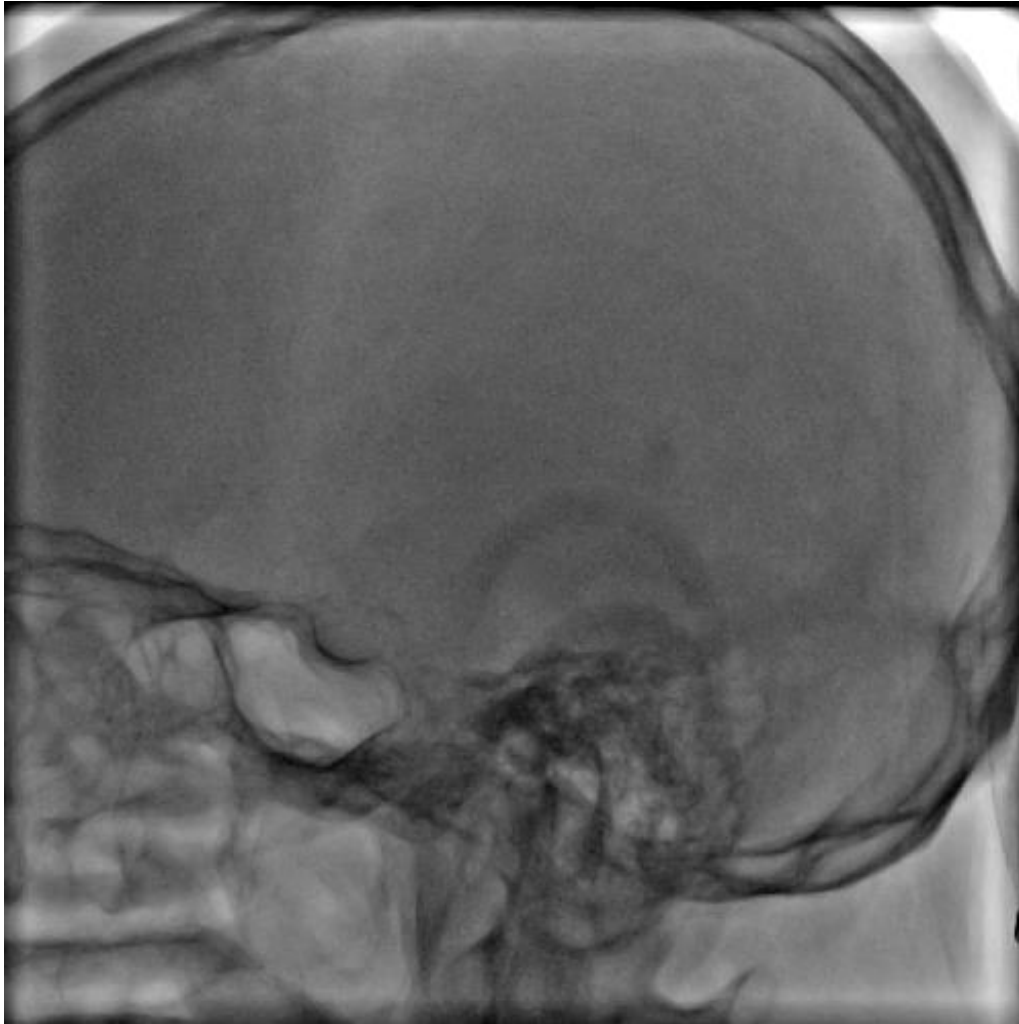


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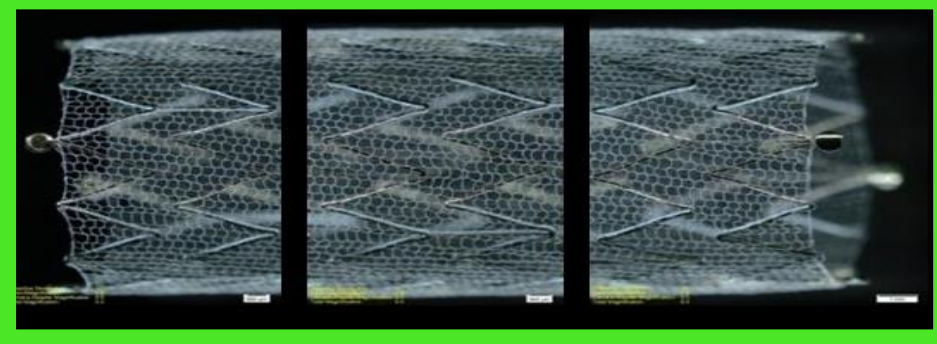


ADC = proof of  
diffusion absence in  
the DWI focus

# How would YOU treat?



**acutely** symptomatic / thrombus-containing



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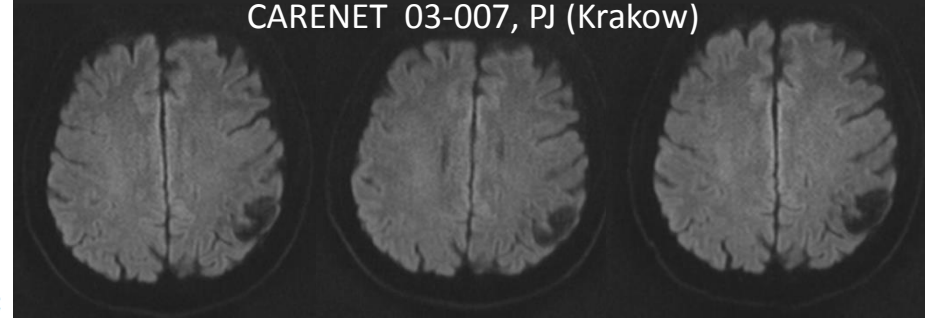
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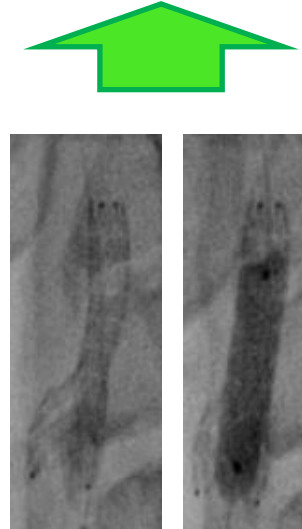


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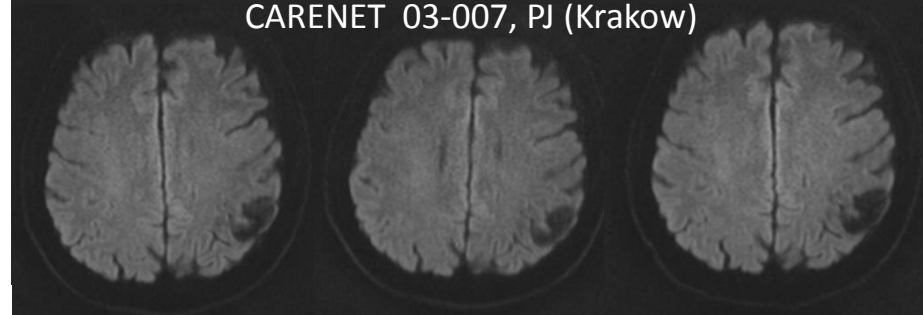
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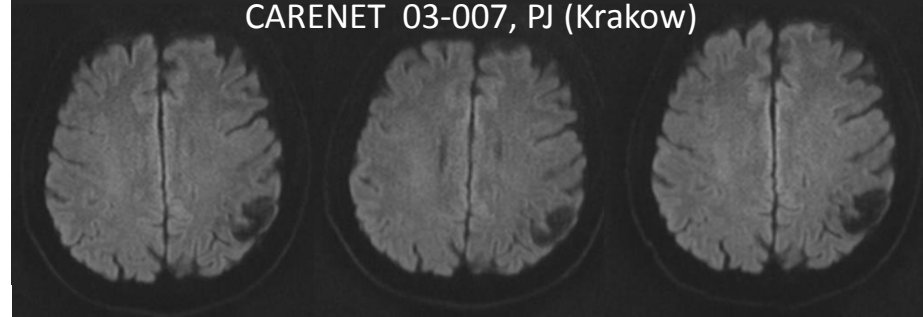


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# CAROTID PARADIGM REVASCLARIZATION



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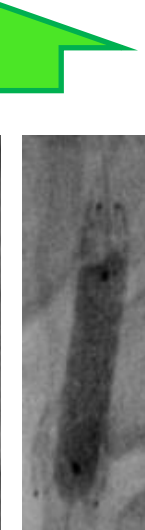


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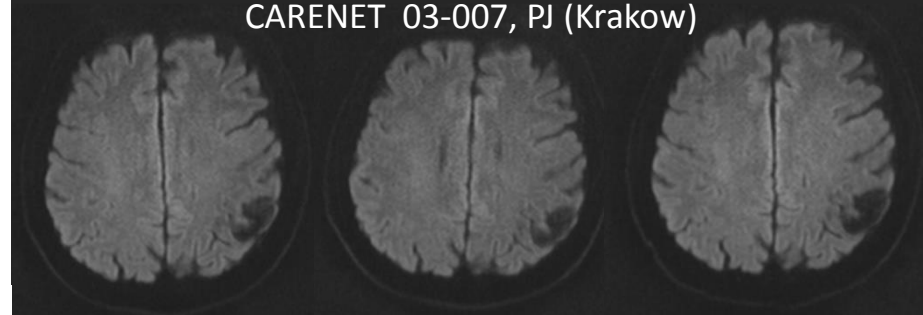


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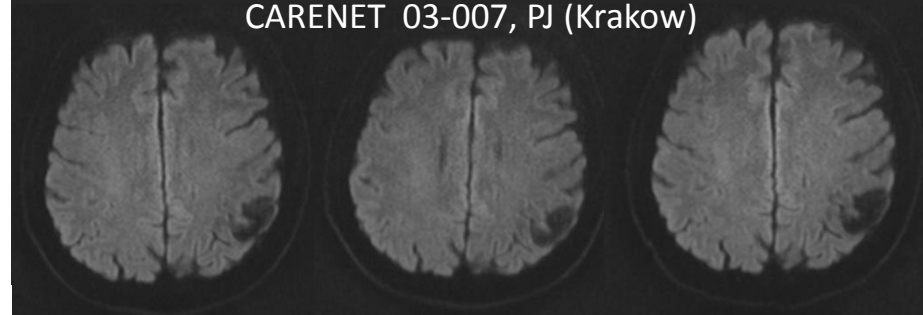


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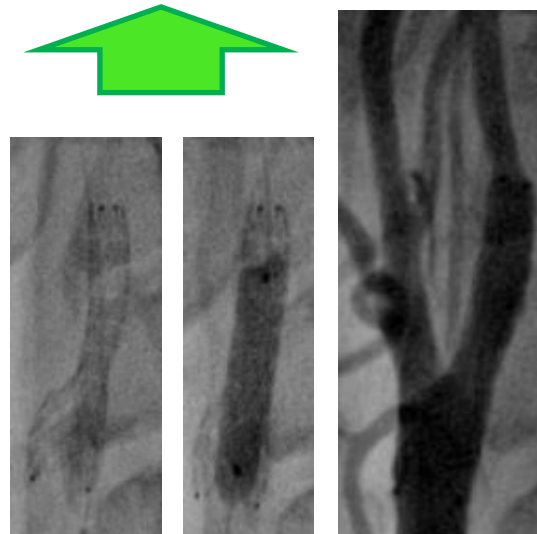


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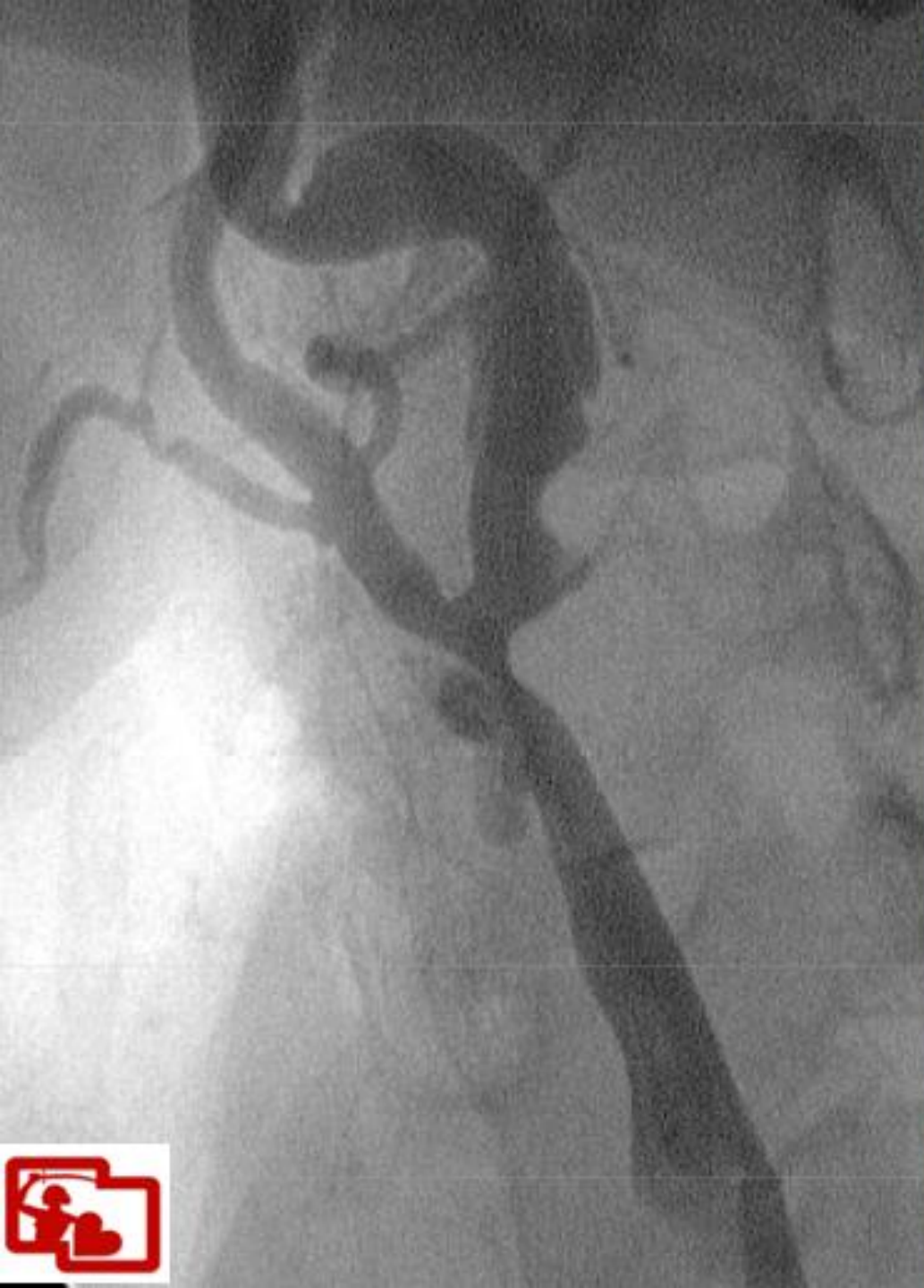
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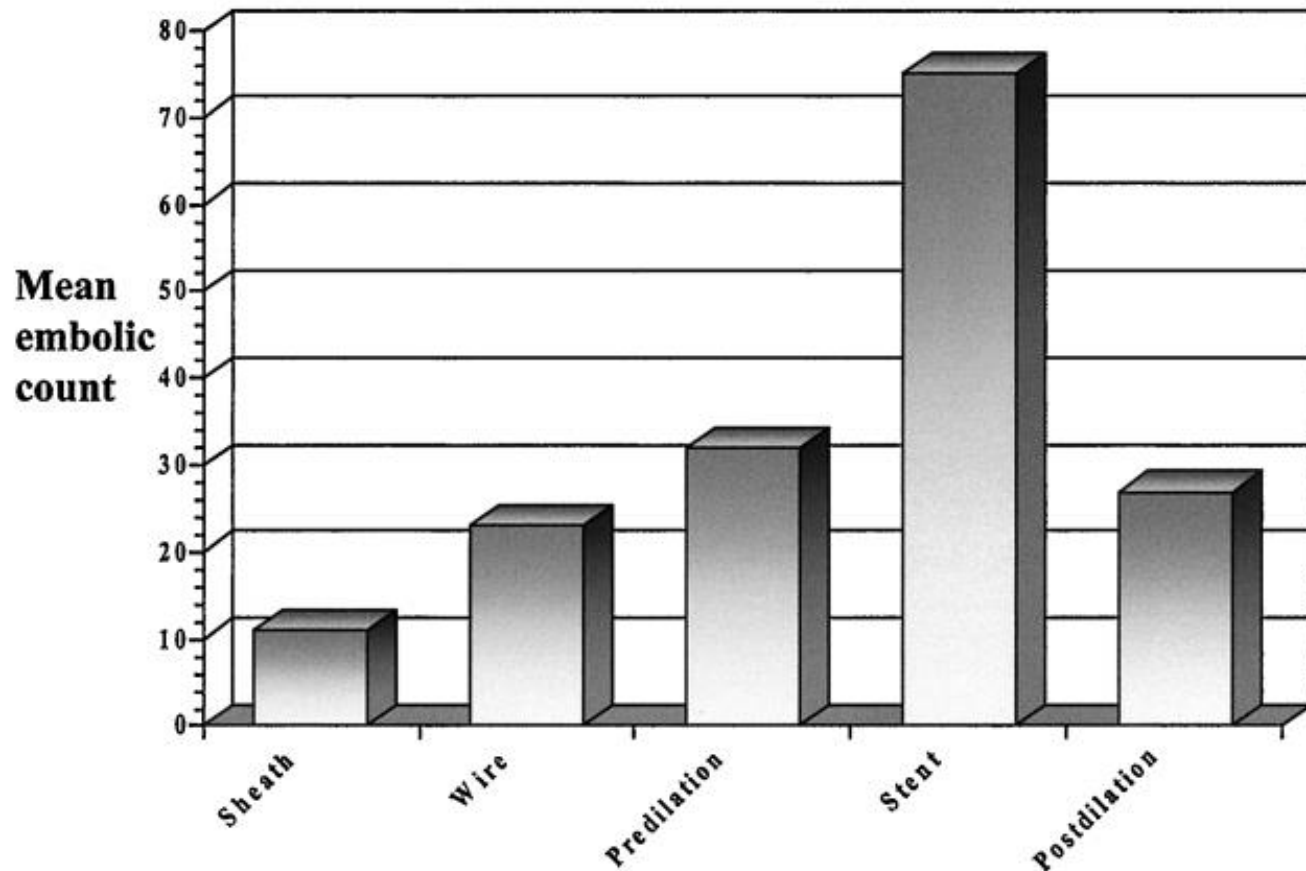
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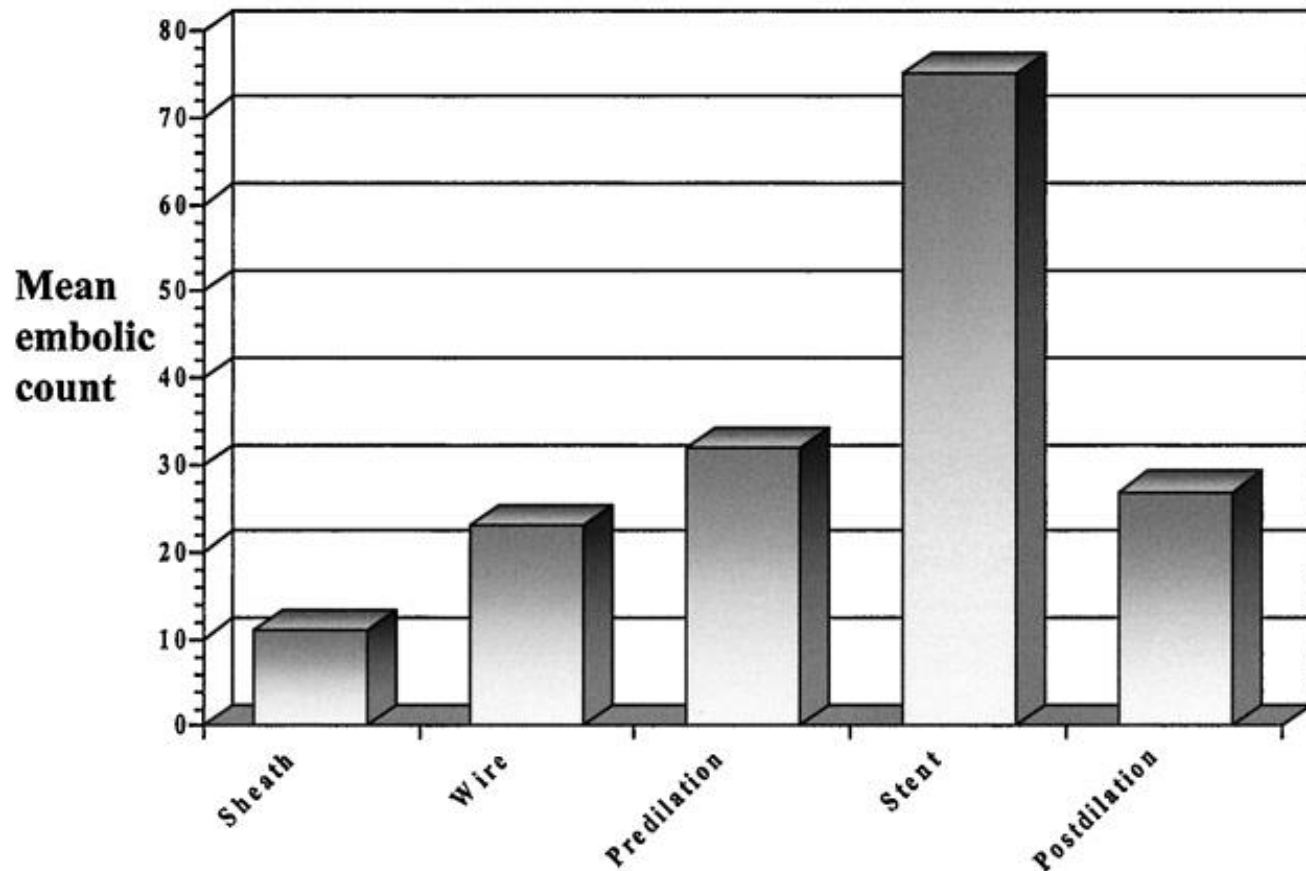


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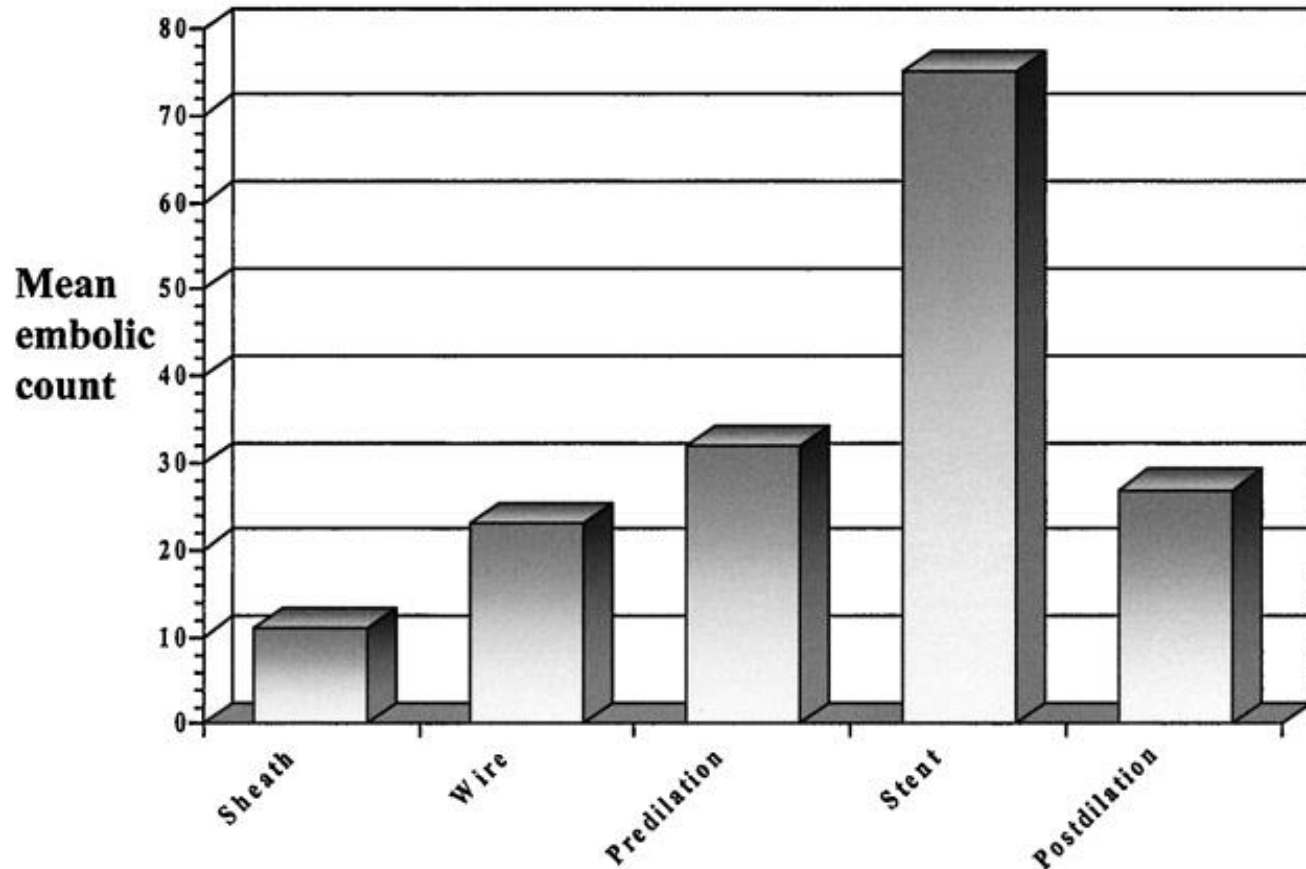


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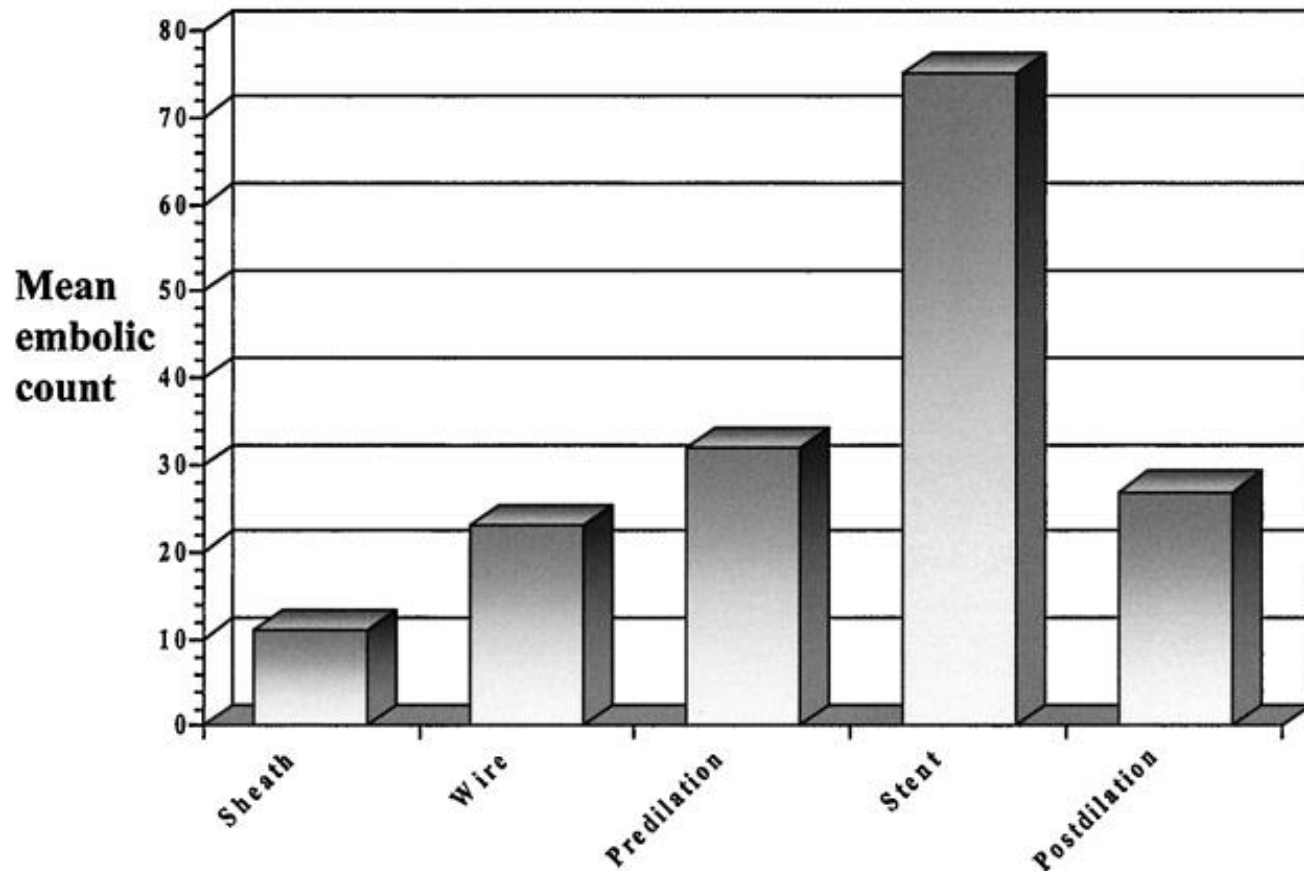


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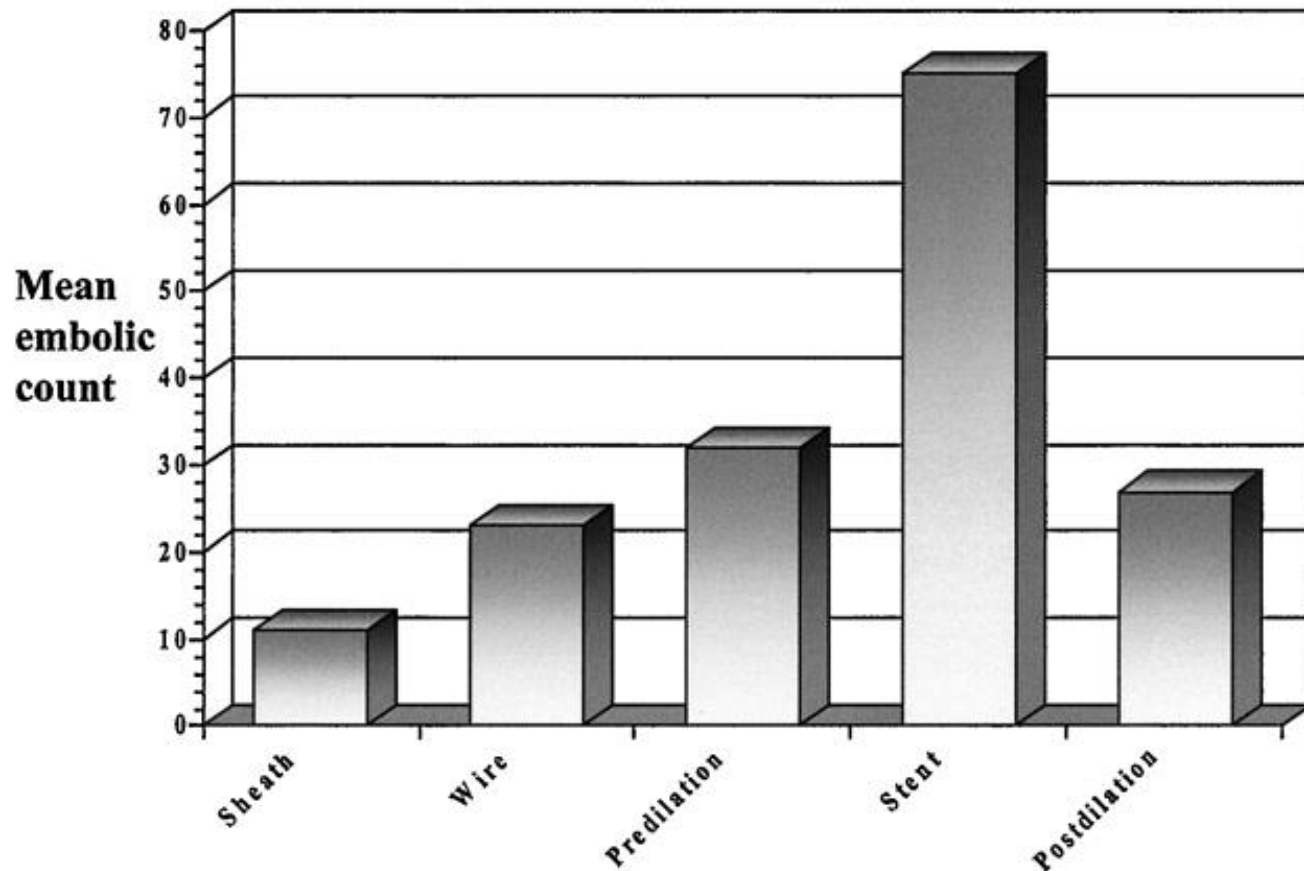


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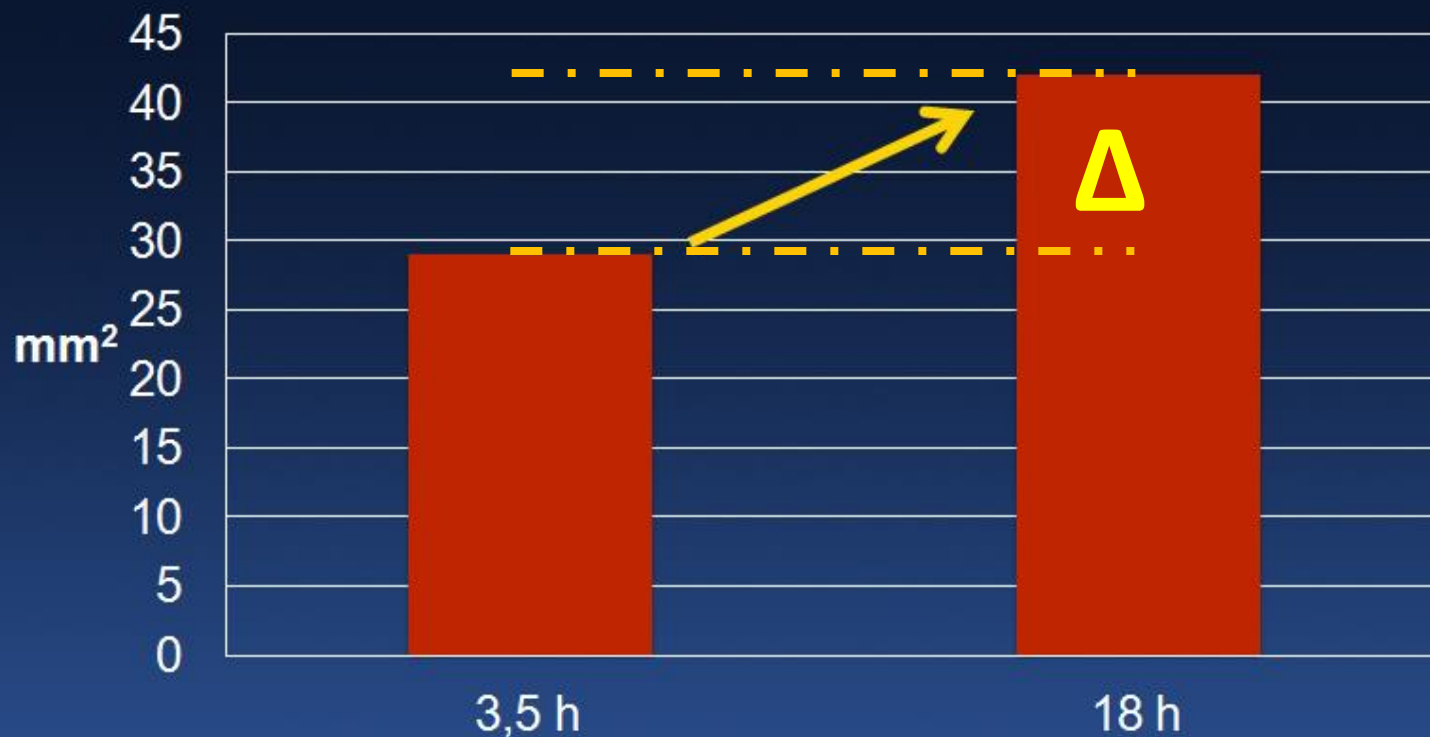


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# Post-procedural Embolization with **conventional** carotid stents

*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?

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Overview of event rates related to the different stents

n = 3179 consecutive CAS patients

	Total population			Symptomatic population			Asymptomatic population		
	Patients	All events	Post-procedural events	Patients	All events	Post-procedural events	Patients	All events	Post-procedural events
Stent name									
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* )



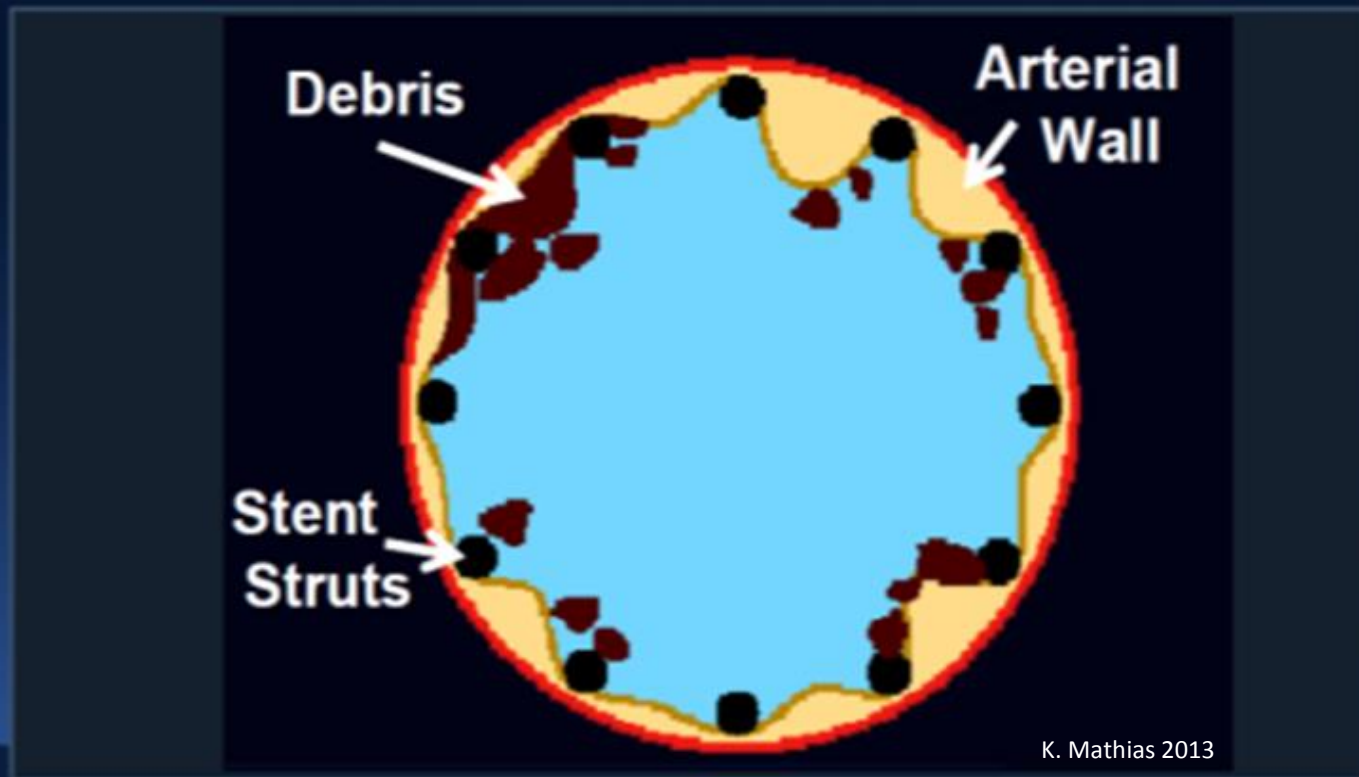
Free cell area

	Total population		Symptomatic population	
	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	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg Vol 33, February 2007

# Conventional Carotid Stent

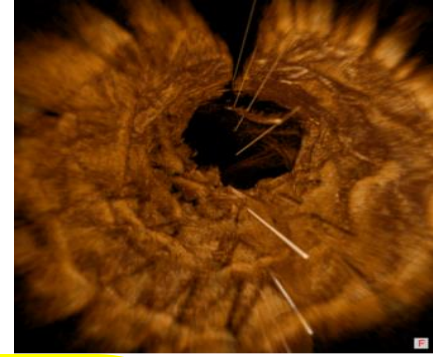
*Plaque protrusion may lead to early and late distal embolization*



# Conventional Carotid Stent



Human Carotid OCT Image Courtesy Dr Juan Rigla, MD PhD  
Perceptual Imaging Lab, University of Barcelona



**ANY data  
on the incidence of  
PLAQUE PROLAPSE  
in  
conventional carotid stents ?**

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

Suzuki M et al.

**ESC 2014**

**Presentation**

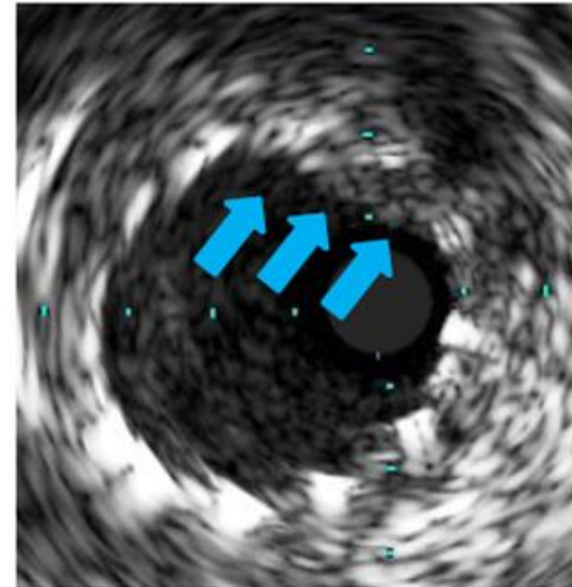
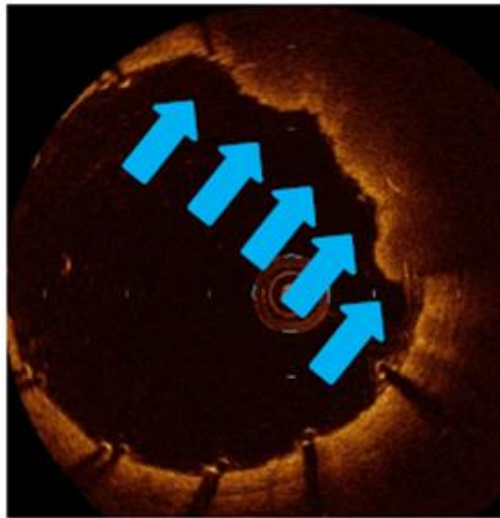
[www.escardio.org](http://www.escardio.org)

**30.7%**

1/3 stents = **Precise**

2/3 stents = **Carotid Wallstent**

81 y.o. Female, Symptomatic



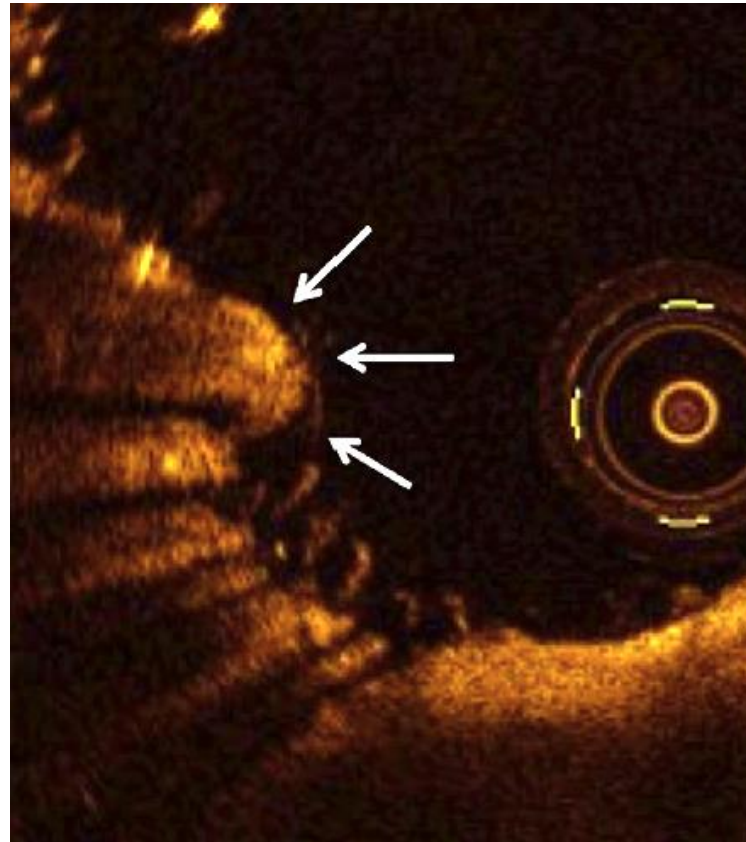
Images: Dr M. Suzuki

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

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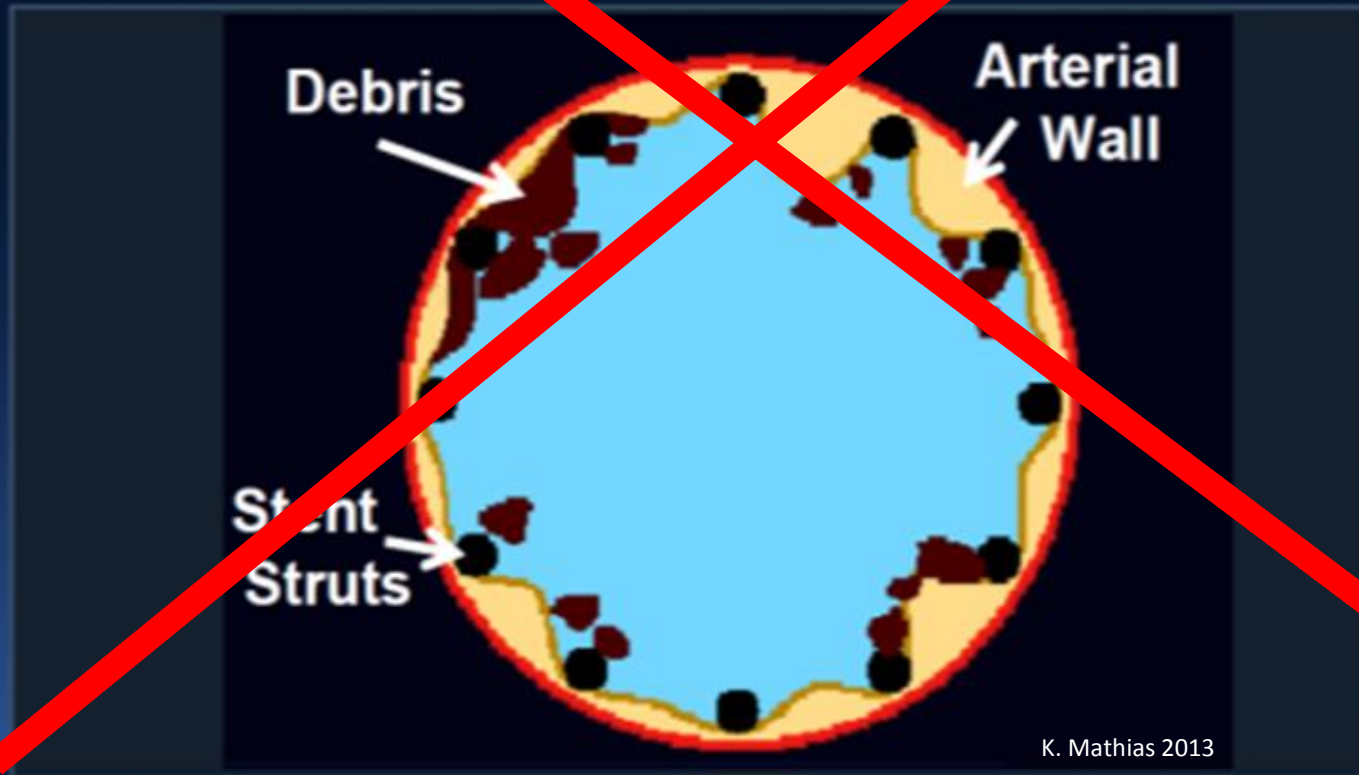


	Closed cell ( <i>n</i> = 17)	Open cell ( <i>n</i> = 13)	Hybrid cell ( <i>n</i> = 10)
Plaque prolapse <sup>b</sup>	17.6%, (3)	61.5%, (8)	30%, (3)

<sup>b</sup> At least 10 appreciable tissue prolapses between the stent struts per patient.

# Conventional Carotid Stent

*Plaque protrusion may lead to early and late distal embolization*

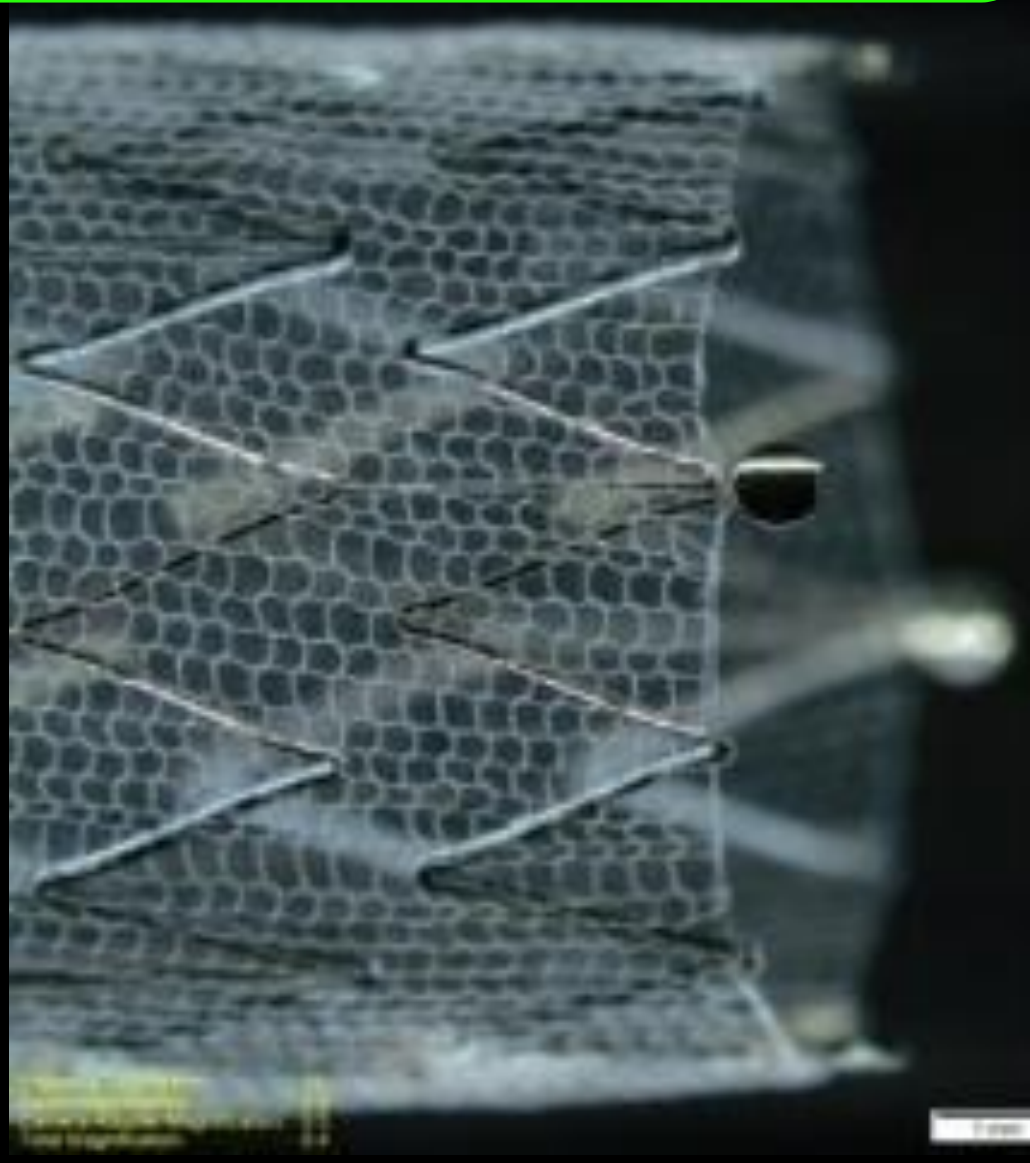
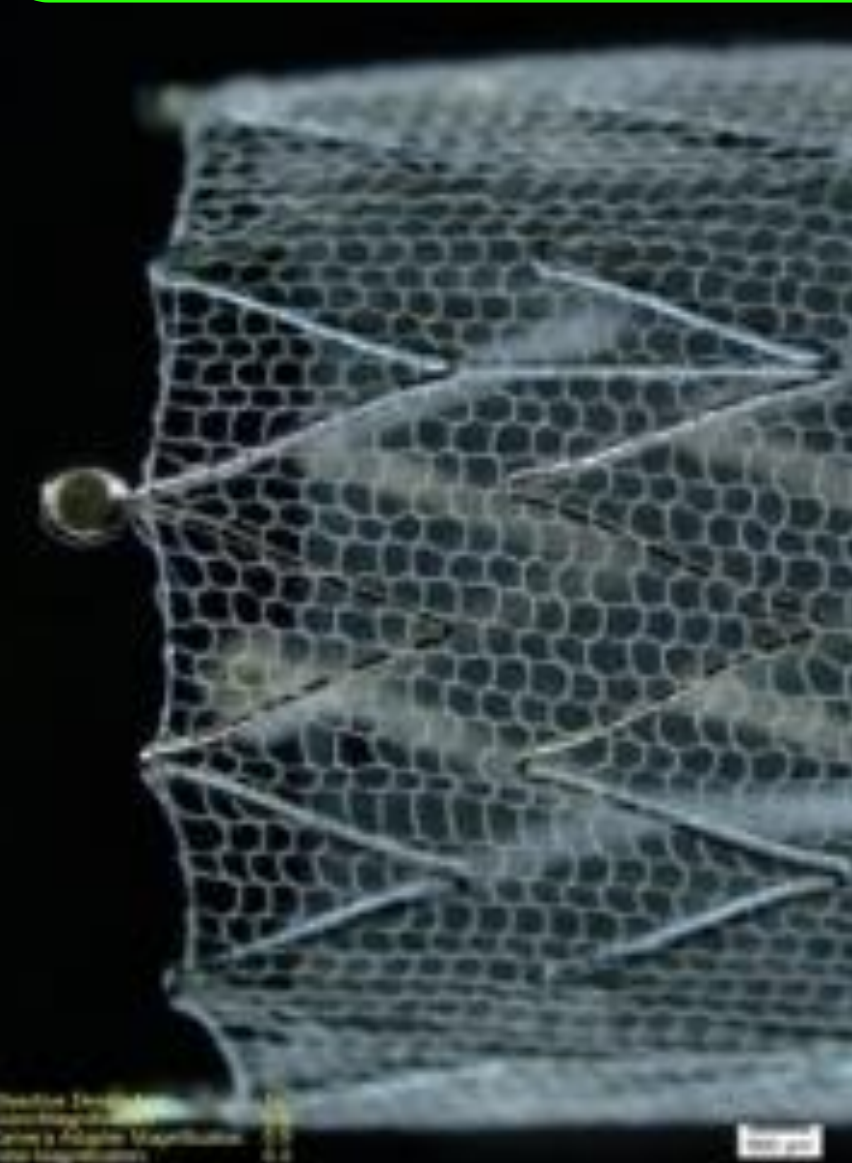


# Anti - Embolic Carotid Stent

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# CGuard™ embolic prevention system

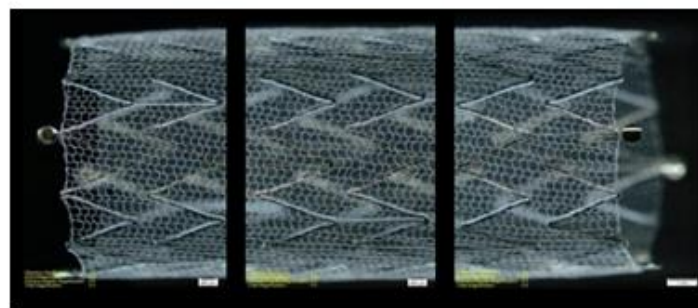


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System specifications	
Stent type	Nitinol – self expanding
Micronet aperture size	150-180 $\mu\text{m}$
Guidewire	0.014"
Sizes	
- Diameter	6-10mm
- Length	20-60mm



CE Mark – March 2014



Specific, carotid-dedicated design



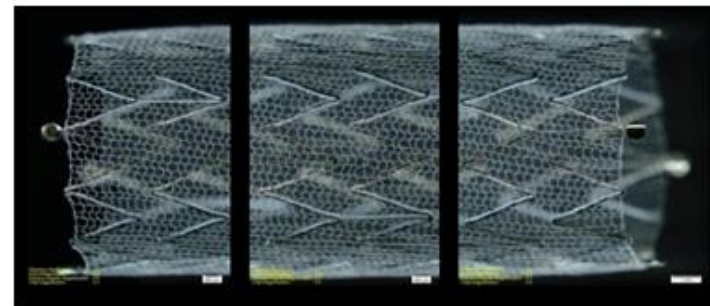
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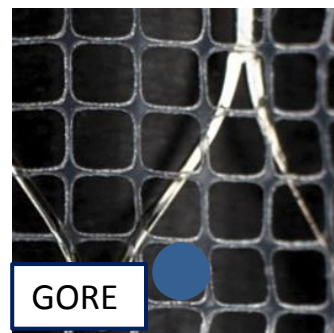
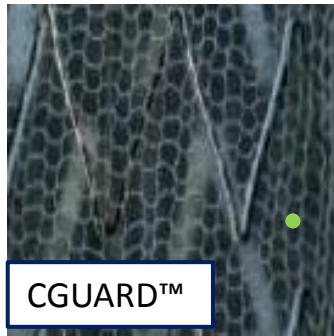


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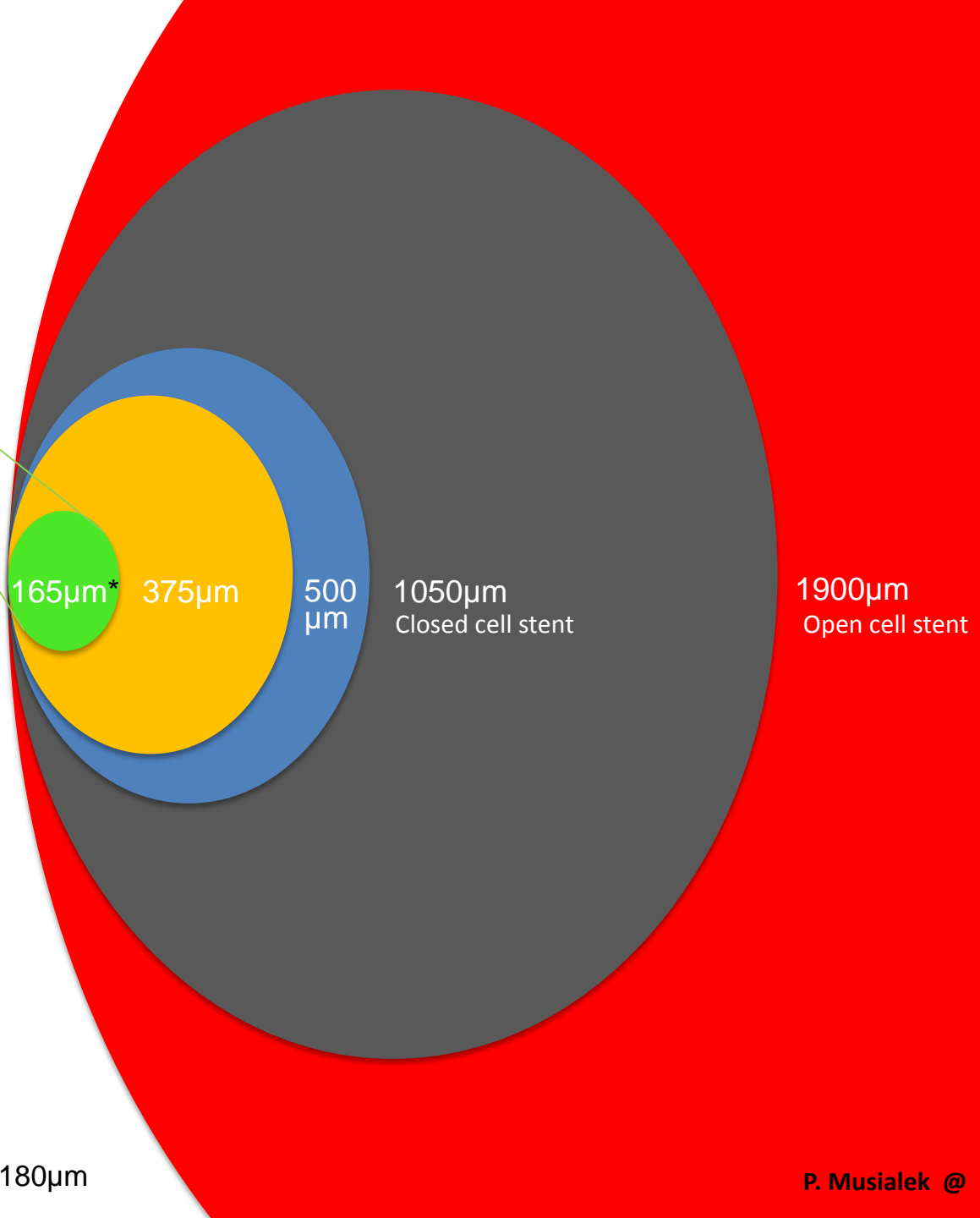
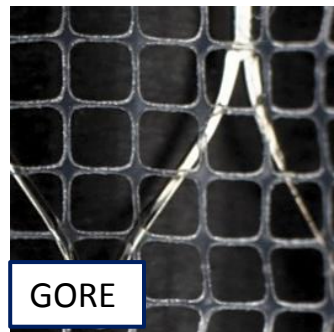
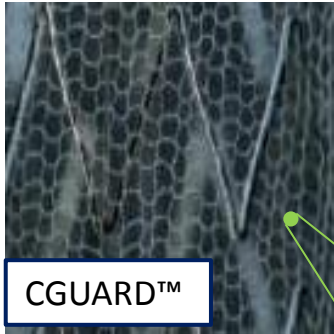


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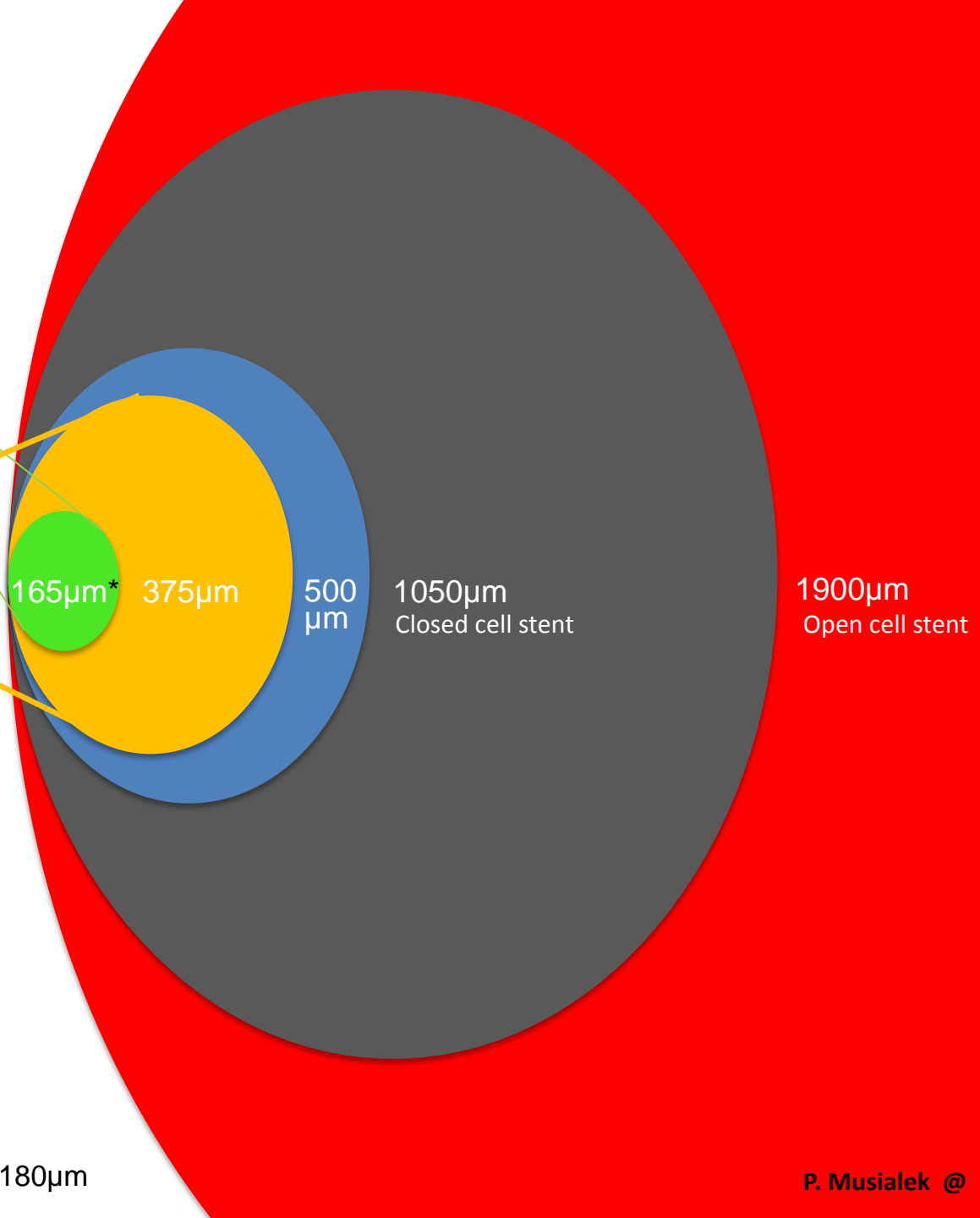
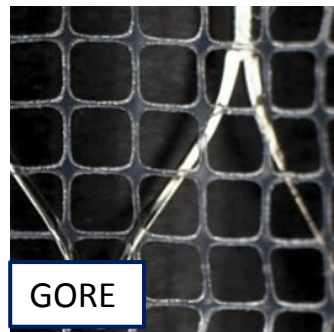
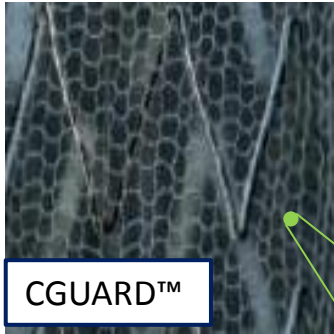
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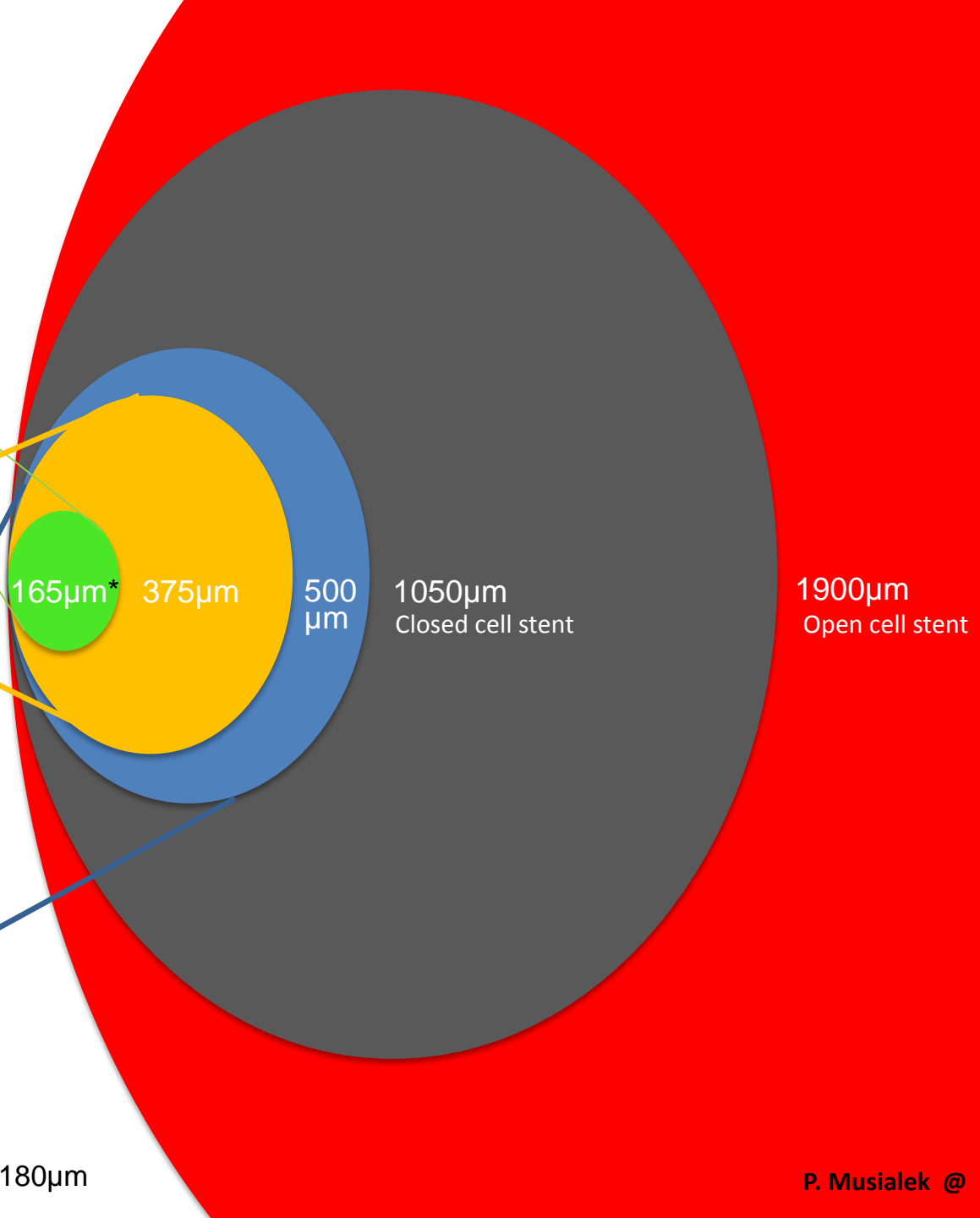
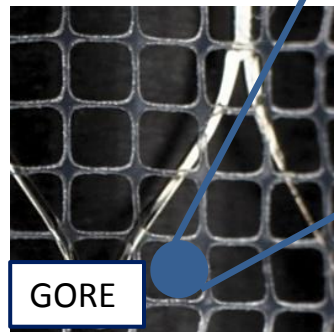
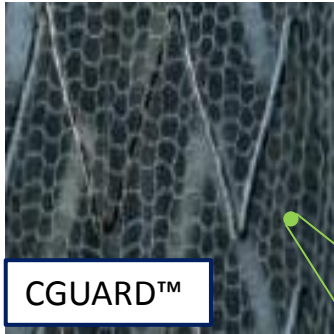
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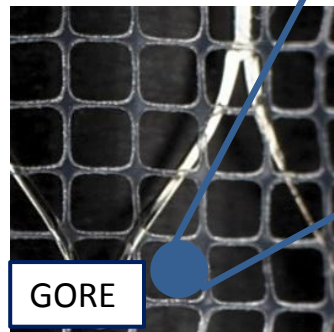
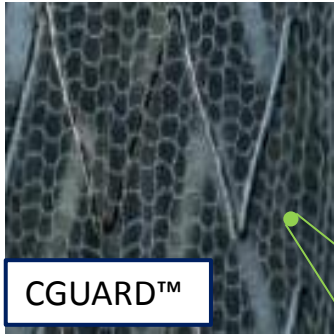
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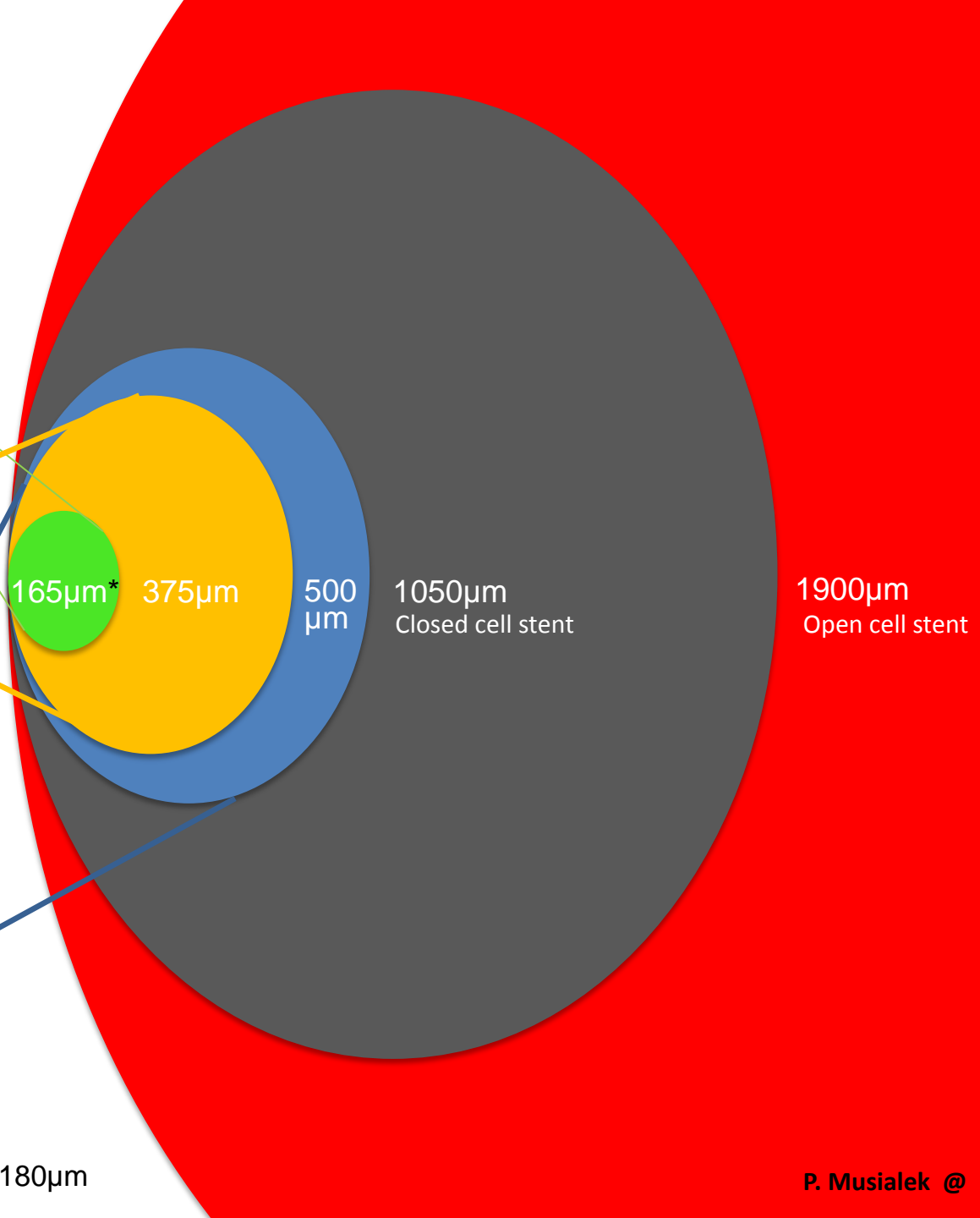
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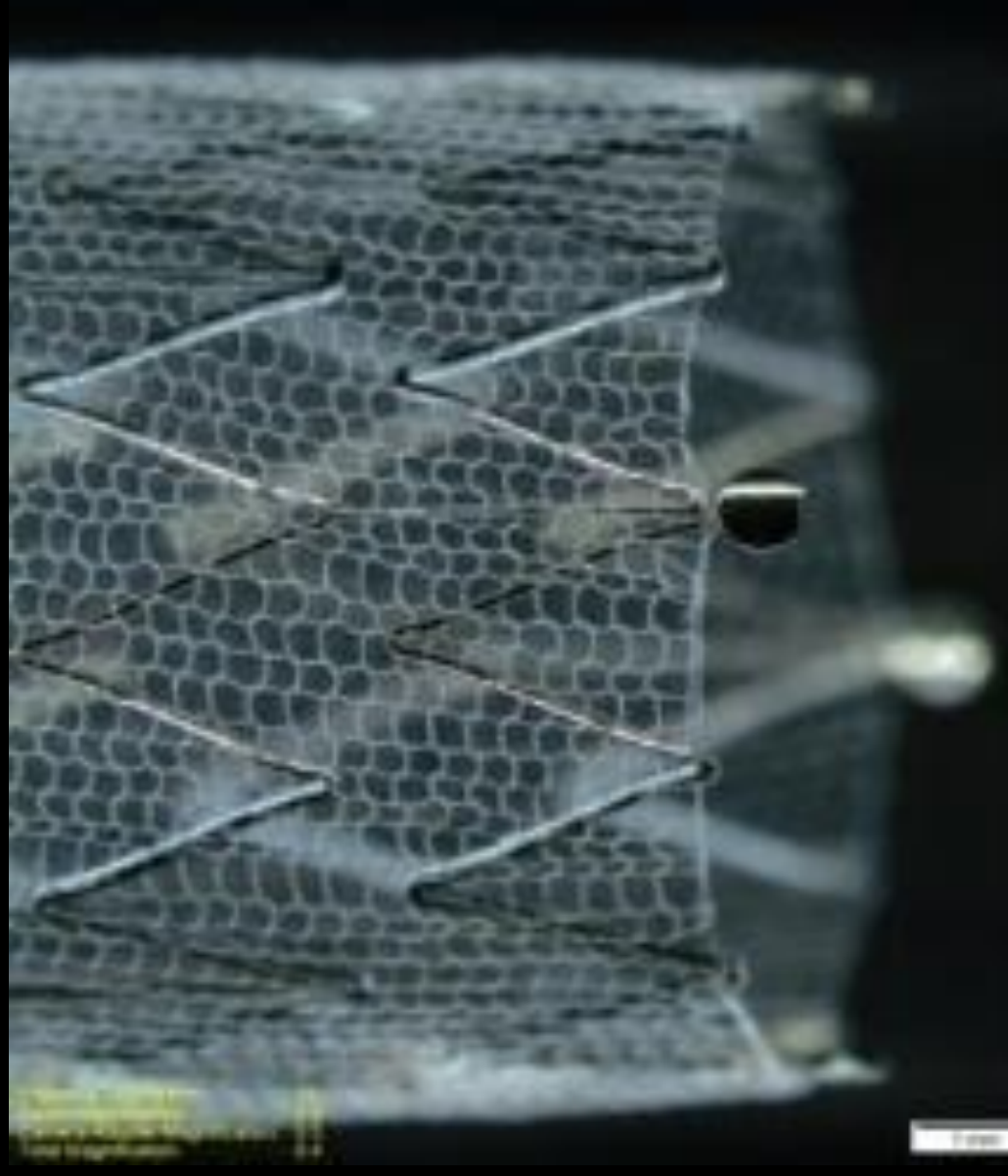
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# CGuard™ embolic prevention stent



# CARENET – Study Design

Prospective, multi-center, all-comer

## Objectives:

To evaluate the periprocedural safety and efficacy of the CGuard stent in the treatment of carotid lesions in thirty consecutive patients with symptomatic and asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis, suitable for CAS

## Sites:

- *Joachim Schofer (PI)*, Hamburg University Cardiovascular Center
- *Piotr Musialek (Co-PI)*, Jagiellonian University Medical College
- *Ralf Kolvenbach*, Augusta Hospital
- *Horst Sievert*, Cardiovascular Center Frankfurt

## Endpoints:

- Acute /30-day **Cerebral Embolization by DWI** (incidence, volume)
- 30 day **MACCE** (death, stroke, MI)

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

## The CARENET-Trial

(CARotid Embolic protection using microNET)

30 d data

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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.

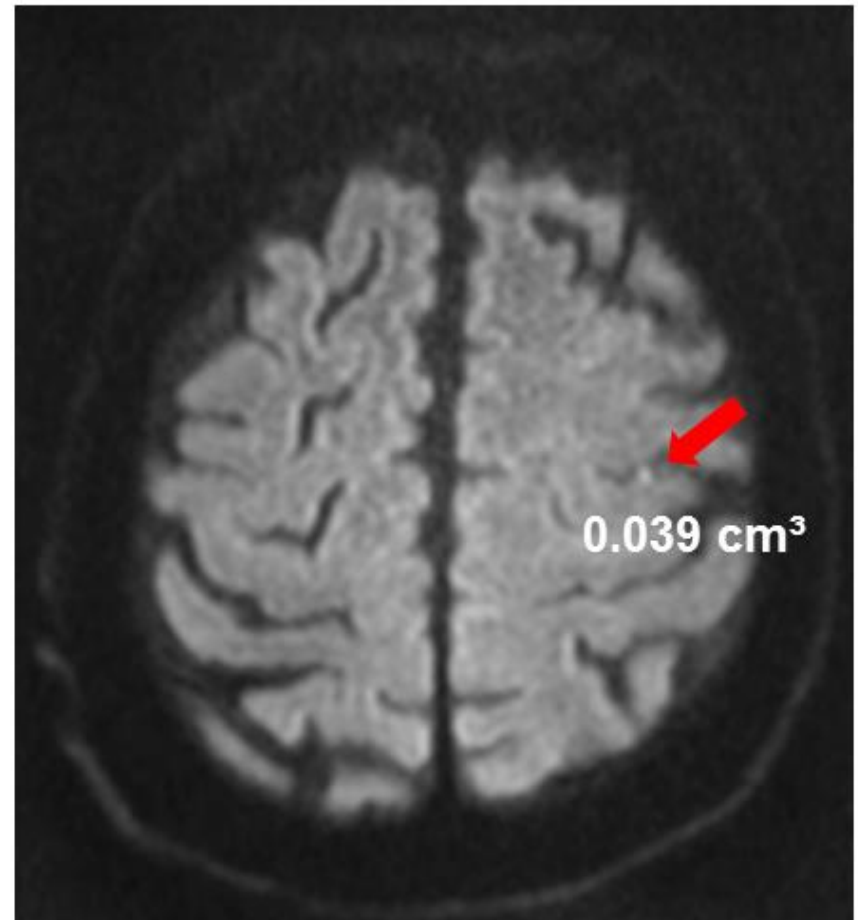
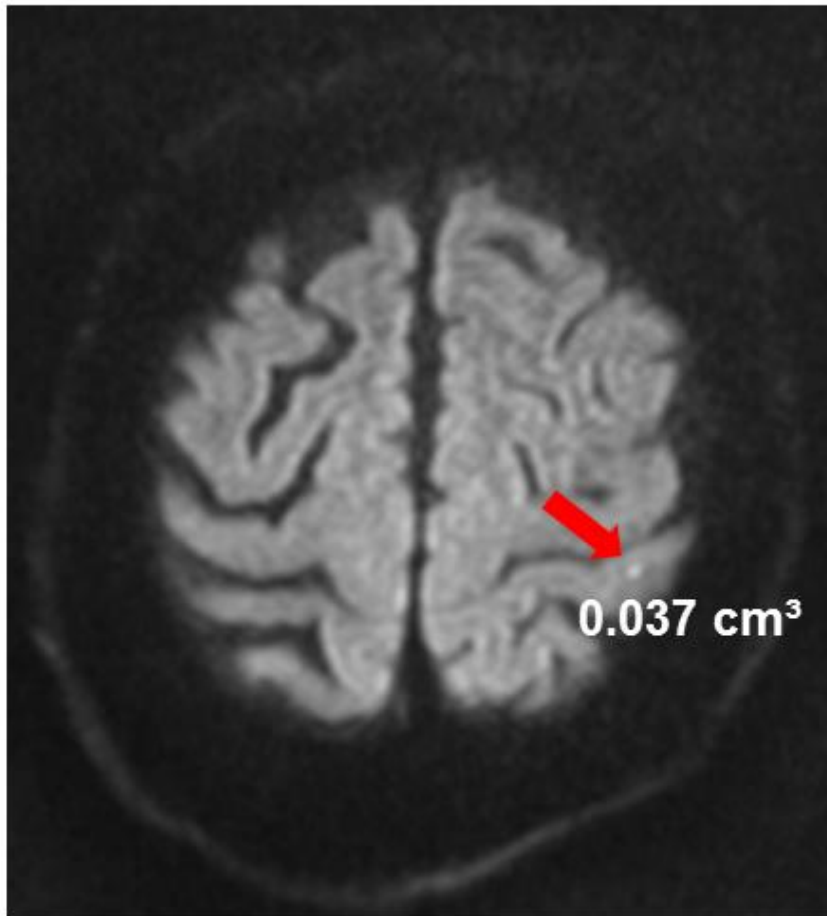
**BACKGROUND** The risk of cerebral embolization persists throughout the carotid artery stenting procedure and remains during the stent healing period.

**METHODS** A total of 30 consecutive patients (age  $71.6 \pm 7.6$  years, 63% male) meeting the conventional carotid artery stenting inclusion criteria were enrolled in 4 centers in Germany and Poland.

# DW-MRI:

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

# The Power of DW-MRI...



**48h after LICA-CAS**

M. Urbanczyk, P. Banys, Dept. Radiology, JP2 Hospital, Krakow, Poland

# CARENET DW-MRI analysis\*

## DW-MRI analysis @ 48 h

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Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions	37.0%
Average lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.039 ± 0.08
Maximum lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.445

see patient fluxogram

### \*External Core Lab analysis (US)

Bijuklic et al. *JACC*, 2012; Bonati et. al, *Lancet Neurol* 2010

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≈50% reduction  
in new ipsilateral lesion incidence

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**>10-fold reduction  
in cerebral lesion volume**

see patient fluxogram

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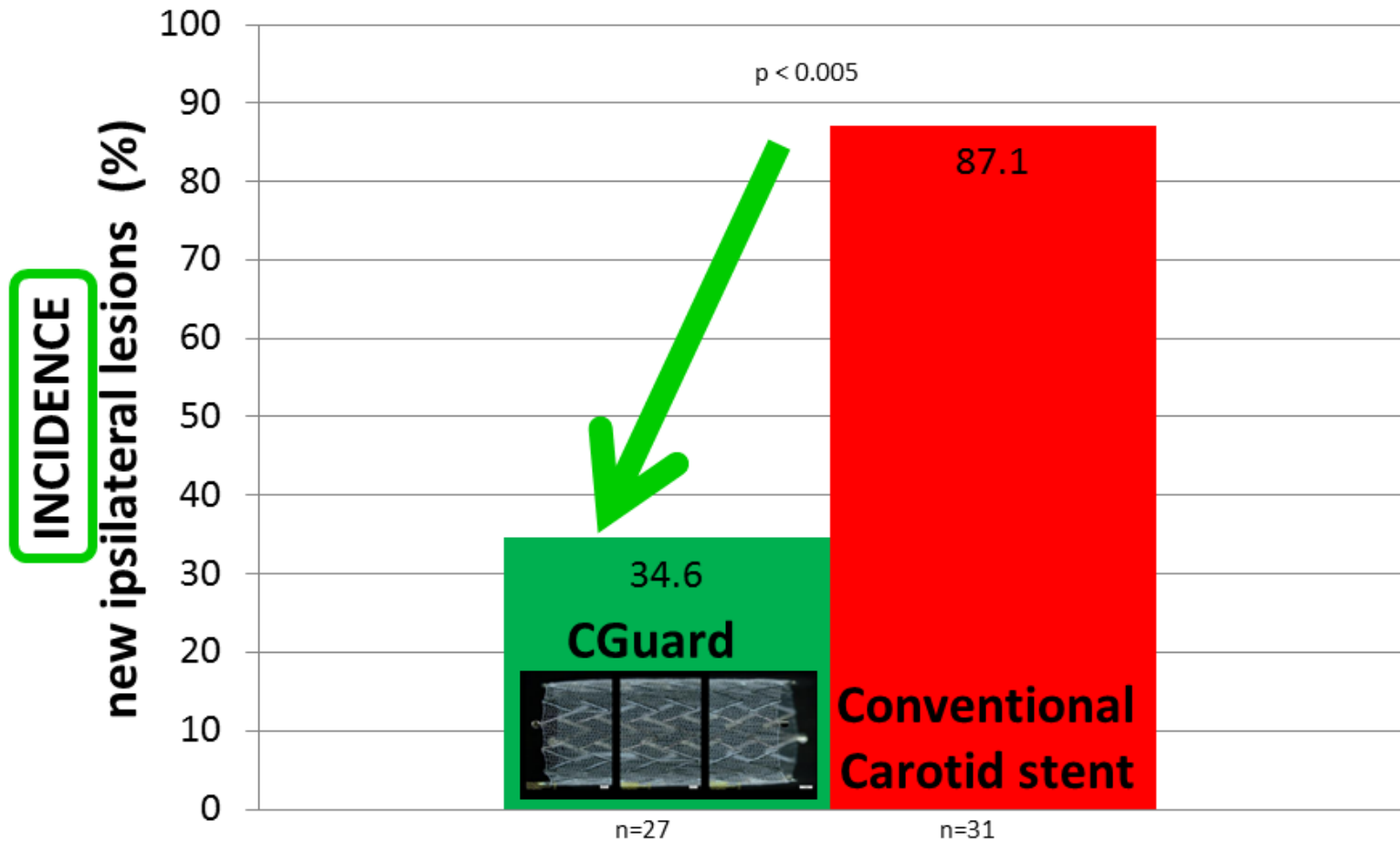
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# Filter-protected CAS procedures

## CARENET vs PROFI: DW-MRI analysis

DW-MRI analysis @ 48 hours



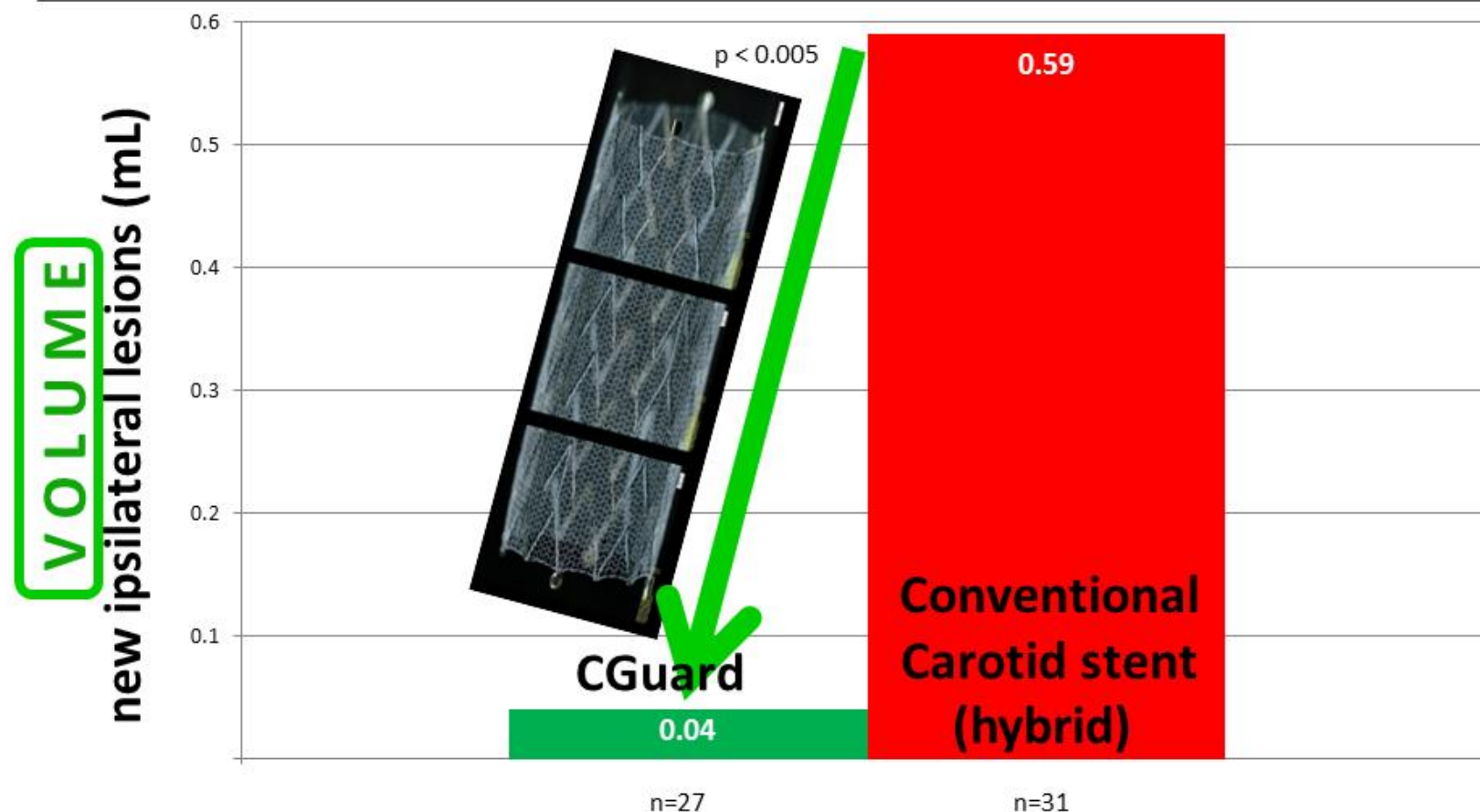
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# CARENET DW-MRI analysis<sup>\*</sup>

All but one peri-procedural ipsilateral lesions

## RESOLVED

### DW-MRI analysis @ 30 days<sup>\*</sup>

Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions	1
Average lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.08 ± 0.00
Permanent lesions at 30 days	1

<sup>\*</sup>External Core Lab analysis (US)

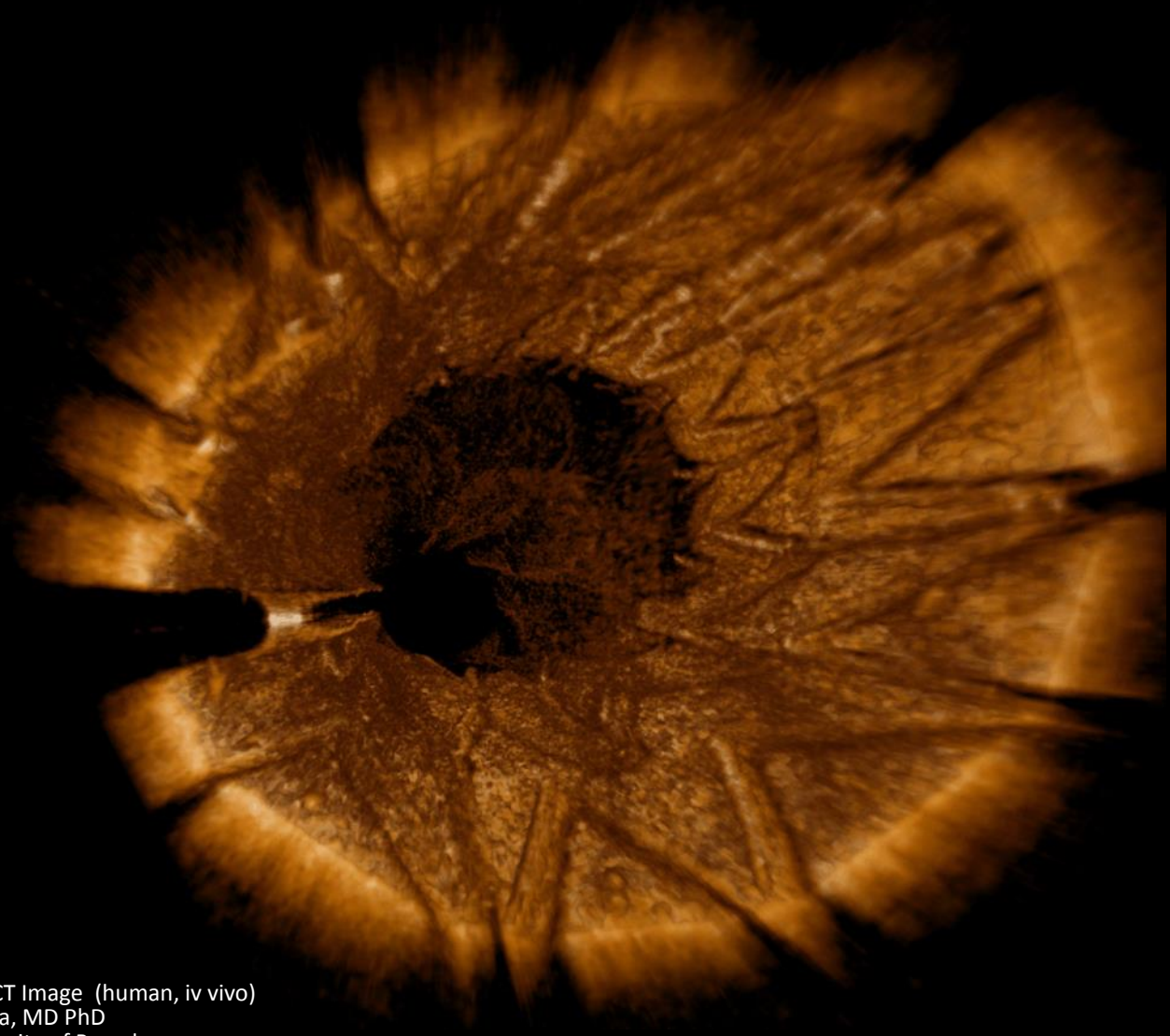
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# Anti - Embolic Carotid Stent

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CGuard Embolic-Prevention Stent OCT Image (human, iv vivo)  
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**RESULTS** The primary combined endpoint was the procedure success of the CGuard system and the number and volume of new lesions on the ipsilateral side assessed by diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging at 48 h post-procedure and at 30 days. The secondary endpoint was 30-day major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events (death, stroke, or myocardial infarction). Protection devices were used in all procedures. Procedure success was 100%, with 0% procedural complications. The 30-day major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events rate was 0%. New ipsilateral ischemic lesions at 48 h occurred in 37.0% of patients and the average lesion volume was  $0.039 \pm 0.08 \text{ cm}^3$ . The 30-day diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging showed complete resolution of all but 1 periprocedural lesion and only 1 new minor ( $0.116 \text{ cm}^3$ ) lesion in relation to the 48-h scan.

**CONCLUSIONS** The use of the CGuard system in patients undergoing carotid artery stenting is feasible. In addition, the benefit of using CGuard may extend throughout the stent healing period. (J Am Coll Cardiol Interv 2015;8:1229-34)

Prospective evaluation of All-comer perCutaneous carotiD revascularization In symptomatic and increased risk asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis using CGuard™ Micronet covered embolic prevention stent system:

## 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

Van Laanen J et al. *J Cardiovasc Surg* 2008  
Cosottini M et al. *Stroke Res* 2010  
Musialek P et al. *J Endovasc Ther* 2010  
Wasser K et al. *J Neurol* 2012

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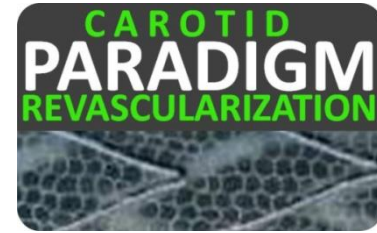
# PARADIGM



## 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)
- } - 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

AbuRahma A et al. *Ann Surg.* 2003;238:551-562.

Ballotta E et al. *J Vasc Surg* 2007;45:516-522.

Kakkos SK et al. (ACSRs) *J Vasc Surg.* 2009;49:902-909.

Lovett JK et al. *Circulation* 2004;110:2190-97

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Taussky P et al. *Neurosurg Focus* 2011;31:6-17.



## 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**

- Neurologist
- Interventional Angiologist
- Vascular Surgeon
- Cardiologist



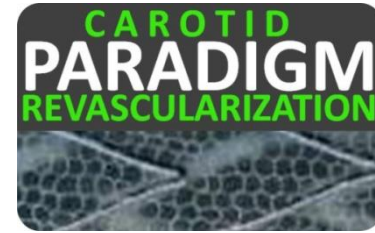
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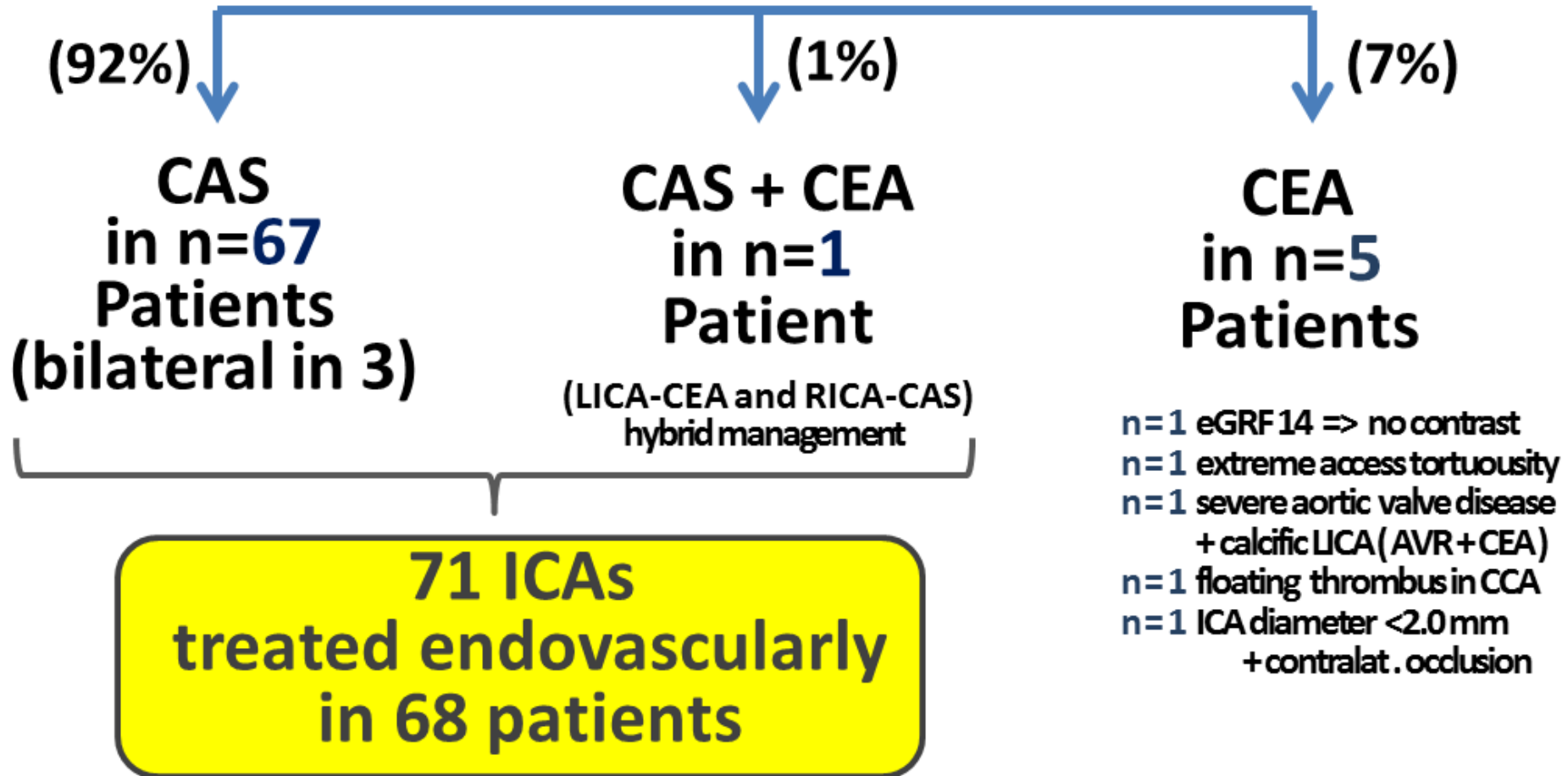
**NOT for carotid  
revascularization  
24 patients**

- 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.)

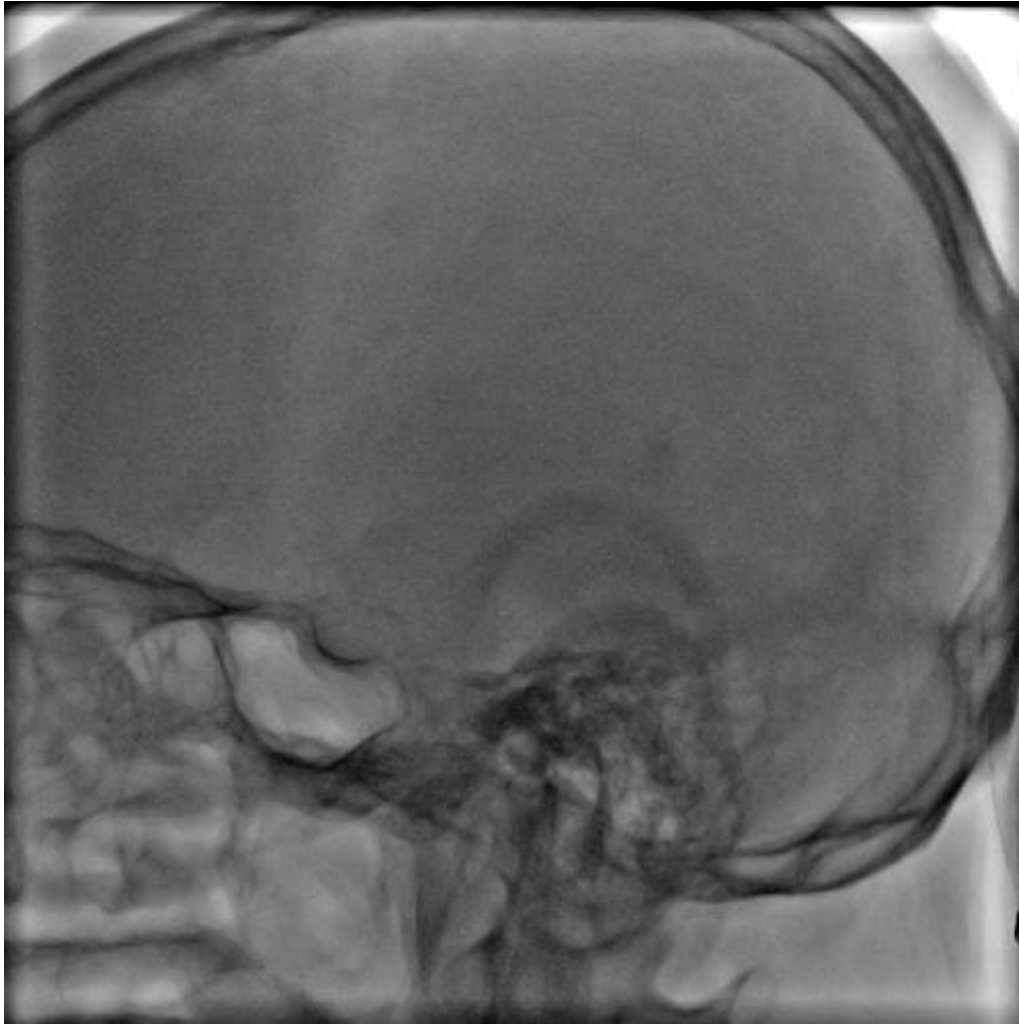
# Study Flow Chart (2)



**73 Patients for carotid revascularization**



# How would YOU treat?



**acutely** symptomatic / thrombus-containing

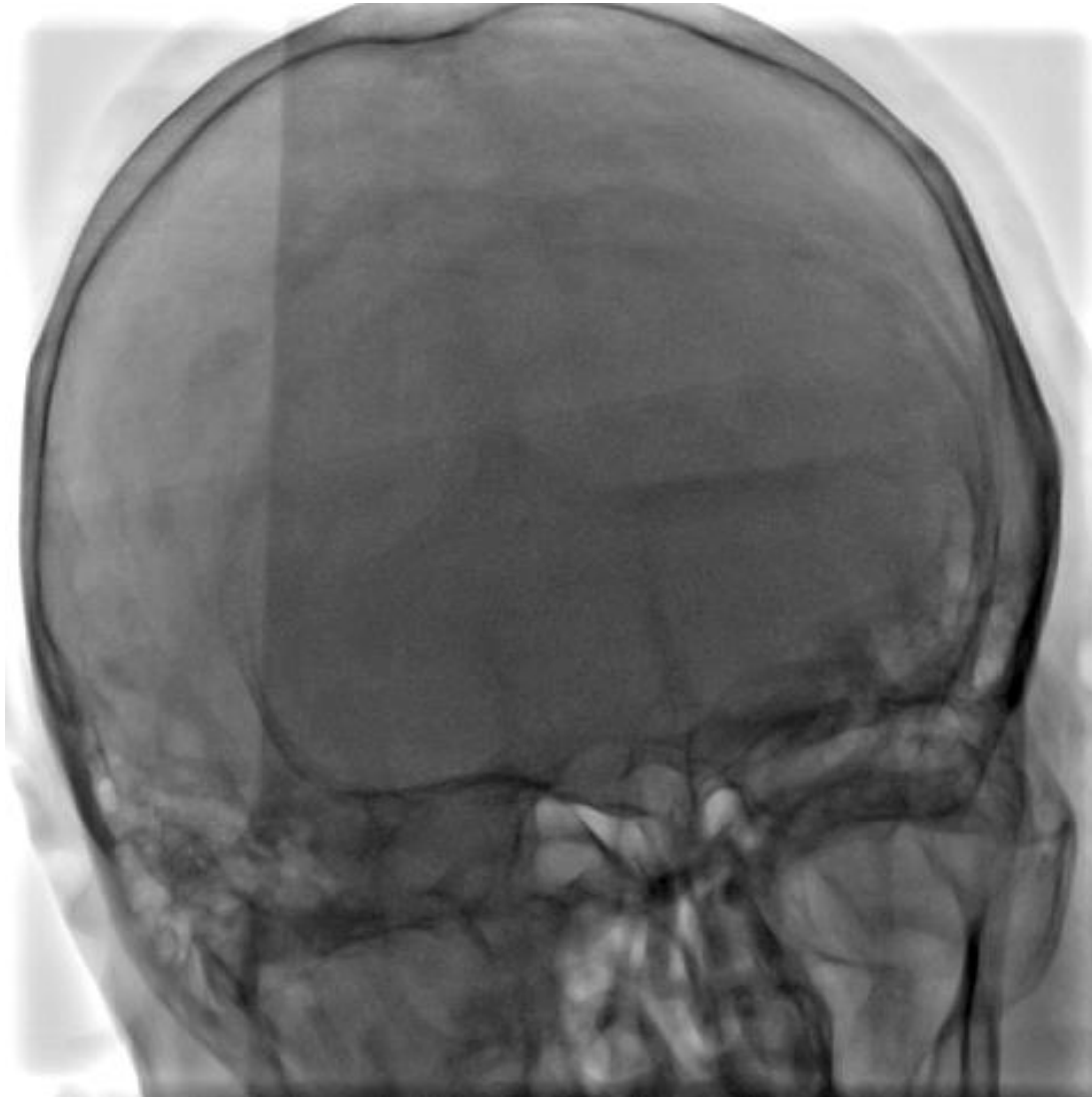
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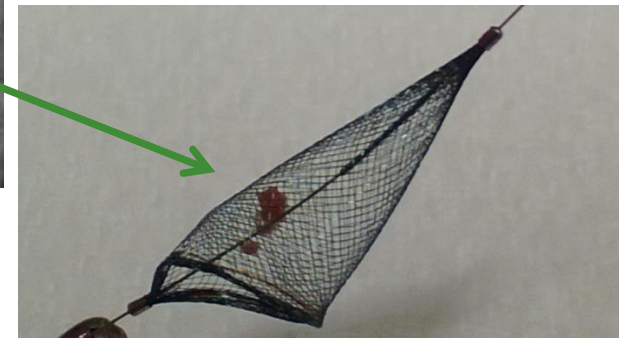
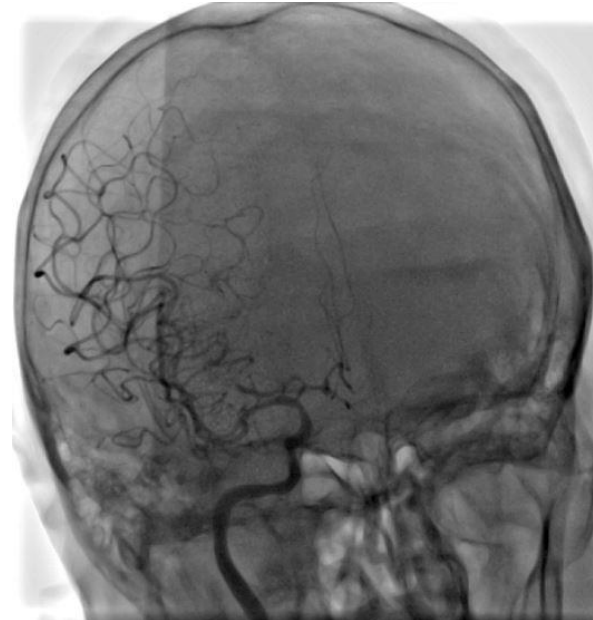
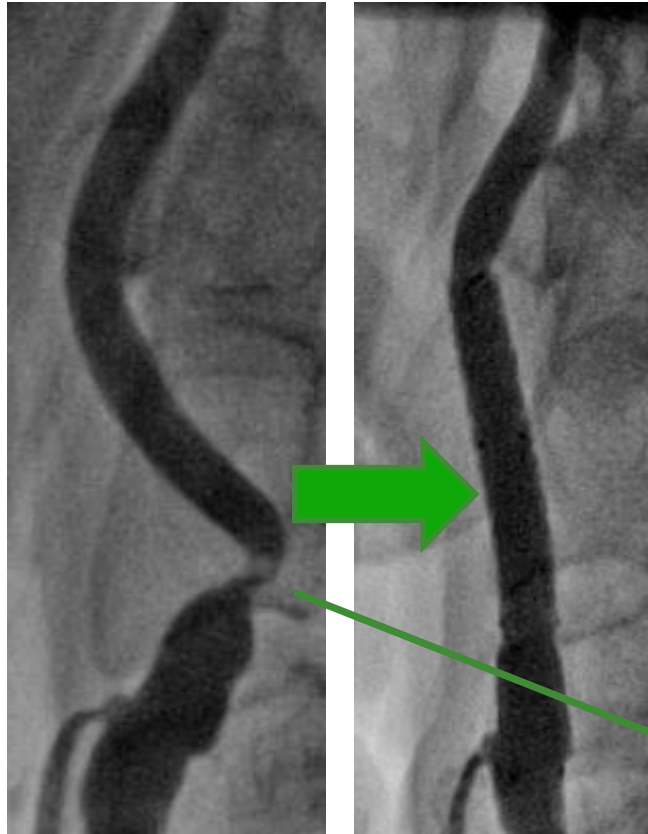
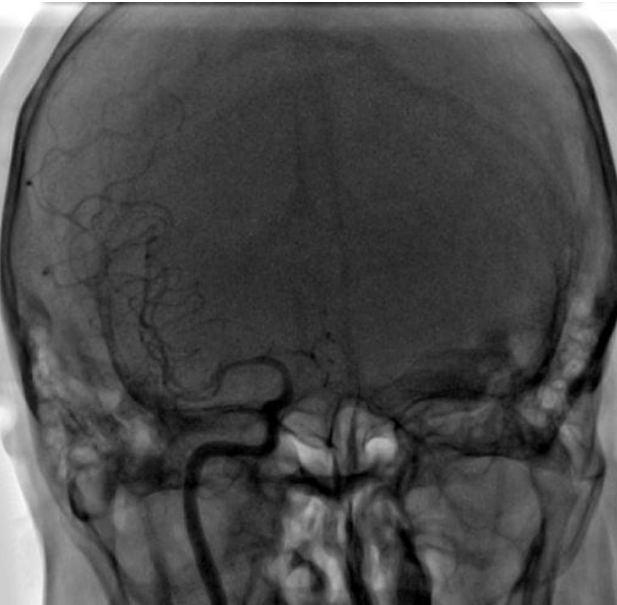


Case # **018**  
(Krakow)



# Thrombus-containing **Acutely** symptomatic

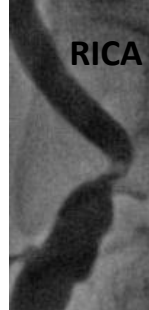
NIH-SS  
immediate  
4-point improvement



# Thrombus-containing lesion acutely symptomatic patient

## DW-MRI on admission

Fresh ischemic lesion in the L hemisphere  
[ 'haemodynamic' lesion, resulting from cross-flow ]  
'old' ischemic lesion in the R hemisphere  
(no diffusion limitation in the R)

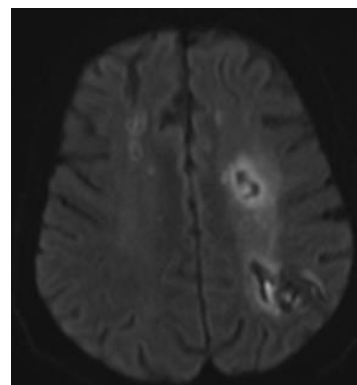
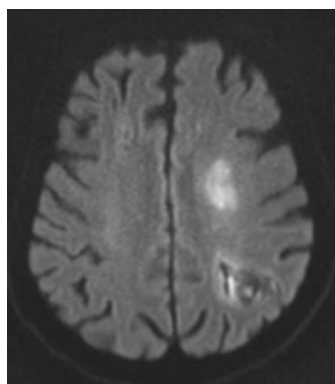
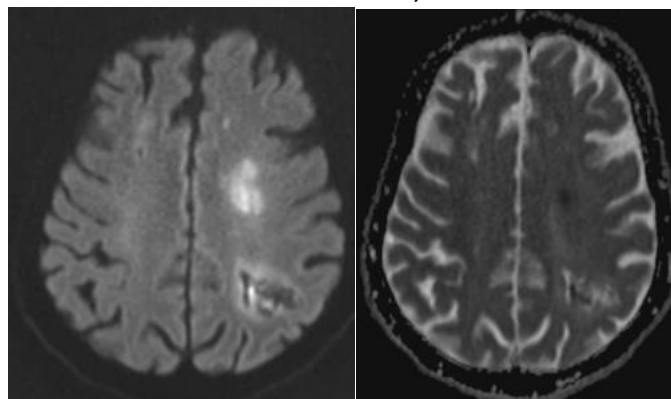


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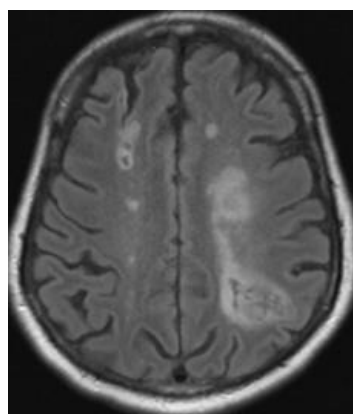
**no new lesions**  
**24h after CAS**

**no new lesions**  
**30 days after CAS**

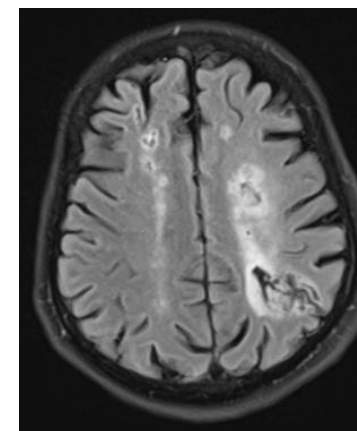
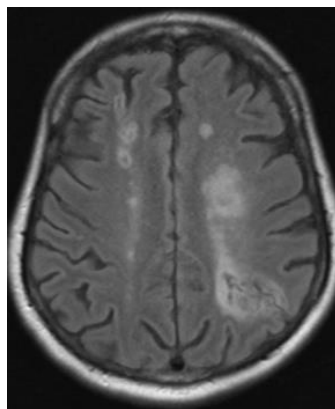
DWI



Flair



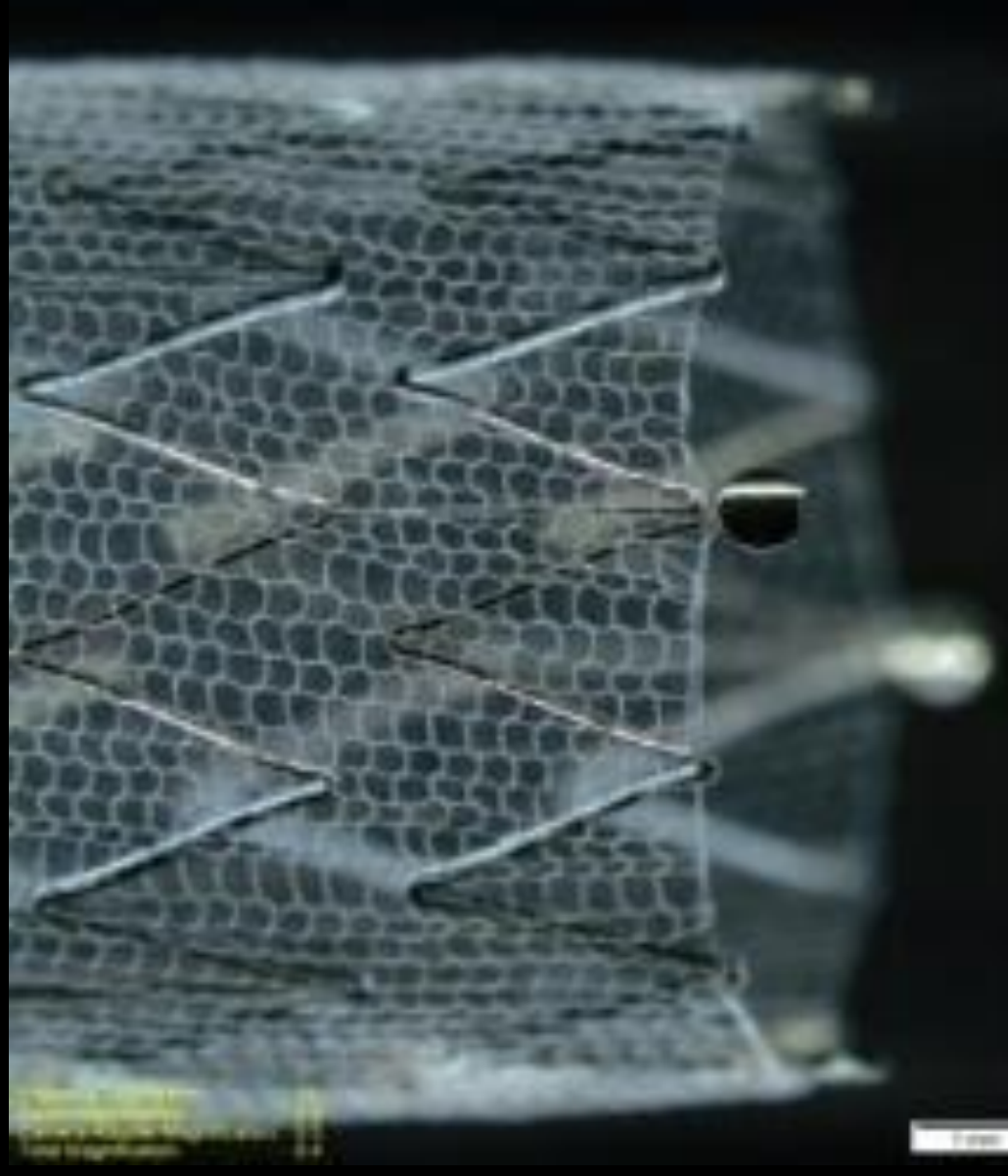
ADC = proof of  
diffusion absence in  
the DWI focus



**NIH-SS**  
**4-point improvement**

**NIH-SS**  
**further 2-point improvement**

# CGuard™ embolic prevention stent





# Clinical characteristics of study patients (n=68)

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

# 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)



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<b>Before CAS</b>				
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
<b>CAS</b>				
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
<b>After CAS</b>				
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)

# Ø 4.5mm (n=5); Ø 5.0mm (n=36); Ø 5.5mm (n=29); Ø 6.0mm (n=1);

§ 30mm in 51 lesions; 40mm in 18 lesions (2 other lesions required two stents each)

# PARADIGM: Results (4)



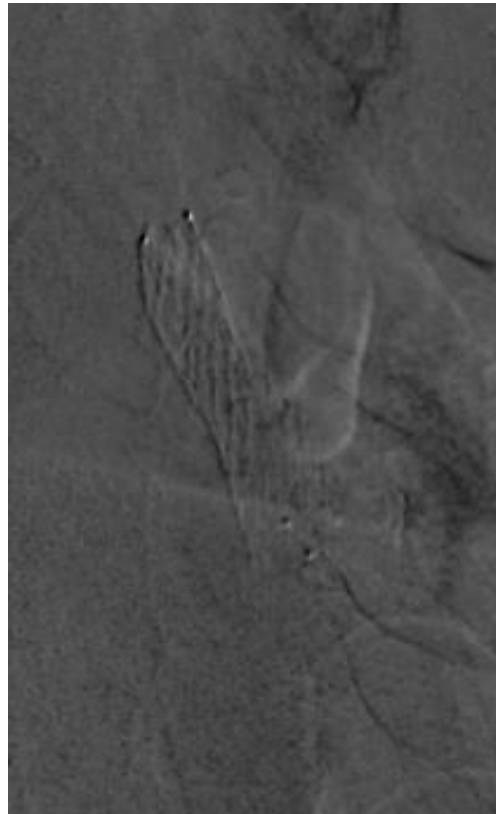
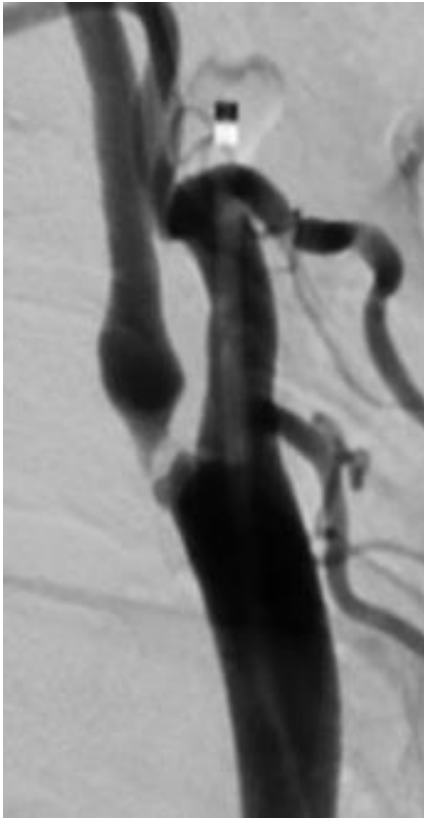
- **Death/stroke/MI @ 48h** **0%**
- **Death/stroke/MI @ 30d** **0%**

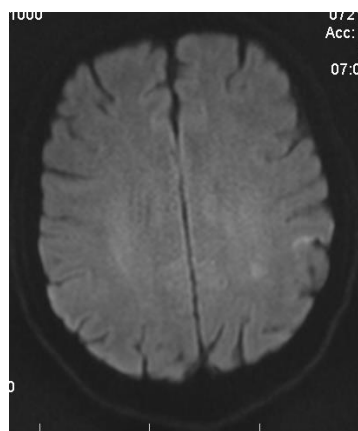
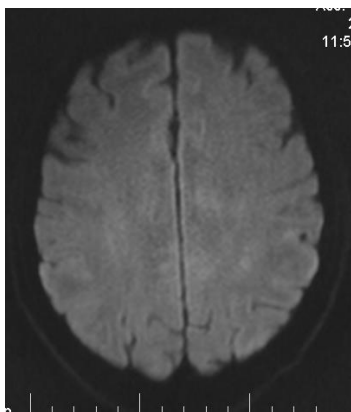
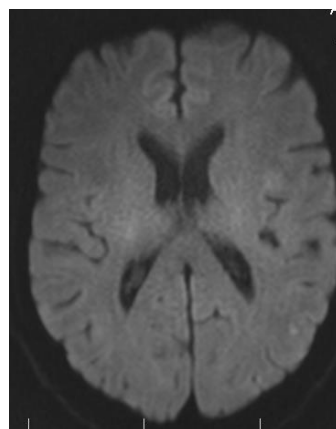
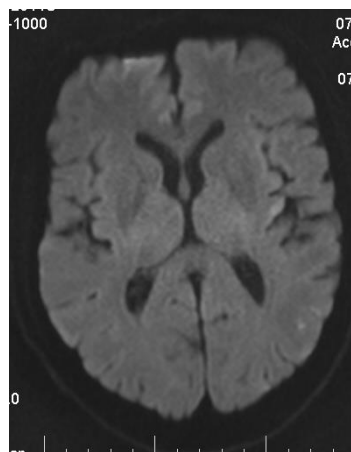
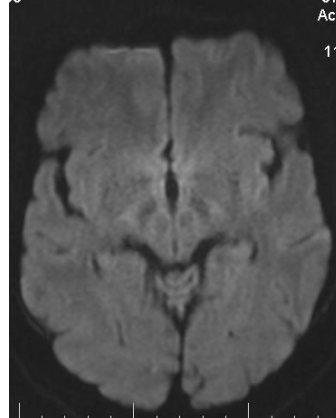
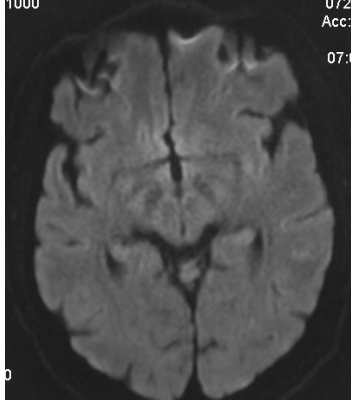
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# Evolving L Haemisph stroke



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(Krakow)





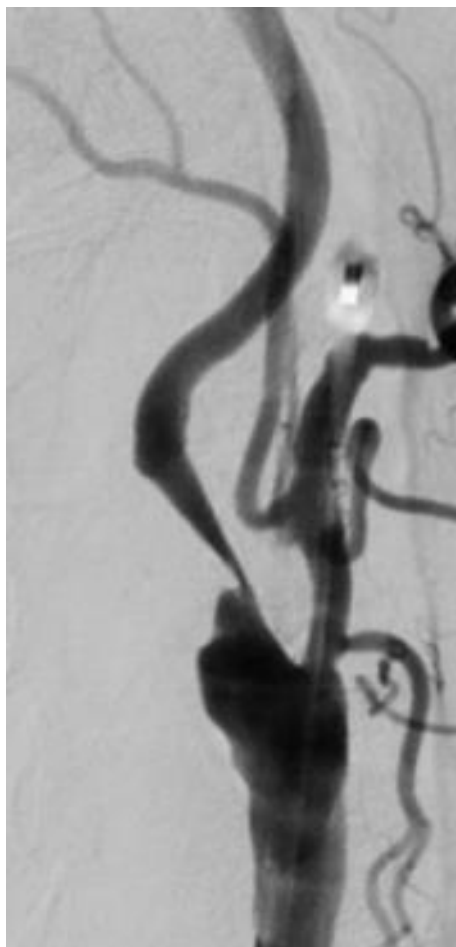
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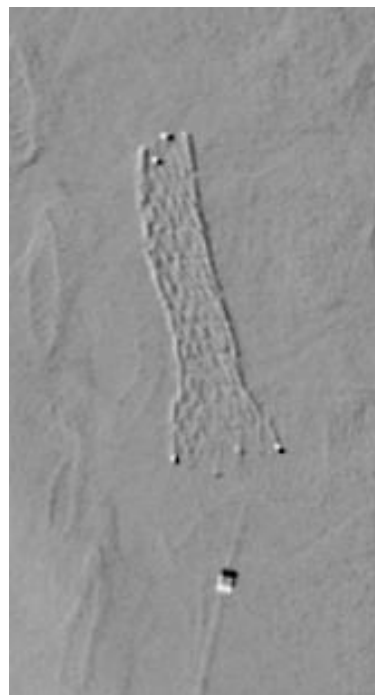
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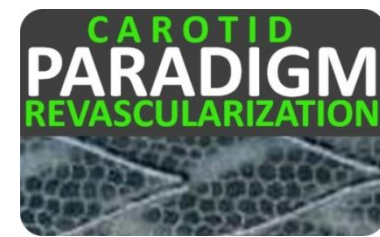
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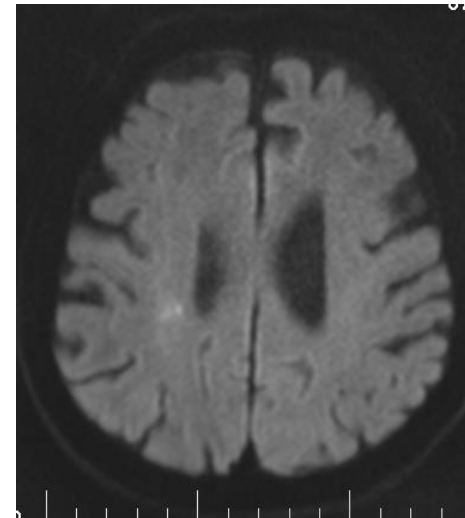
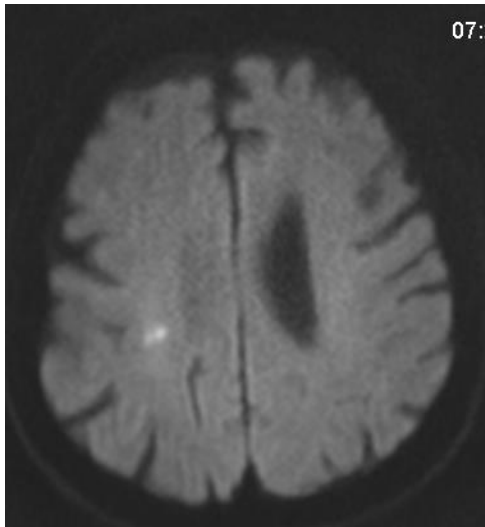
Note  
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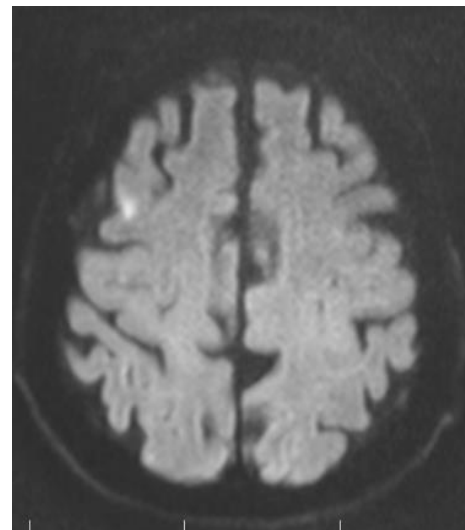
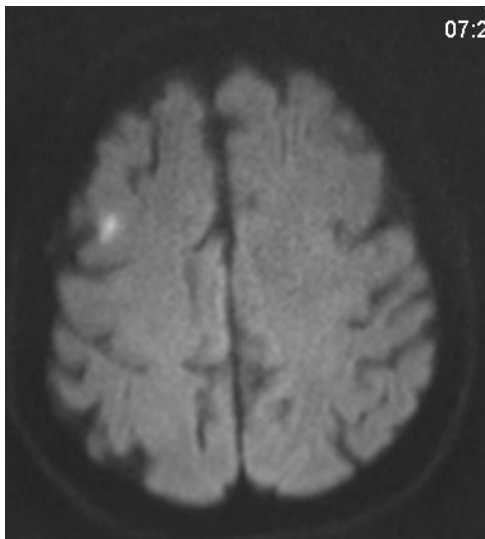
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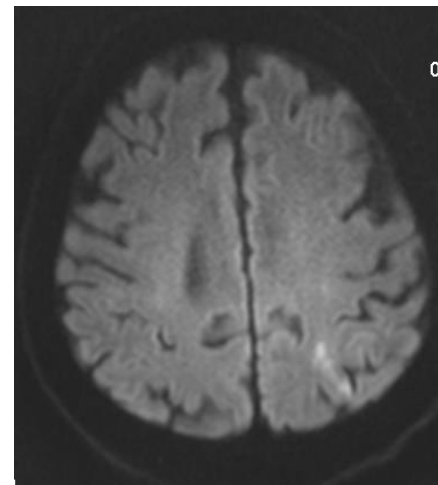
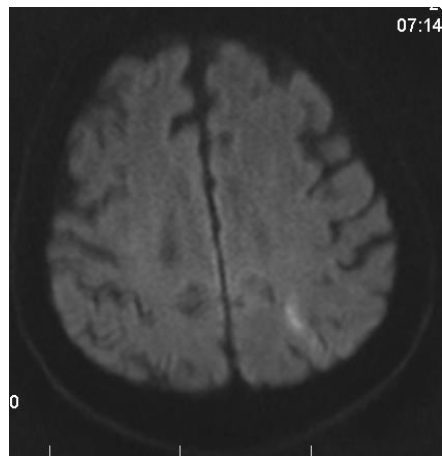
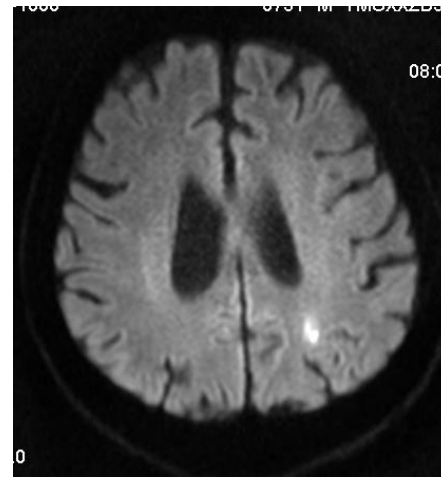
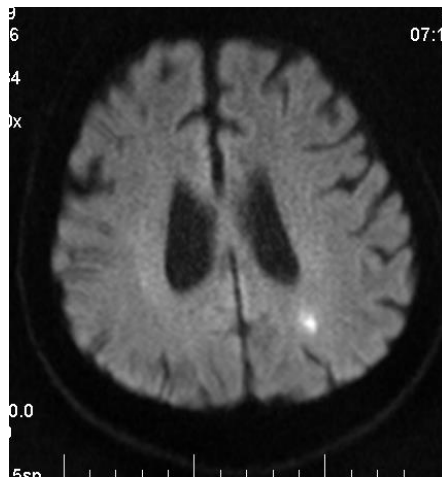
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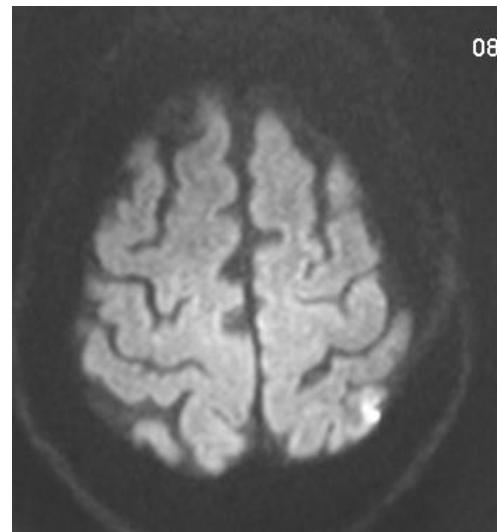
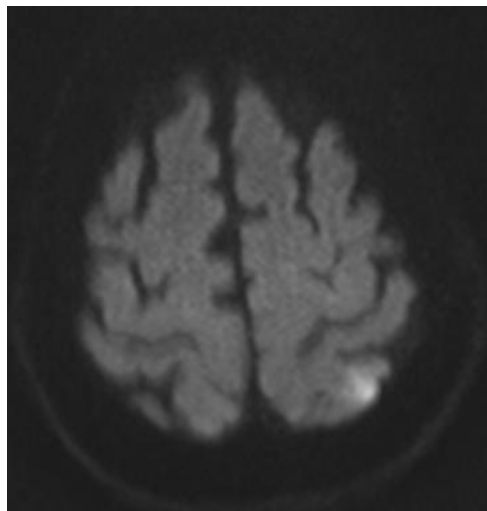
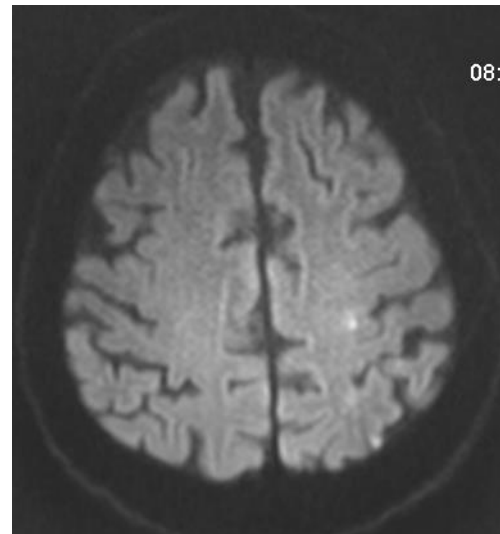
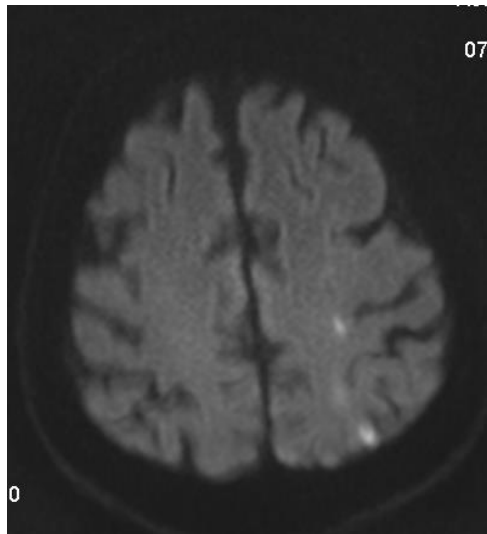
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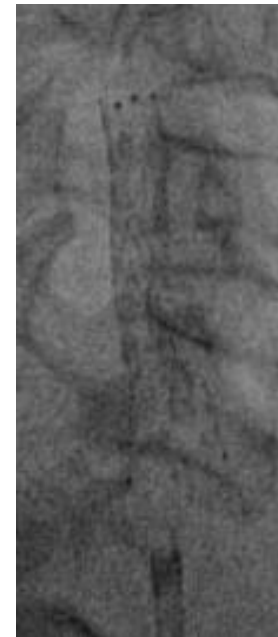
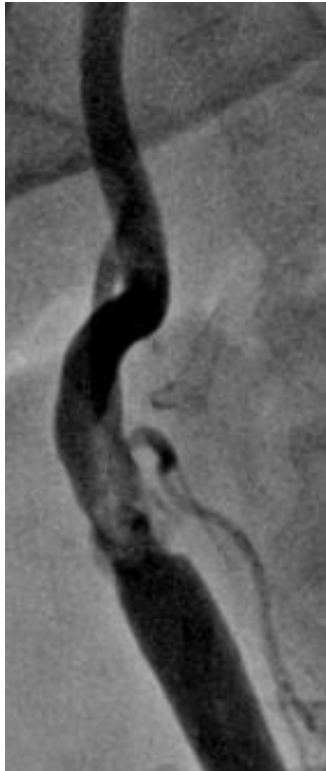
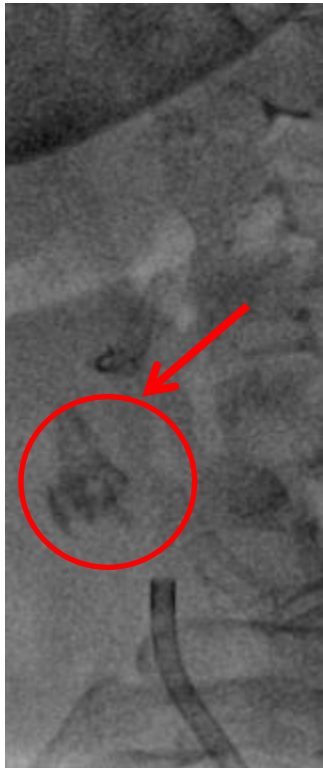
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RICA 6.2/1.5 m/s

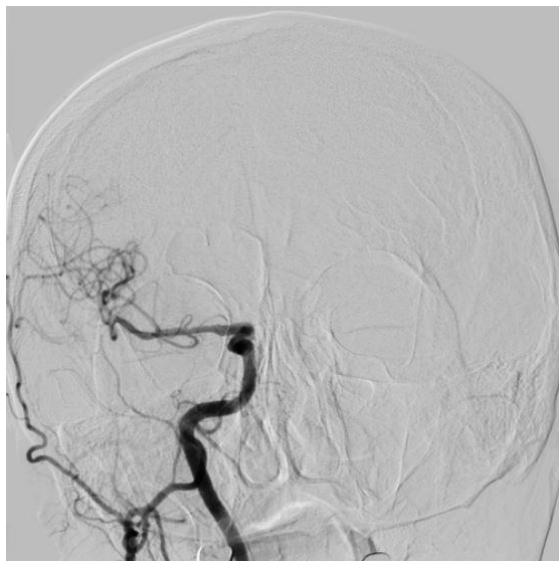
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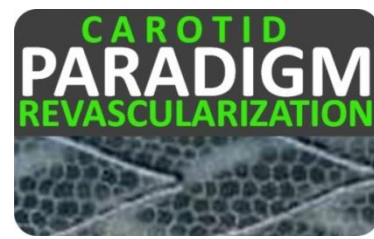
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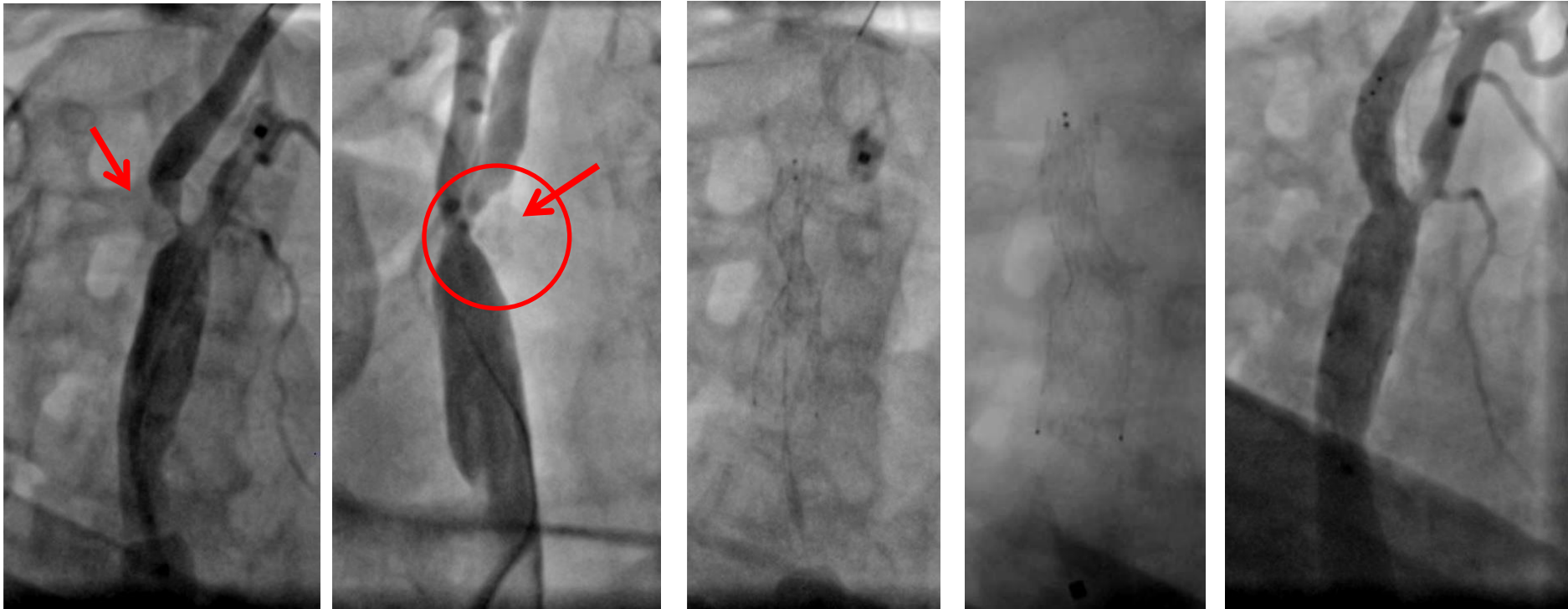


Predilatation 2.0x20 followed by NC 4.0x15, CGuard™ 8.0x40mm,  
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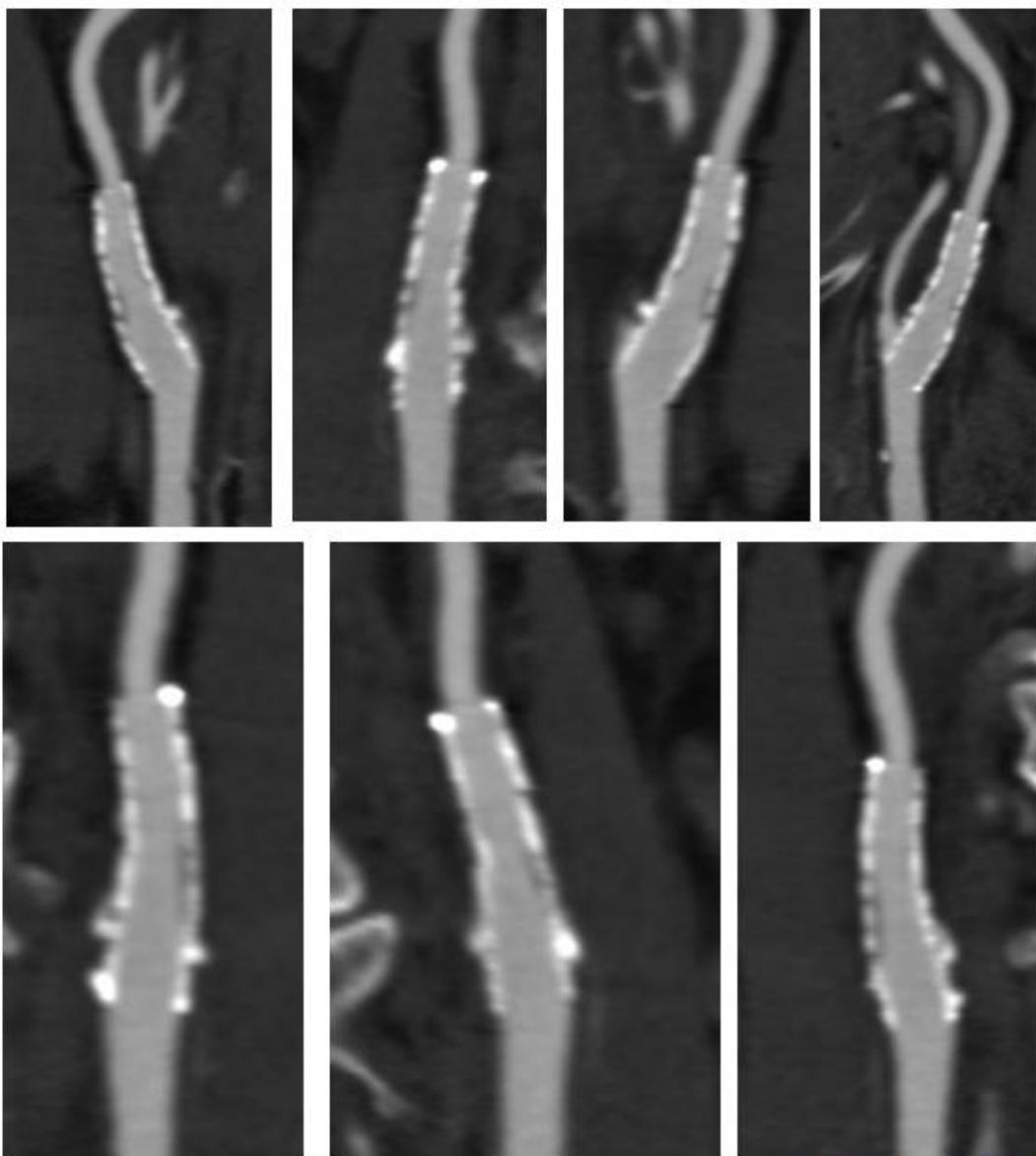


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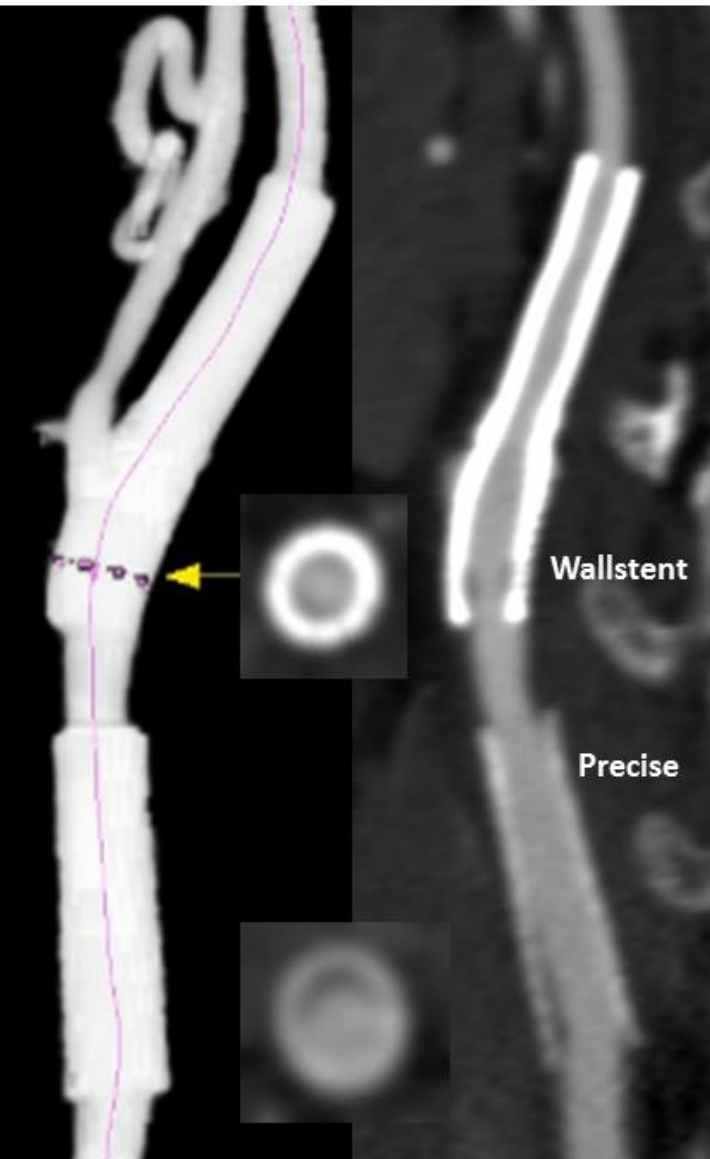


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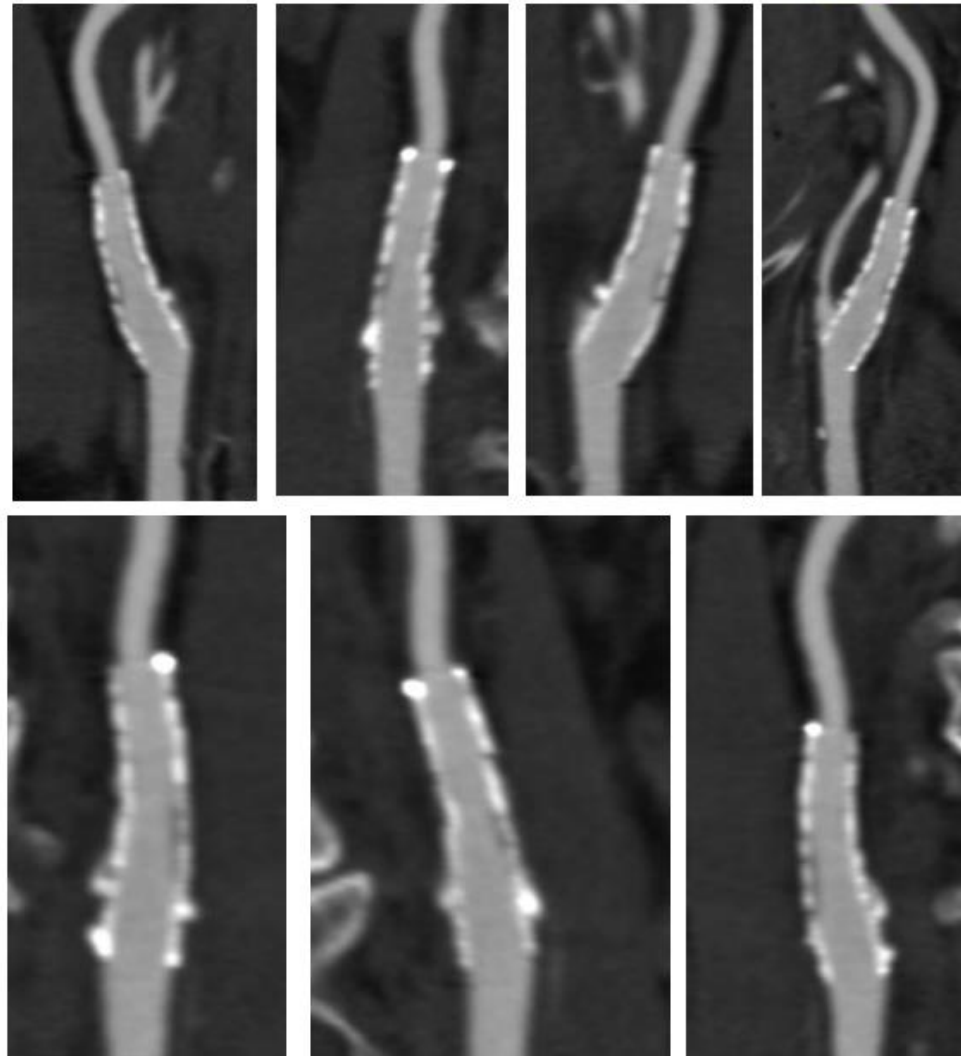
# CGuard 5 months follow-up



# RCCA & RICA



## LICA CGuard 5 months follow-up



# PARADIGM – EXTEND

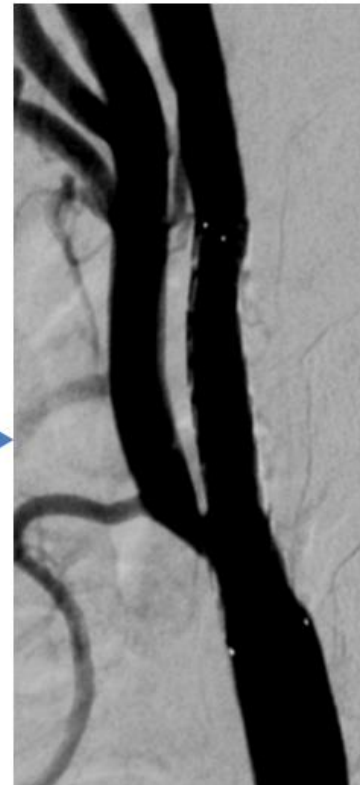
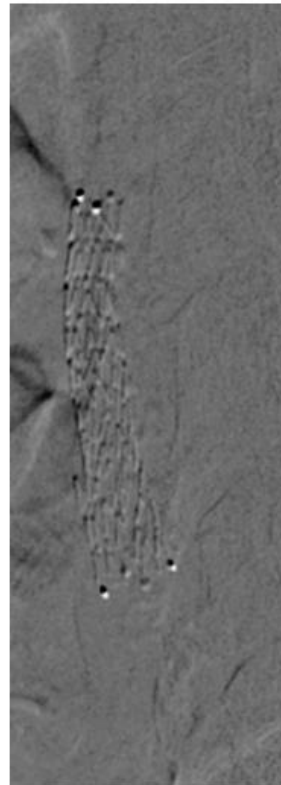
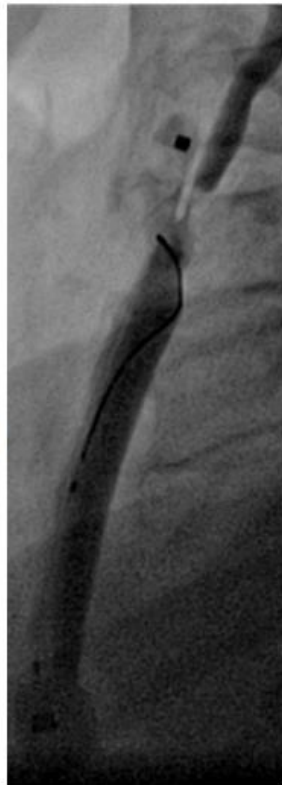


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**PARADIGM – 101** **recruitment completed**



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

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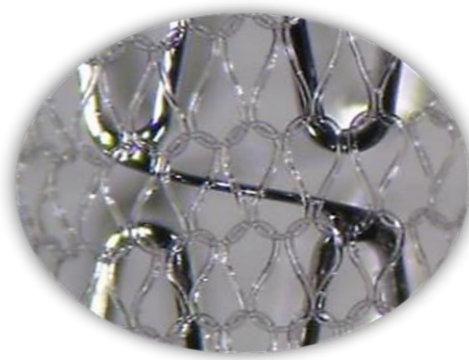


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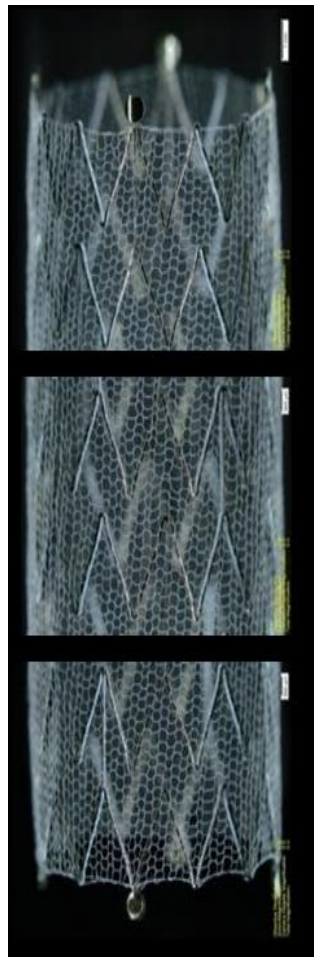
- 1 pulmonary embolism death @ 5 mo
- 1 respiratory failure death @ 8 mo
- 1 malignant tumor death @ 9 mo



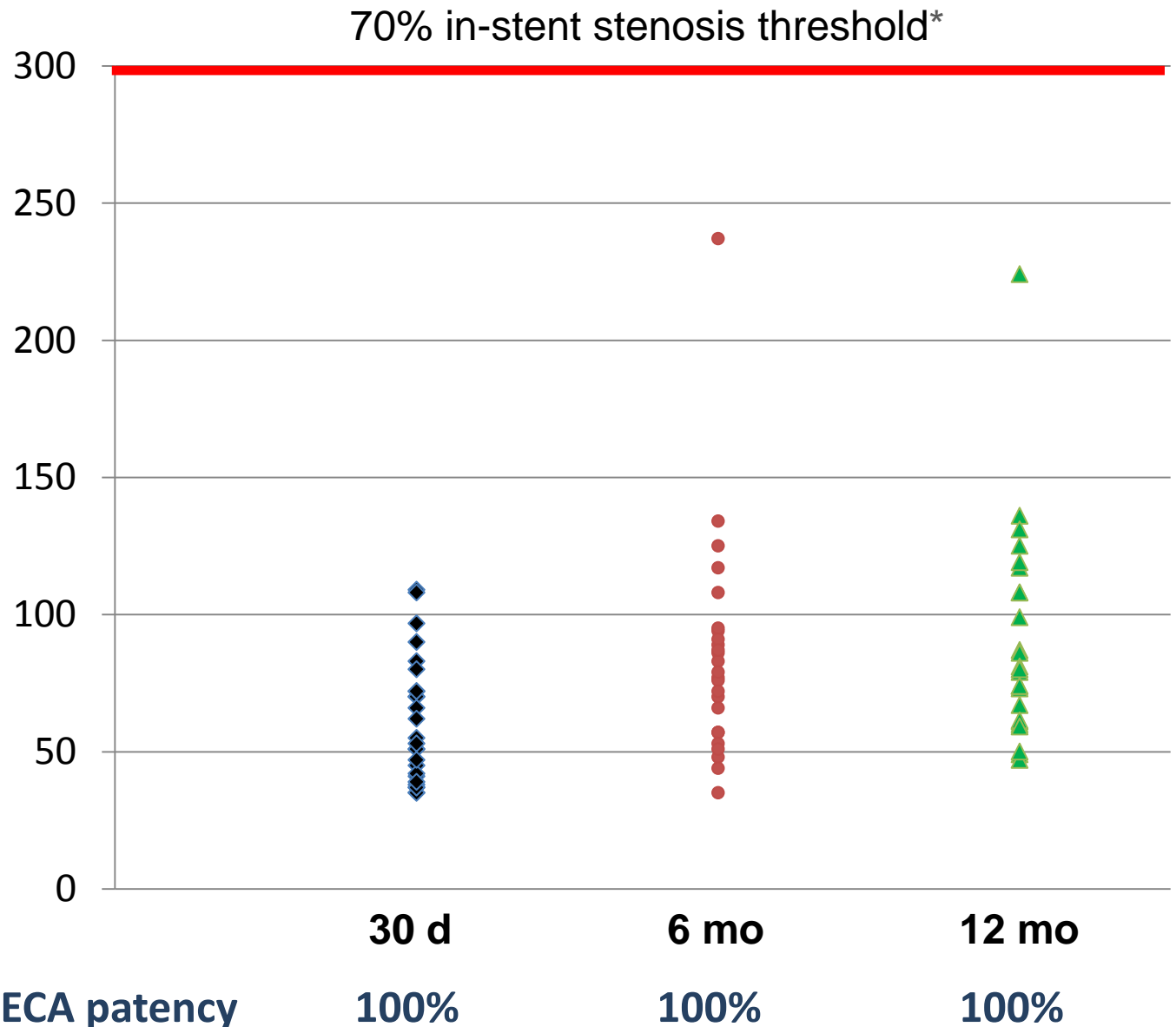
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- A large, curved, grey mesh device, likely the CGuard Carotid Embolic Prevention System, is shown on the left side of the slide.
- NO device-related adverse events
  - NO procedure-related events

**CARENET Multicenter Trial 12 mo data**

# CARENET in-stent Peak Systolic Velocities

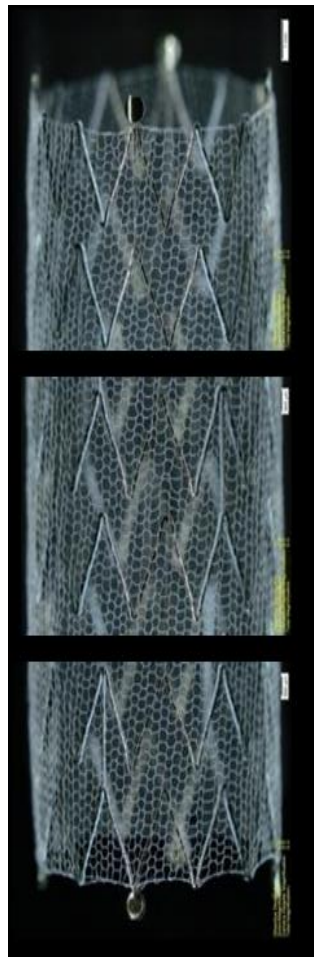


Peak Systolic Velocity (cm/sec)

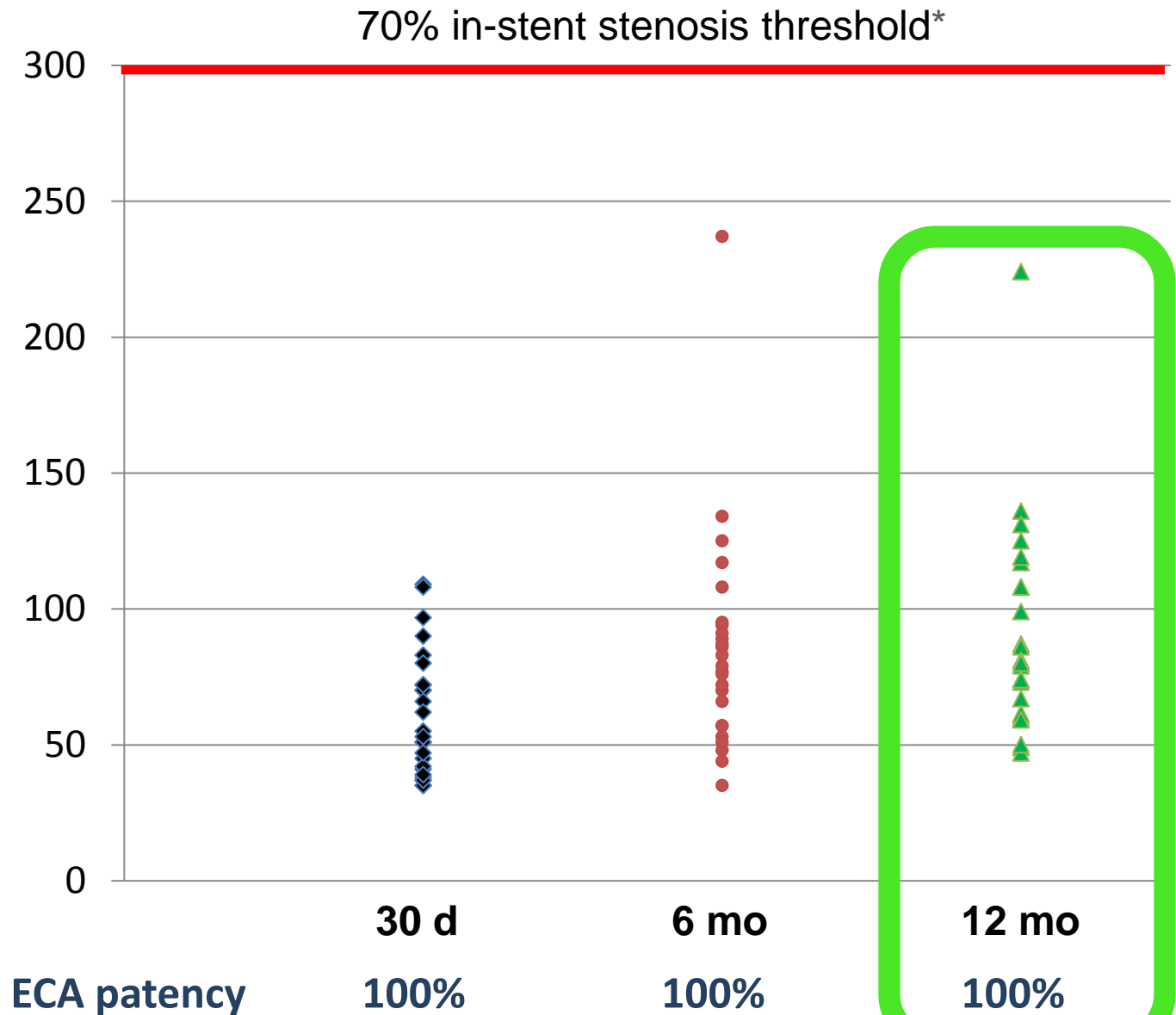


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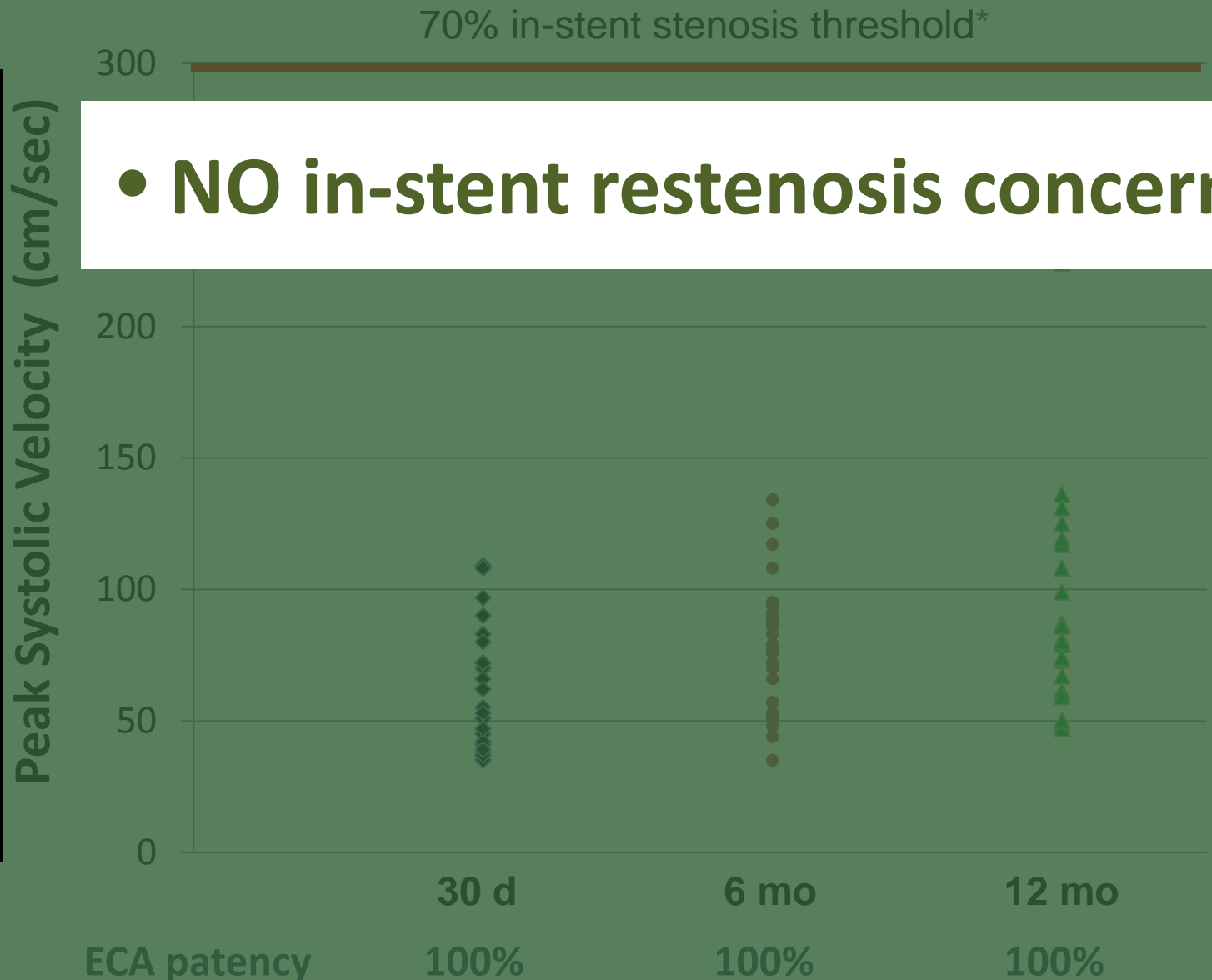
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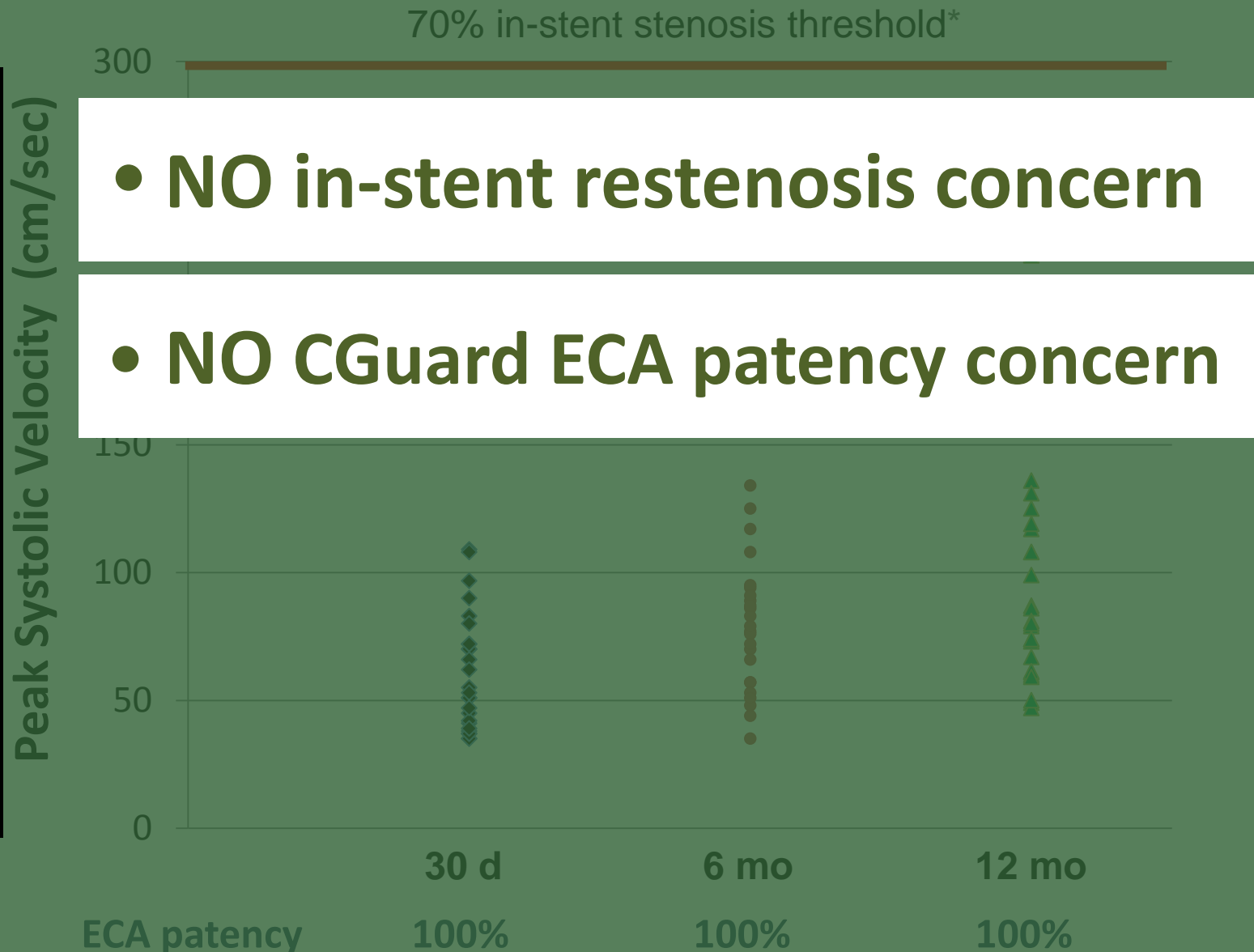
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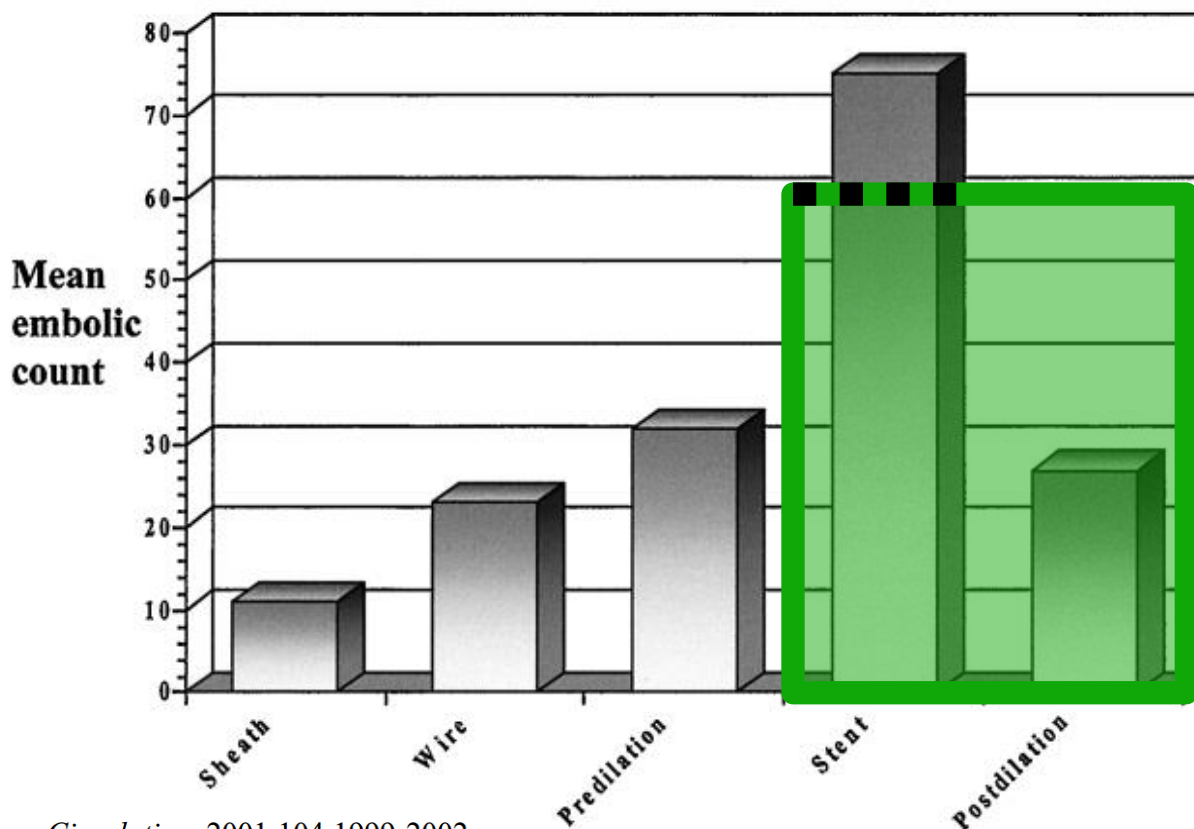
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## Effect of the Distal-Balloon Protection System on Microembolization During Carotid Stenting

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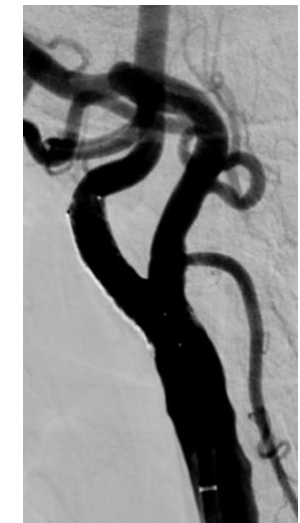
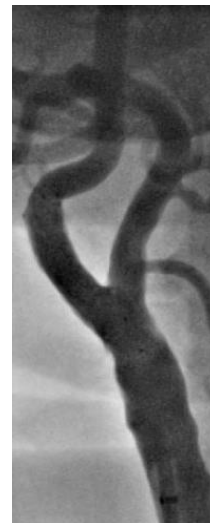
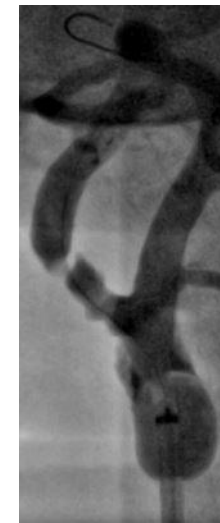
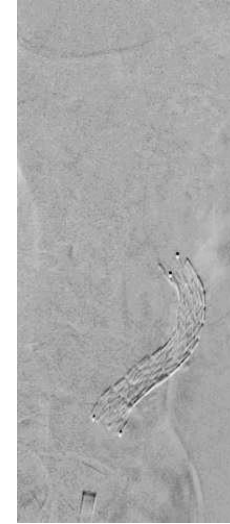
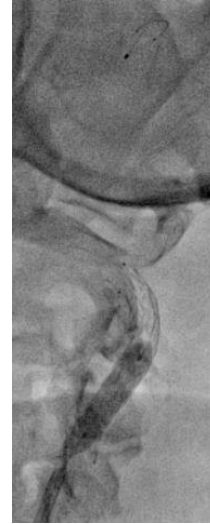
**CAS (and CEA) are –and *will* remain–  
emboli-generating procedures**



*Circulation.* 2001;104:1999-2002

amenable to  
elimination  
with  
MicroNet

# Endovascular **Solution** for All-Comers



Note  
self-tapering

## Endovascular **Reconstruction** of the Carotid Bifurcation

Prevention of embolism, Optimal radial force, Excellent conformability...

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-> 'endovascular anatomic reconstruction' ✓
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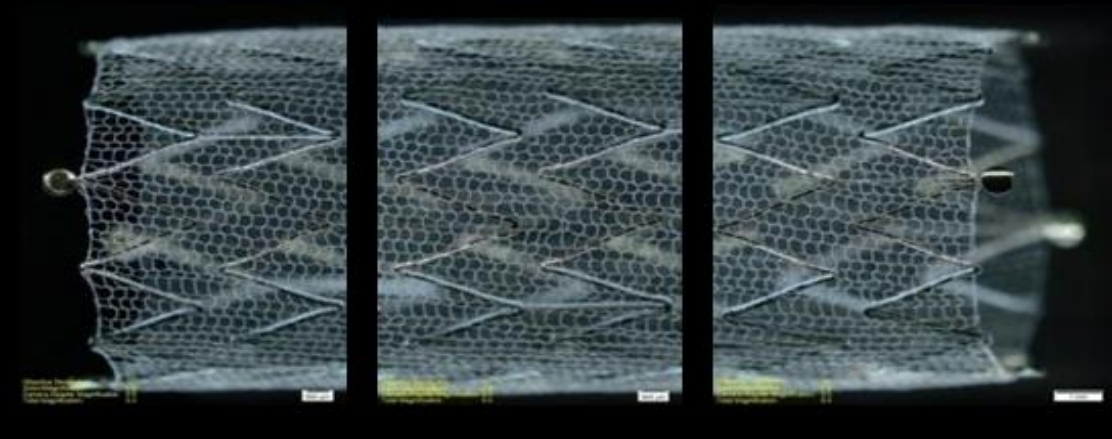
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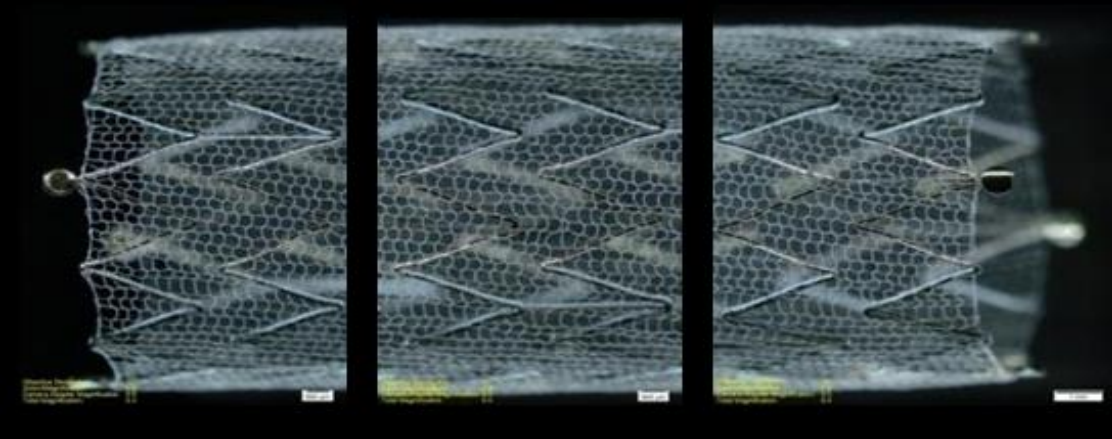
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**DW-MRI Evidence (CARENET)**

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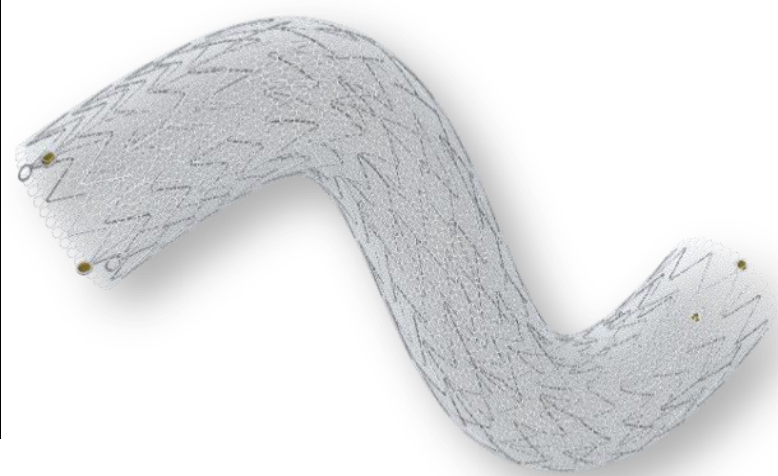
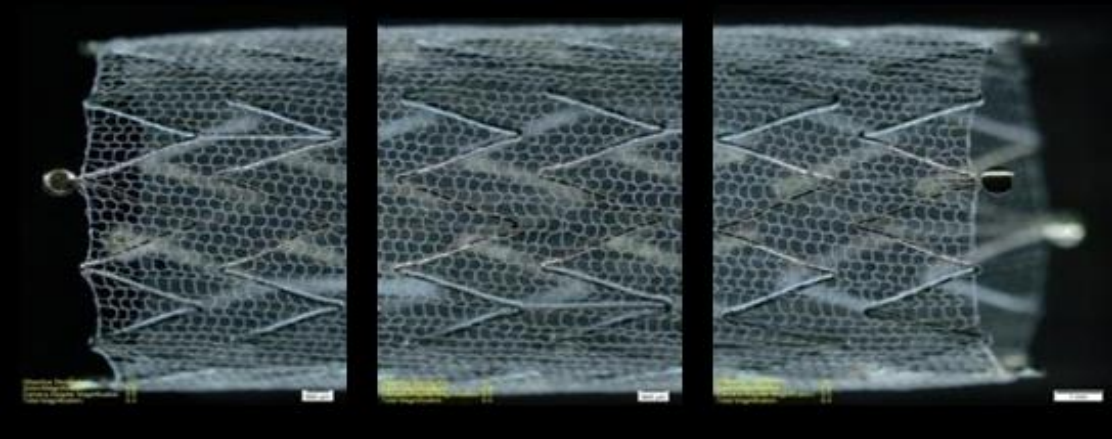


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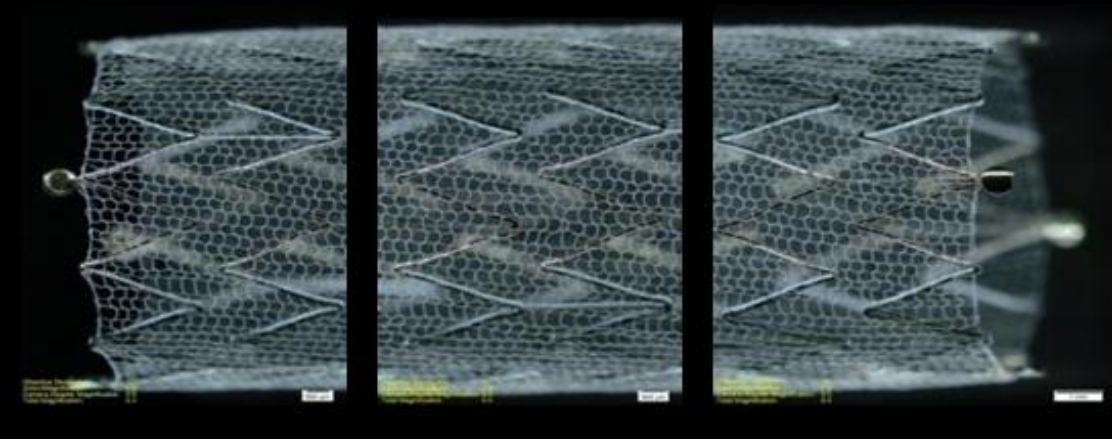


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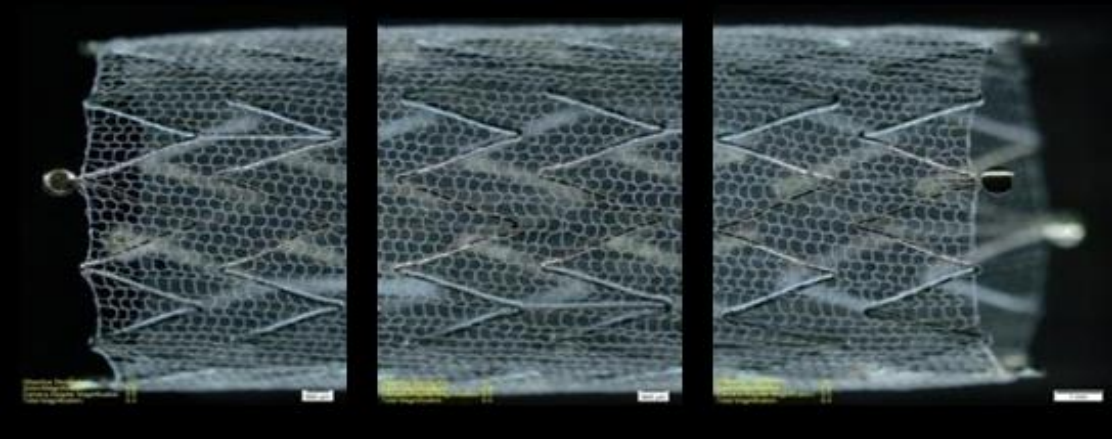


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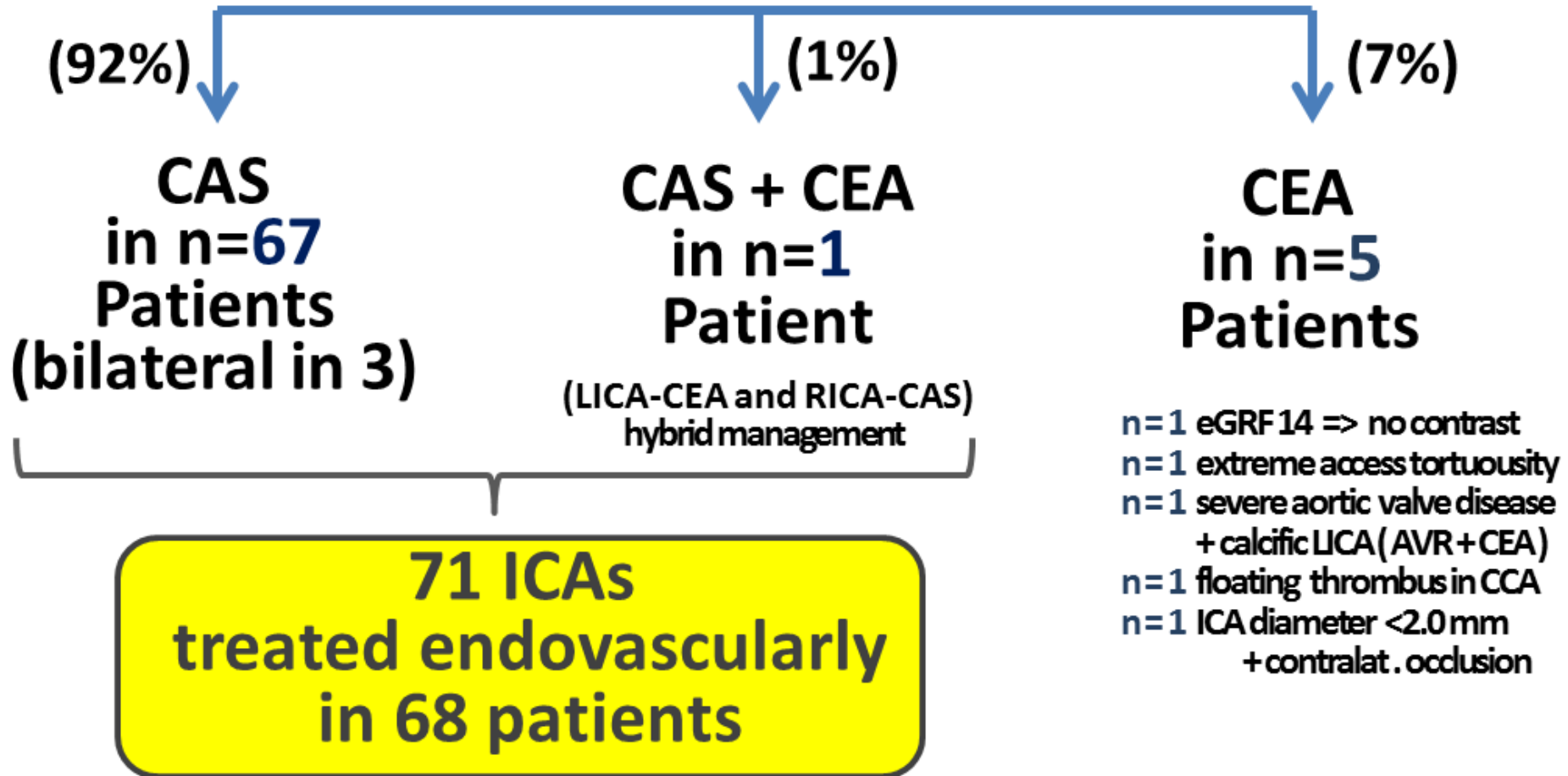


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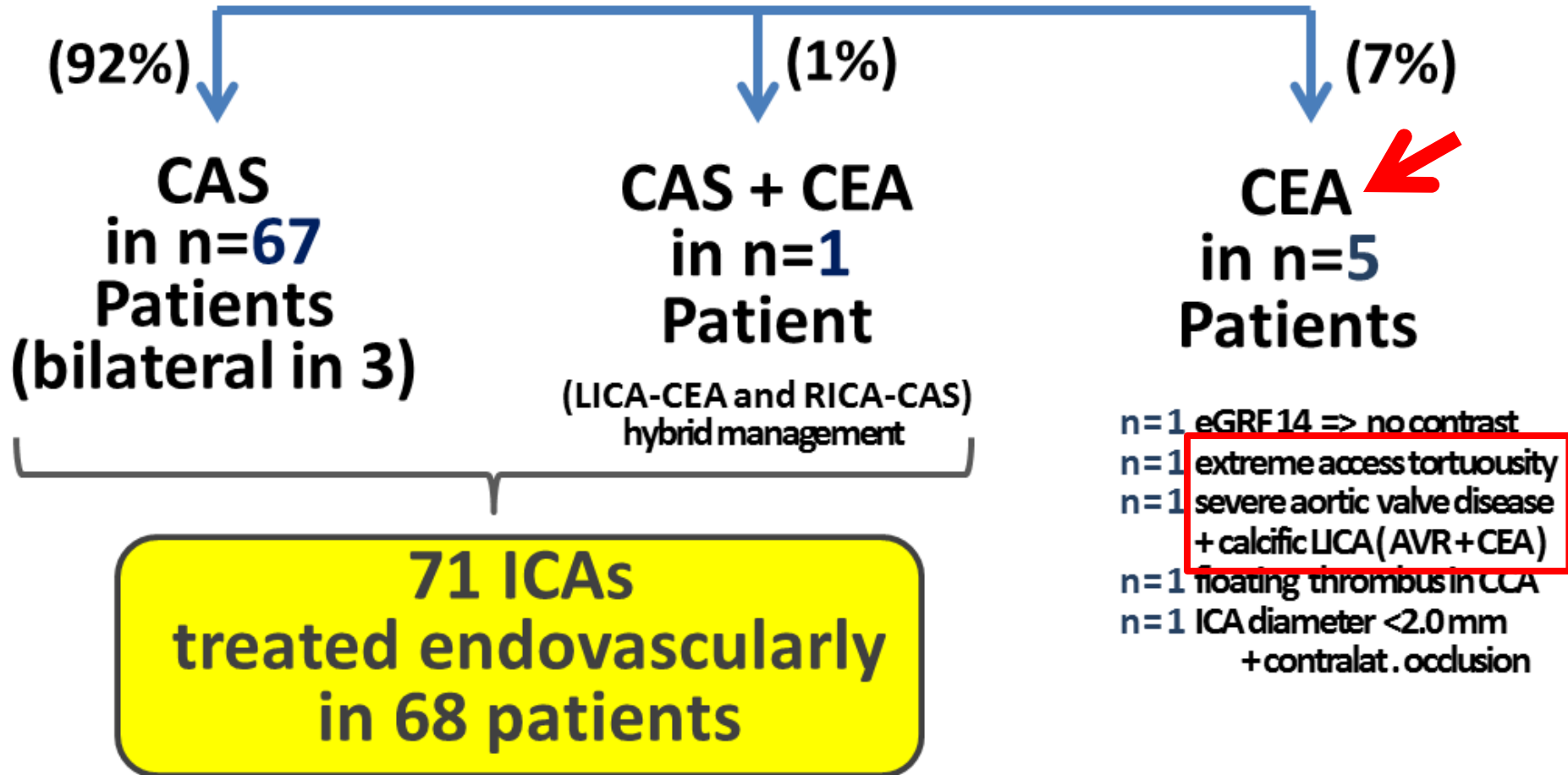
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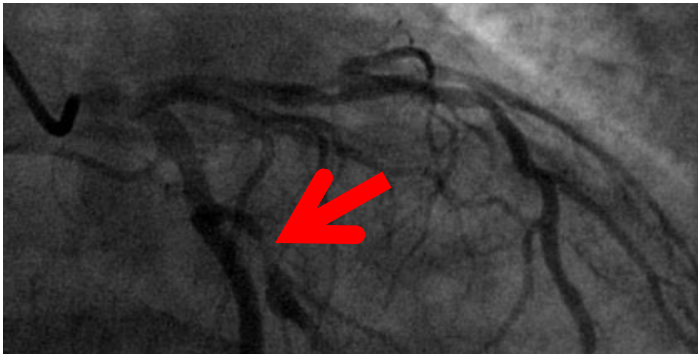
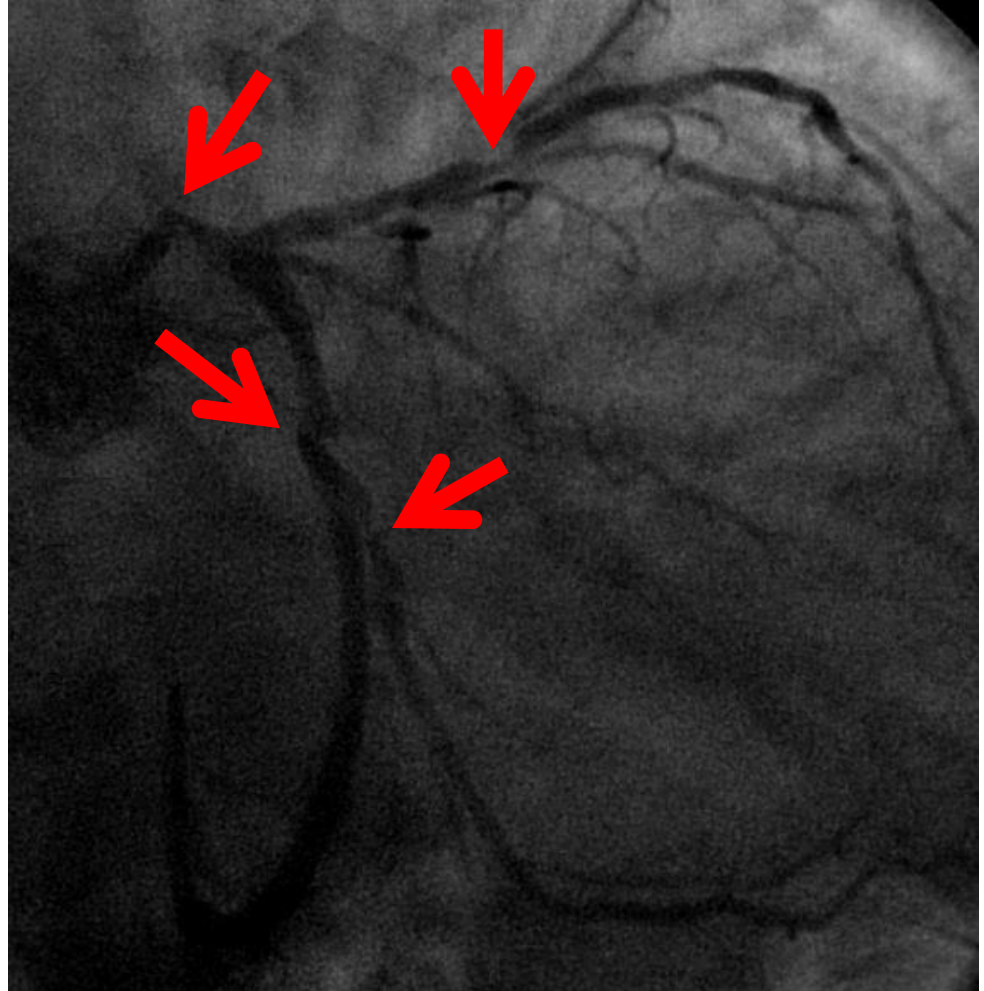
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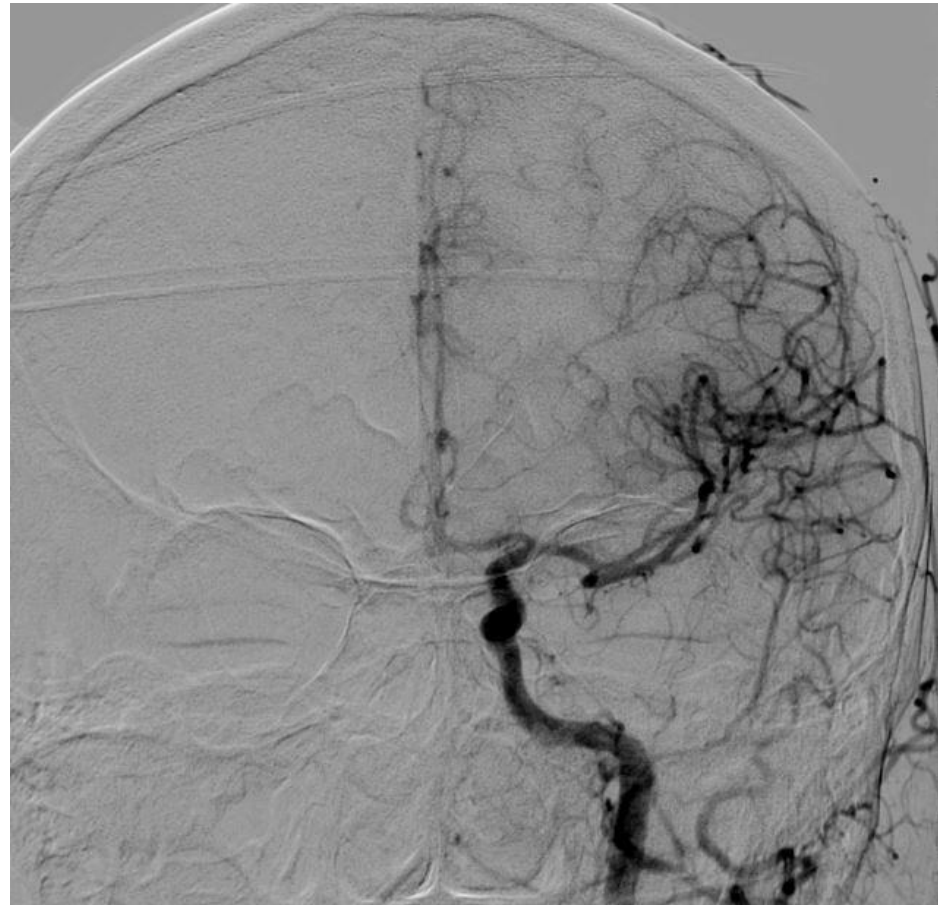
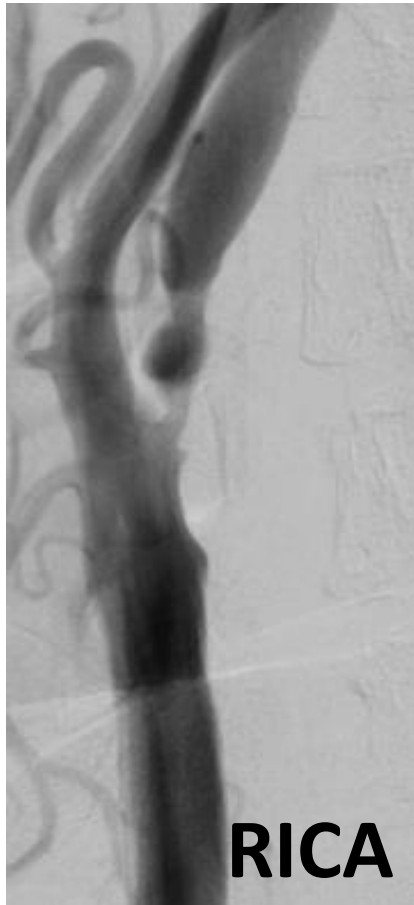


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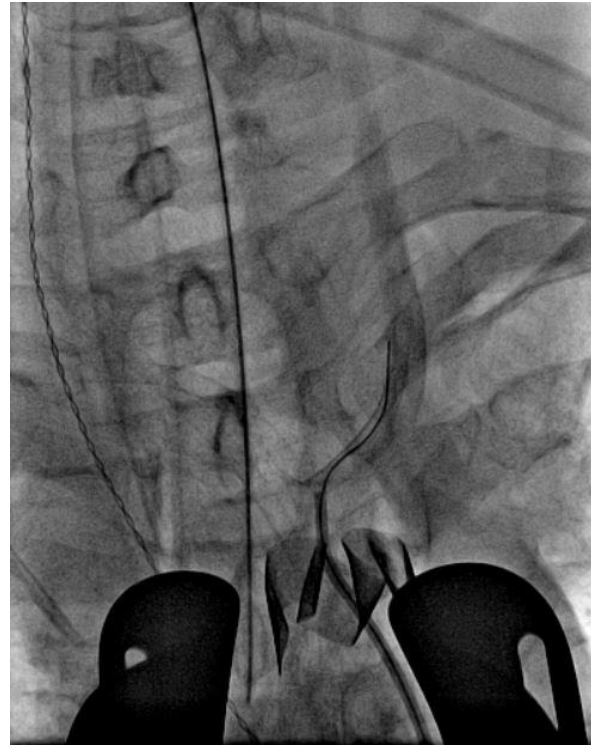
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***Open-chest patient***



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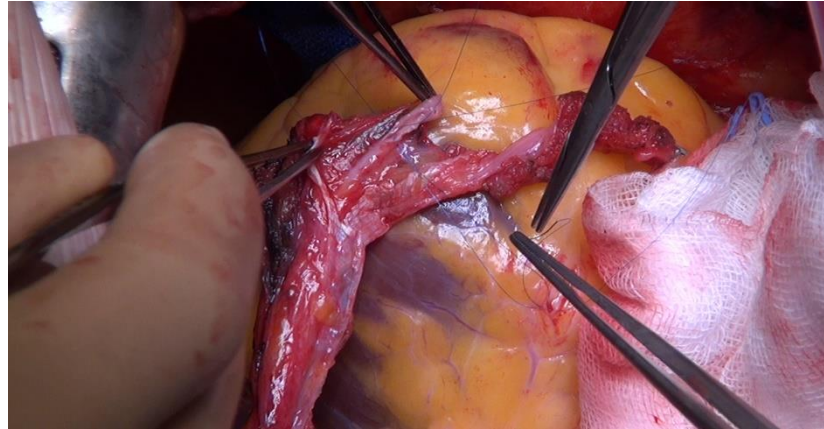
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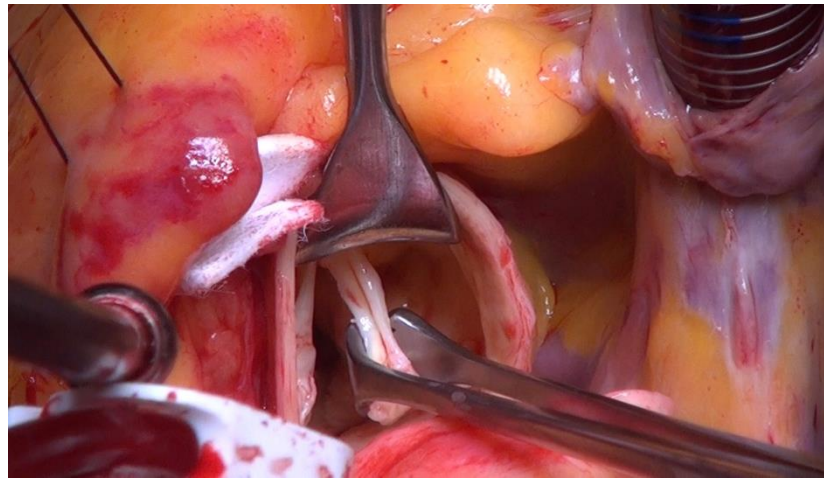
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**(3 grafts)**



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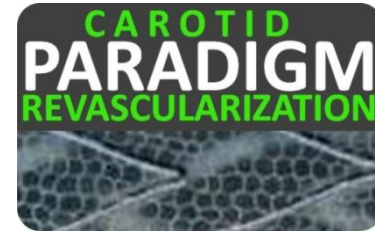
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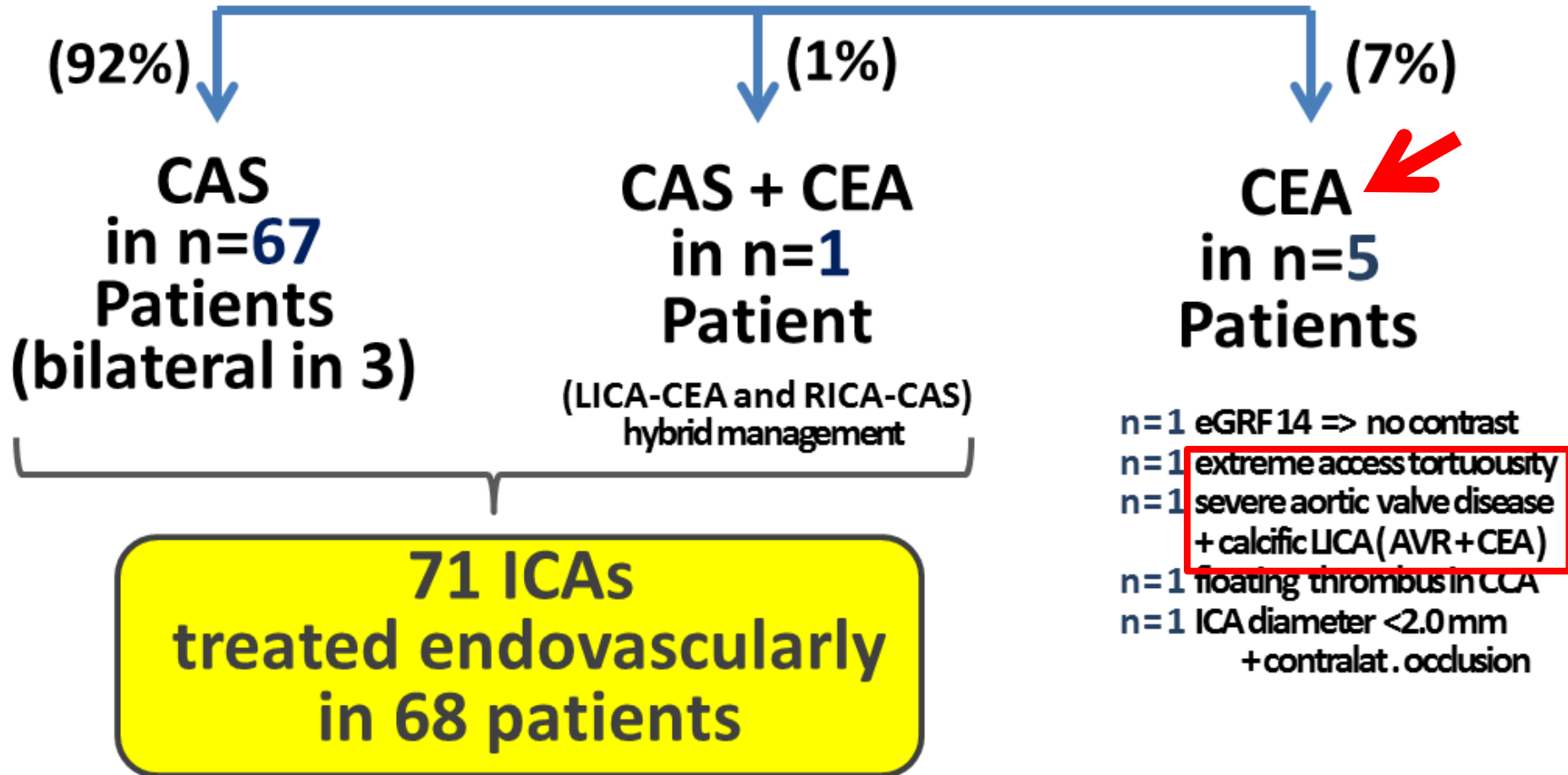
On day 5 the patient – asymptomatic and w/o any deficit – discharged to a rehab centre, 30 day follow-up uneventful; now scheduled for RICA - CAS

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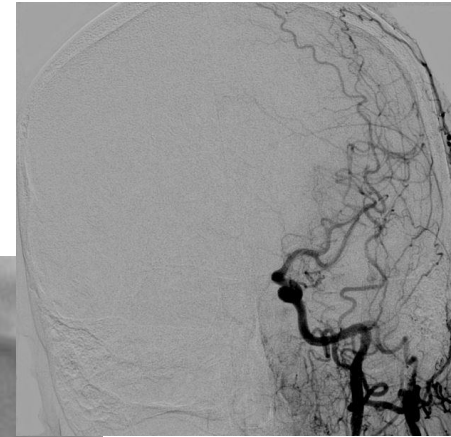


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**TW, man 69 yo**

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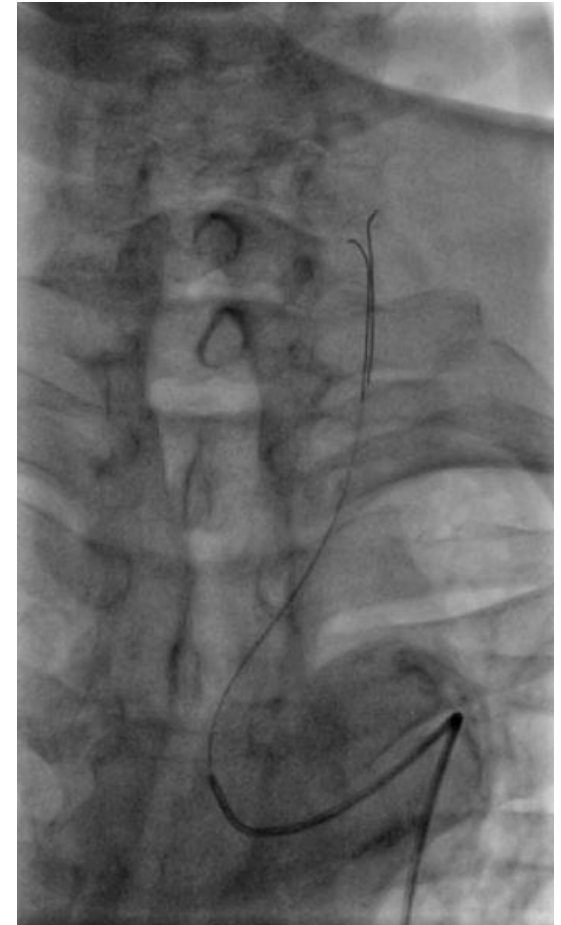
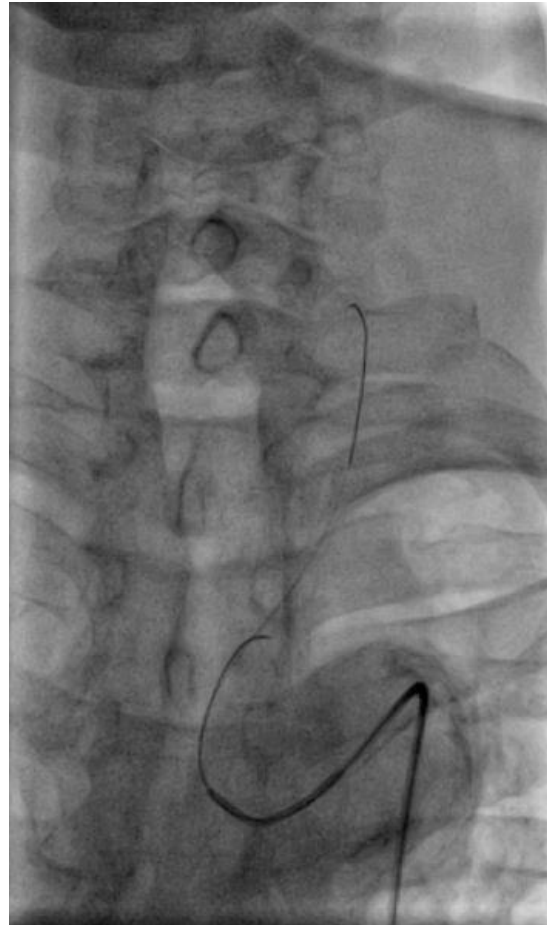


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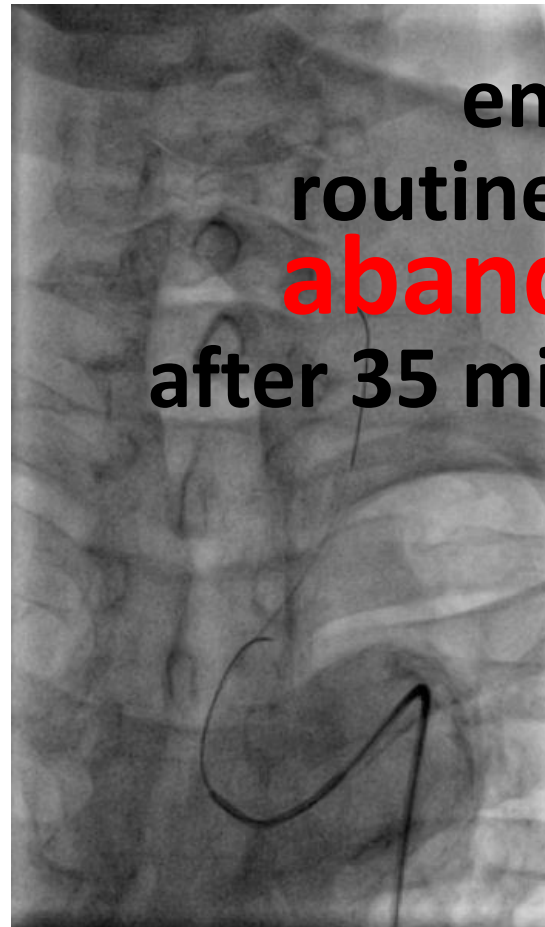
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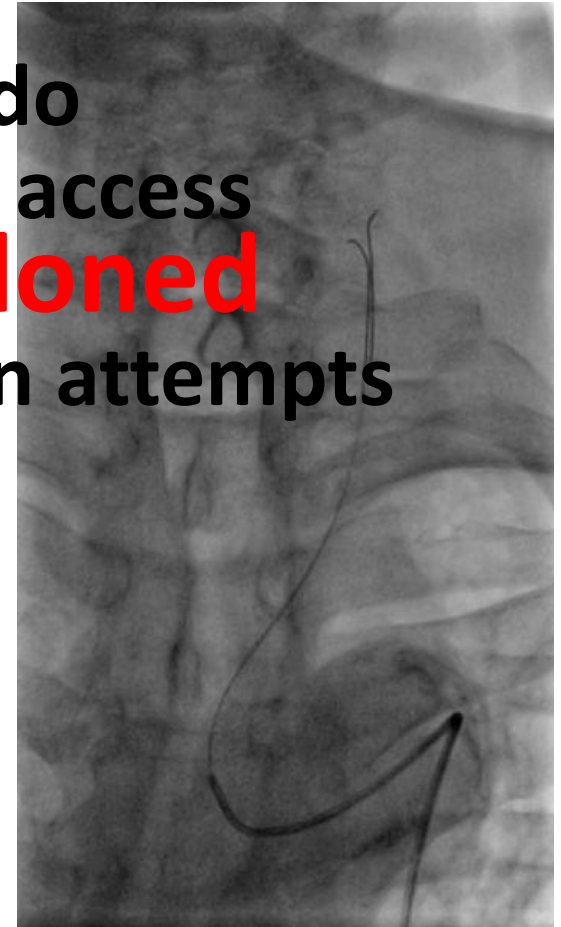
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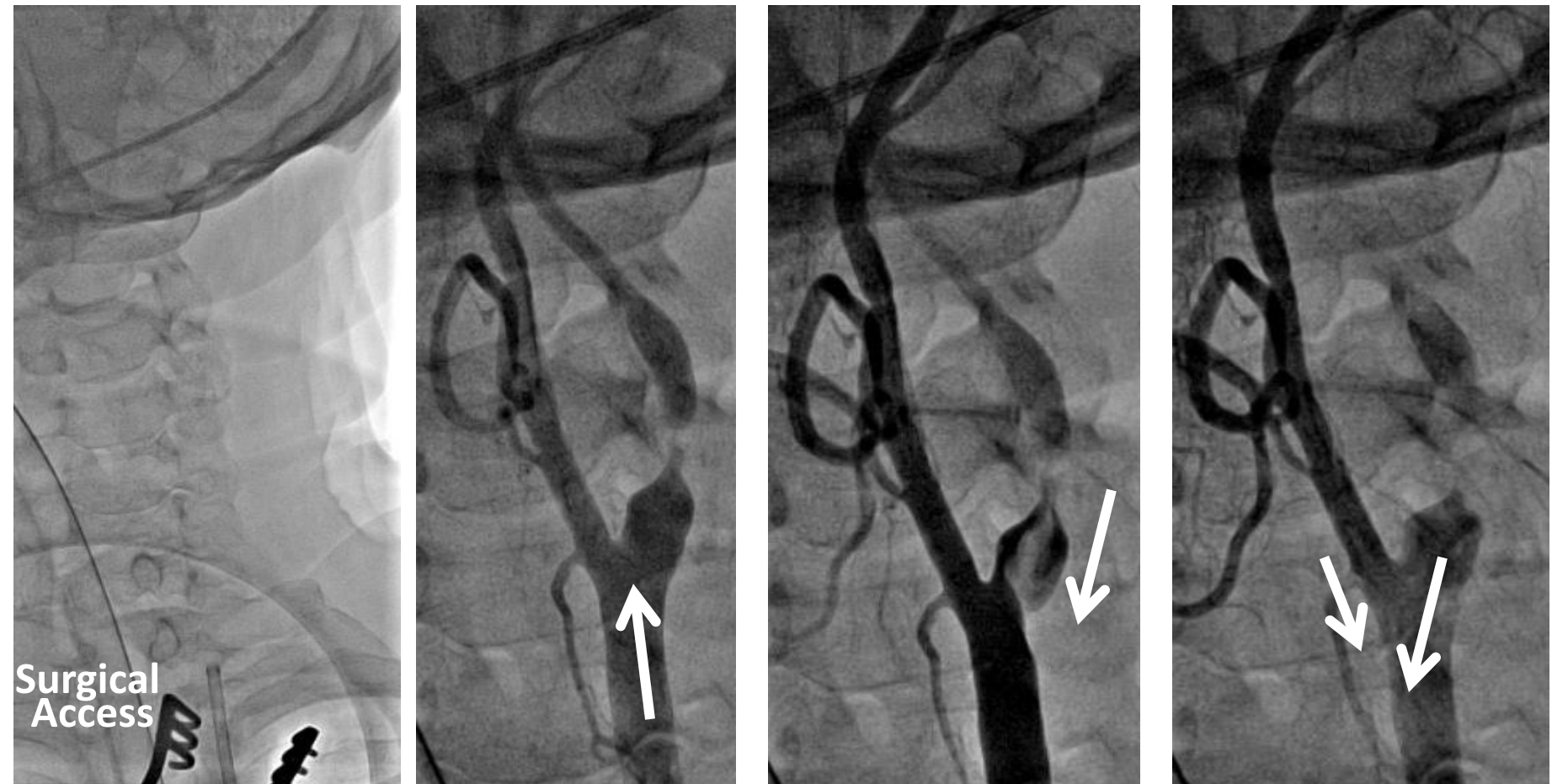


endo  
routine access  
**abandoned**  
after 35 min attempts



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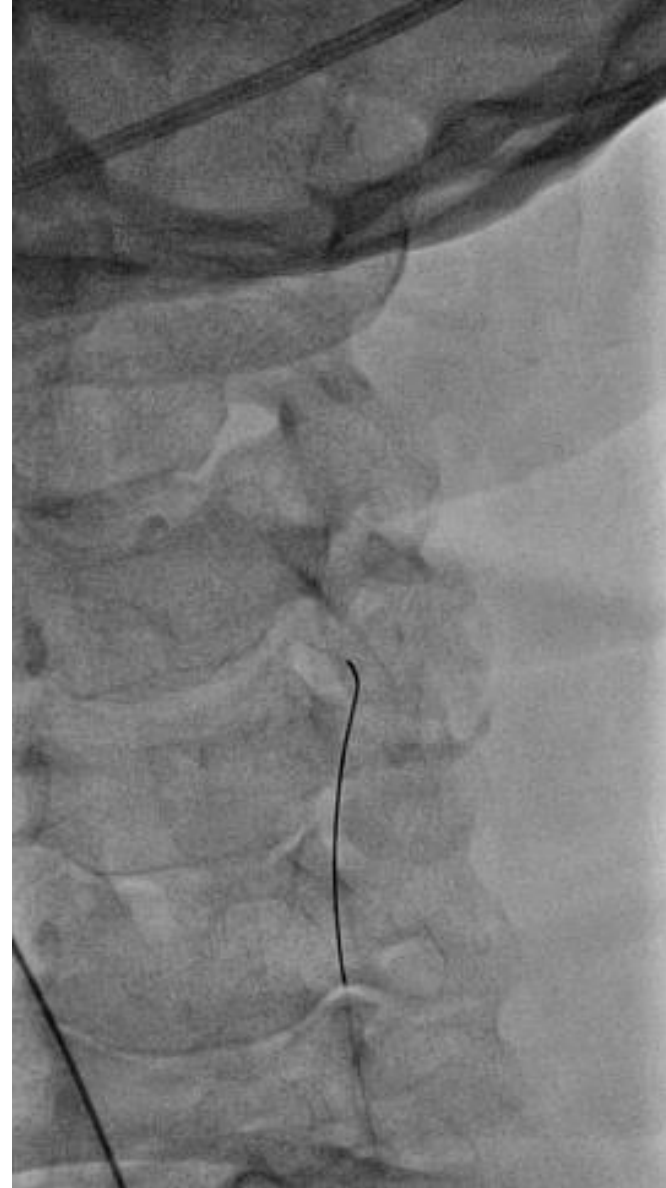
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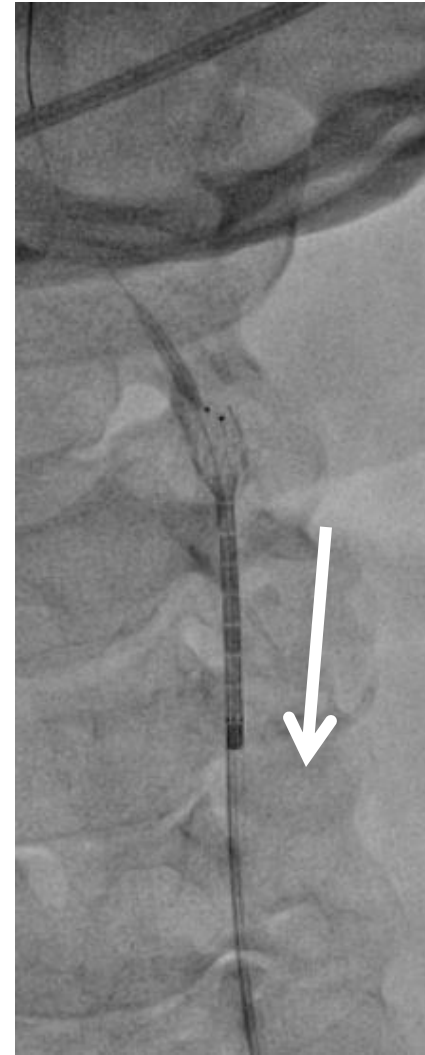
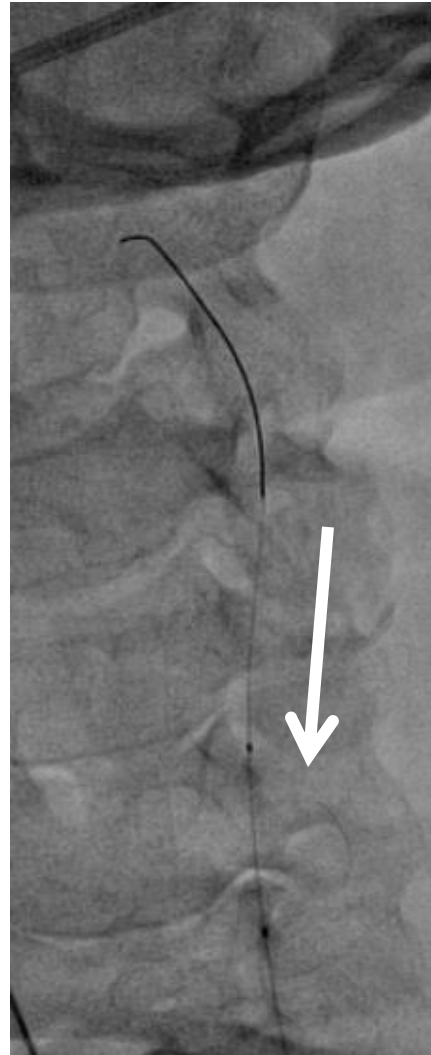
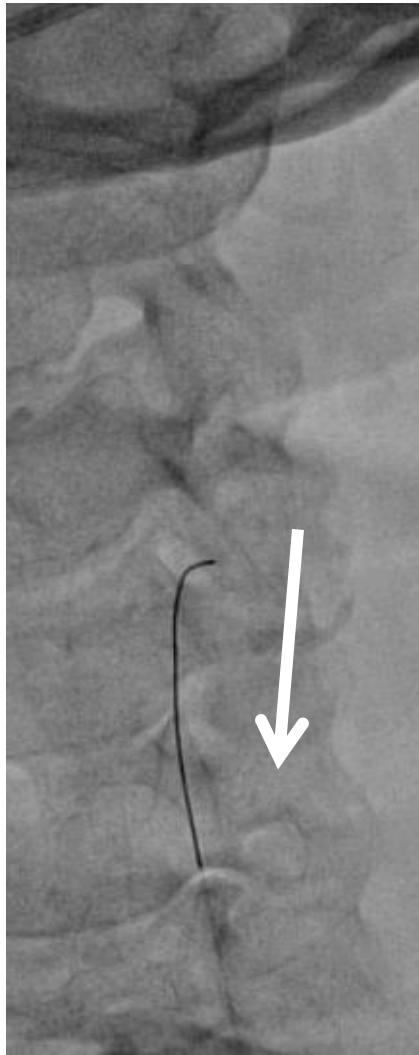
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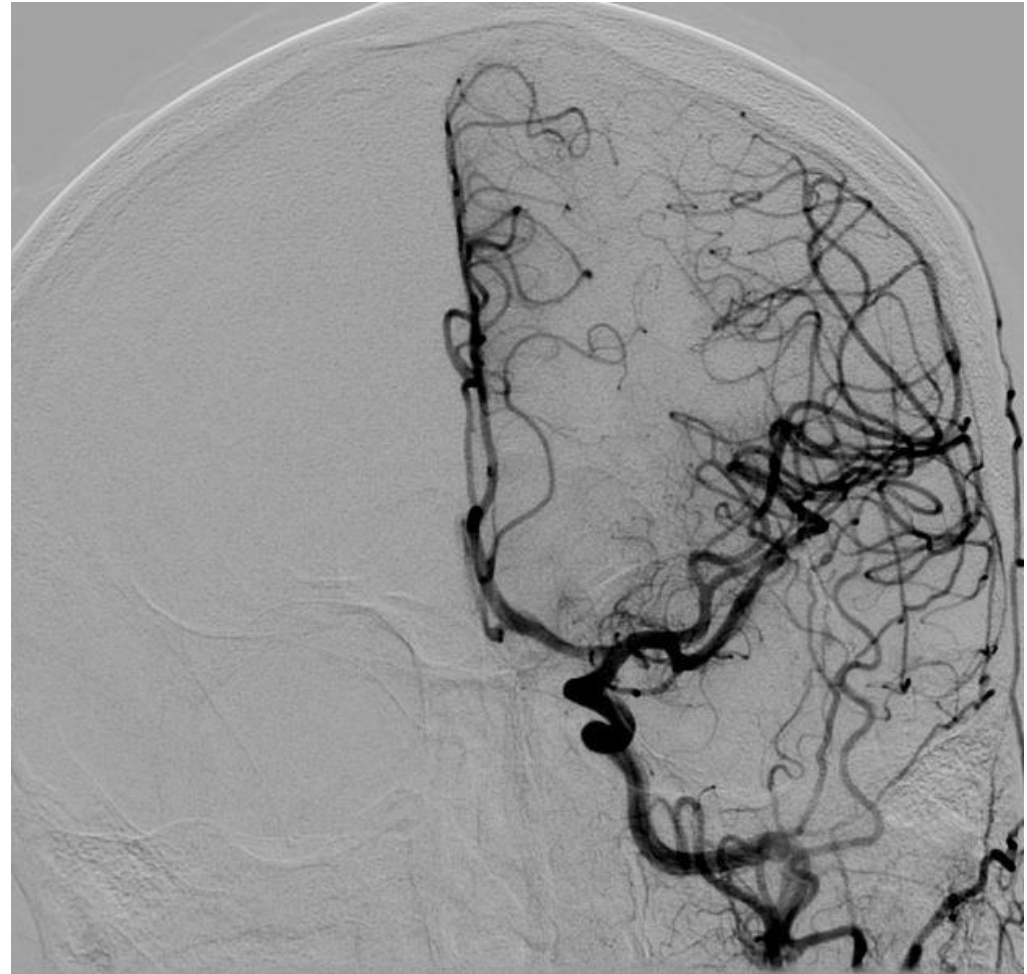
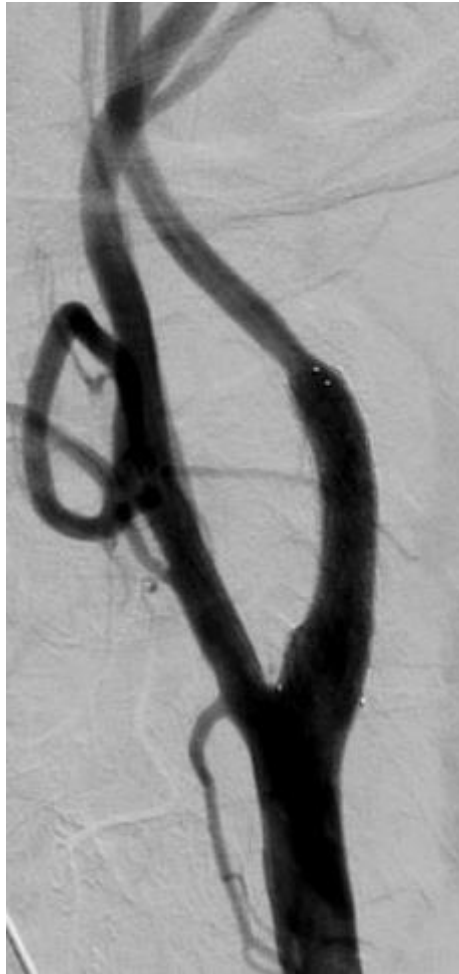
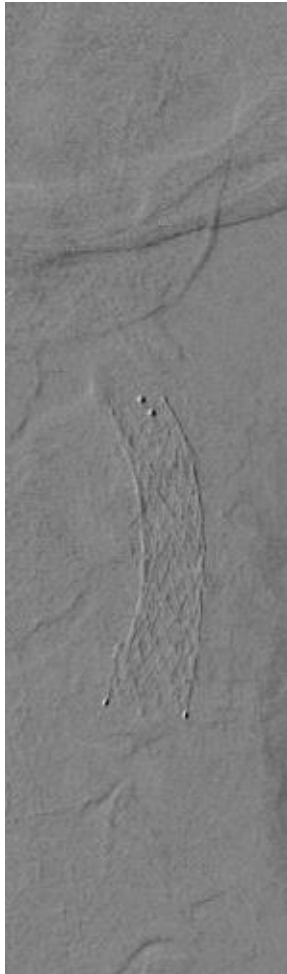
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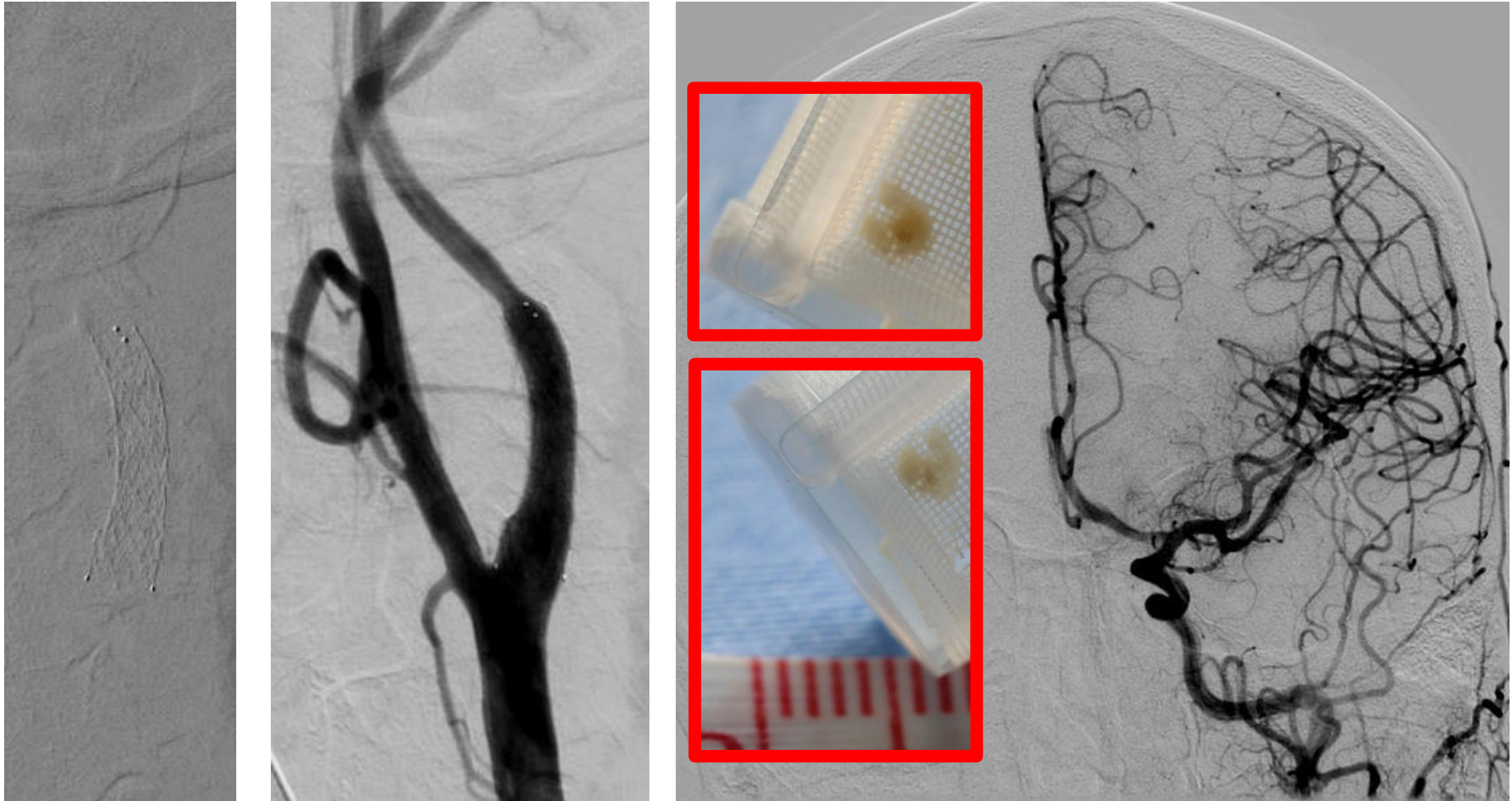


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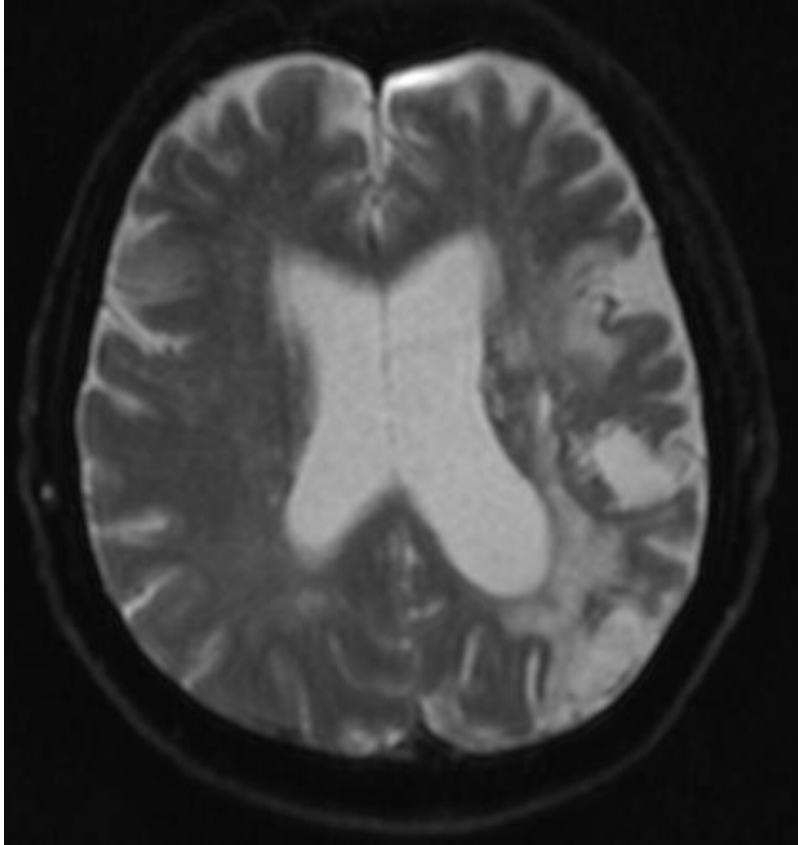
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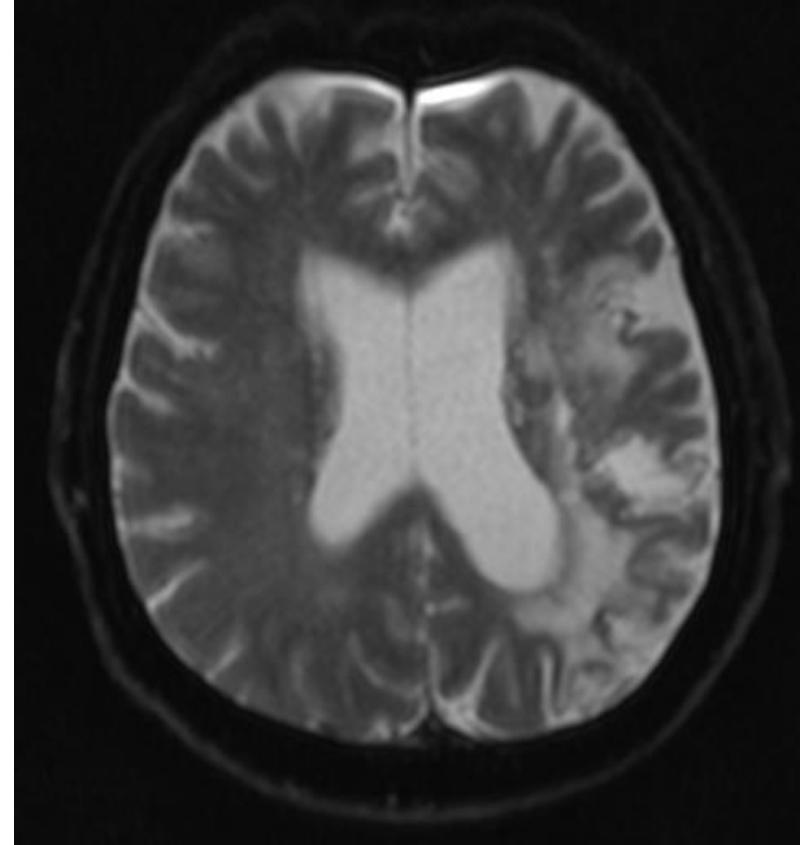
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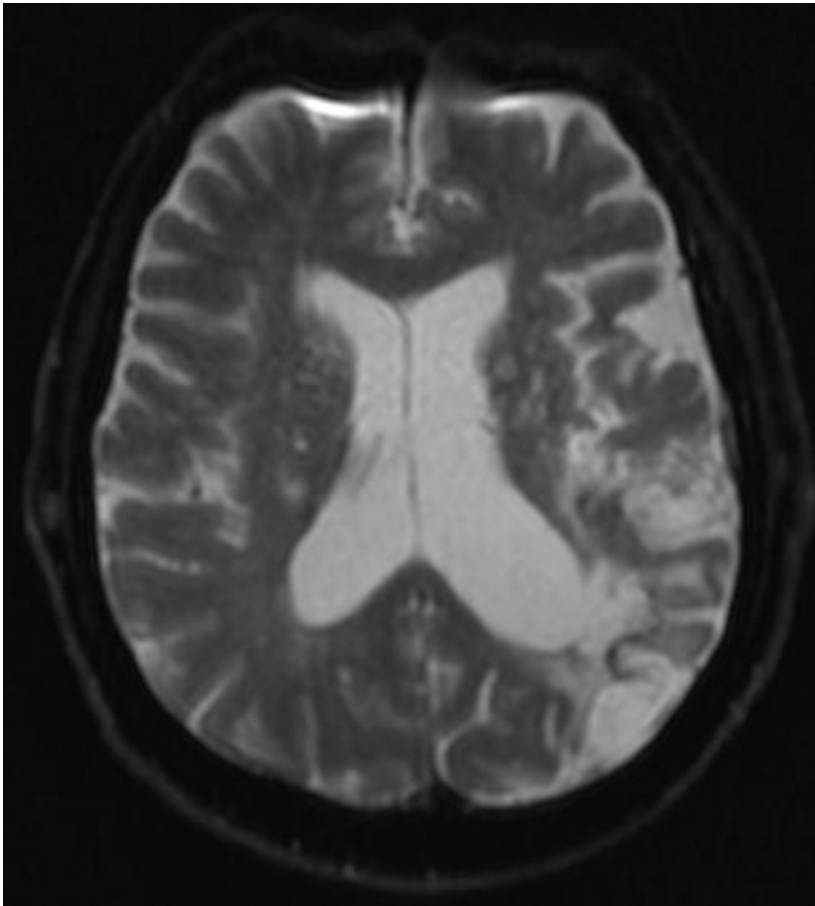
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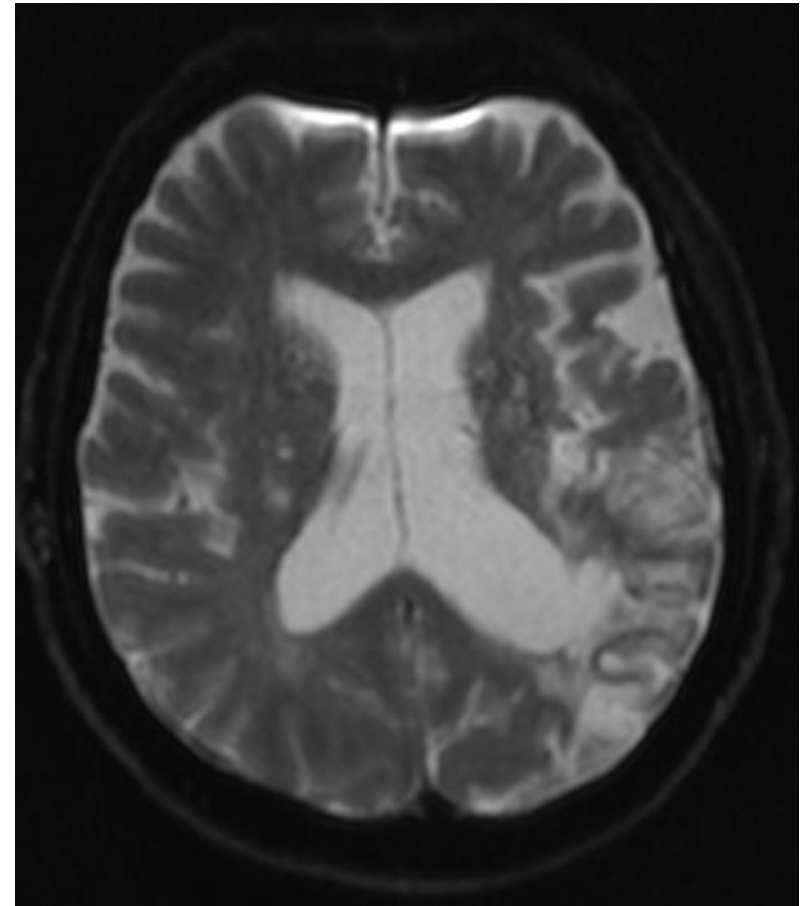
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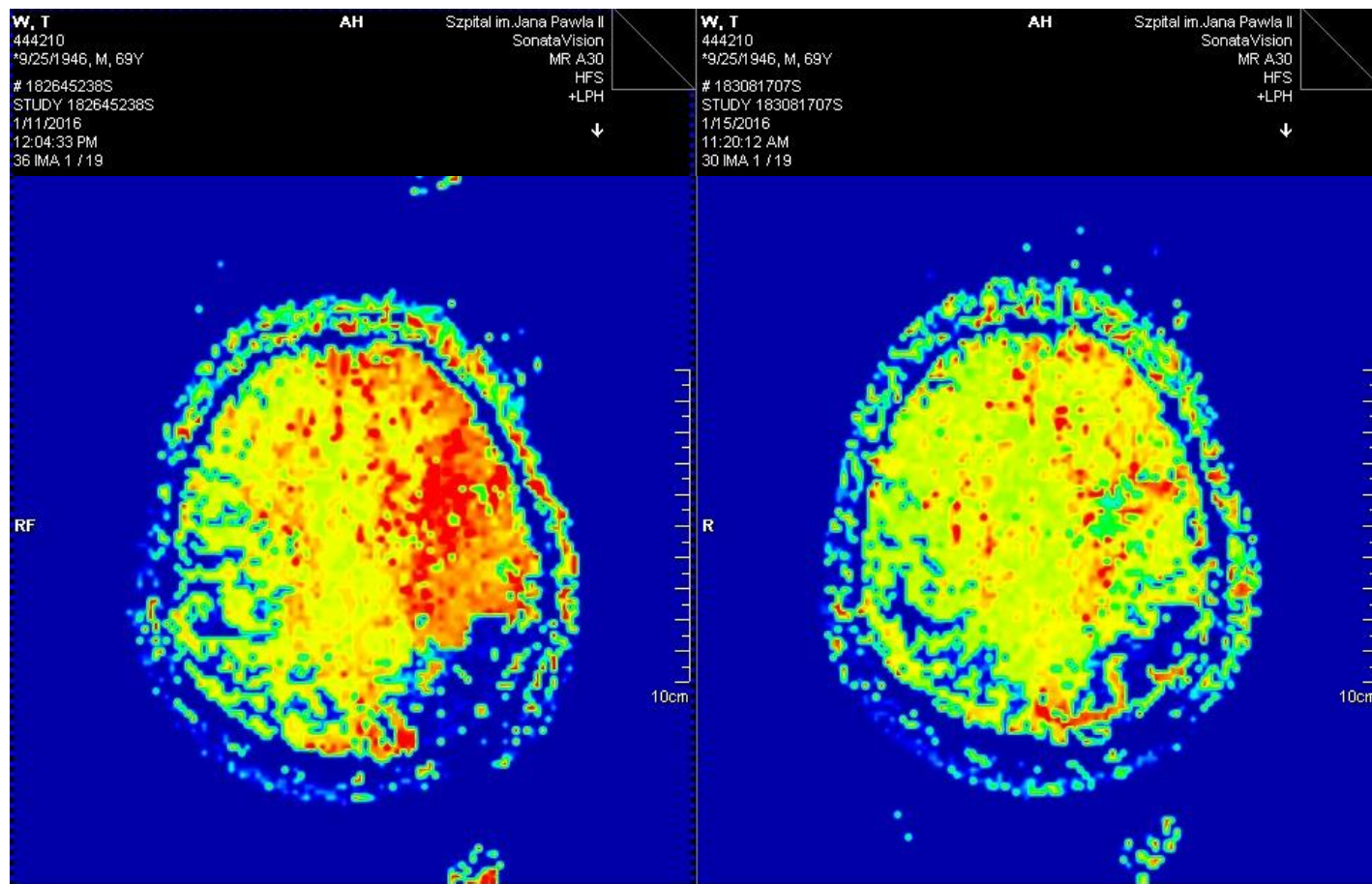
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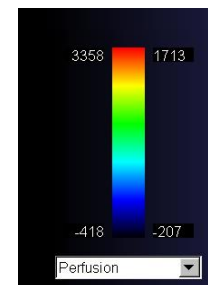
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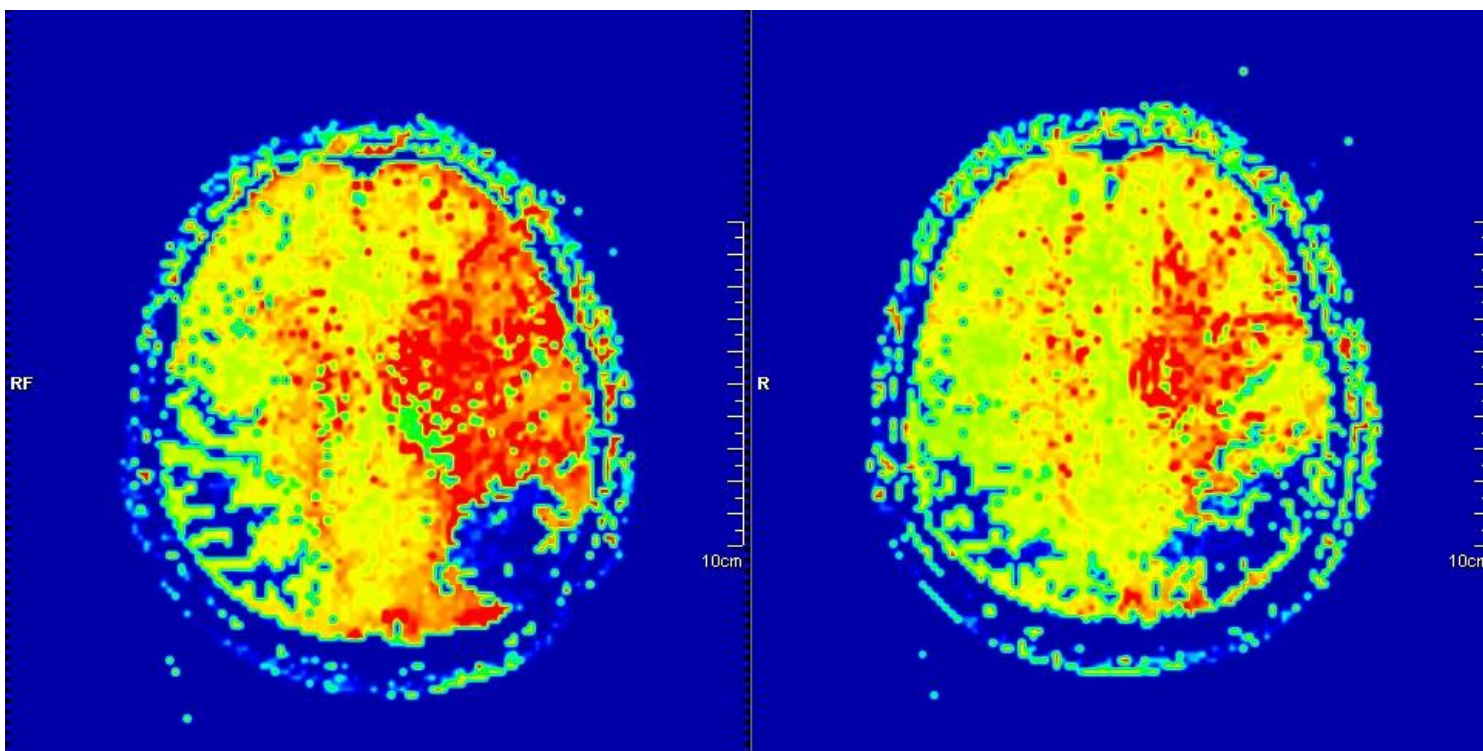
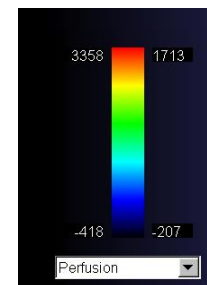
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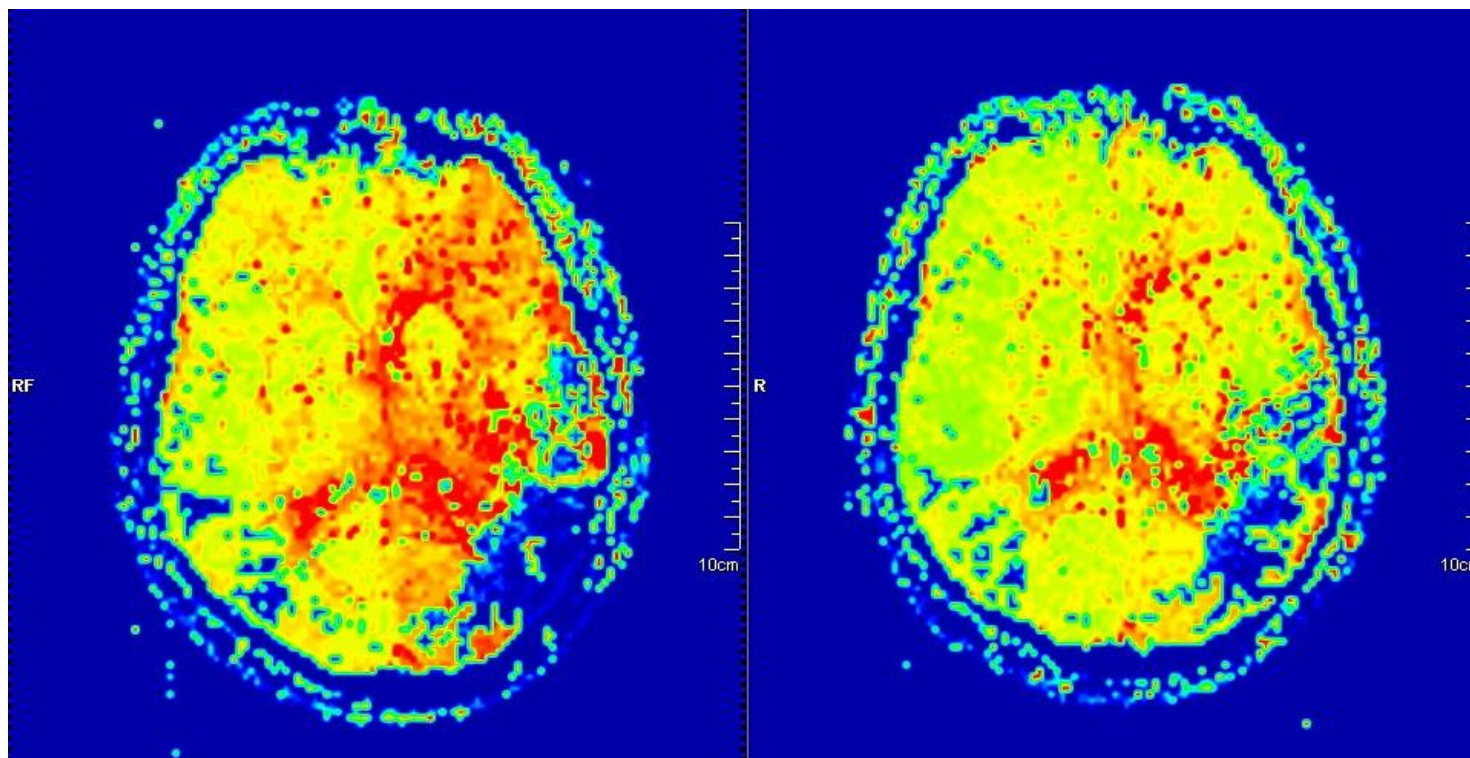
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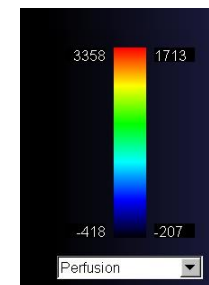
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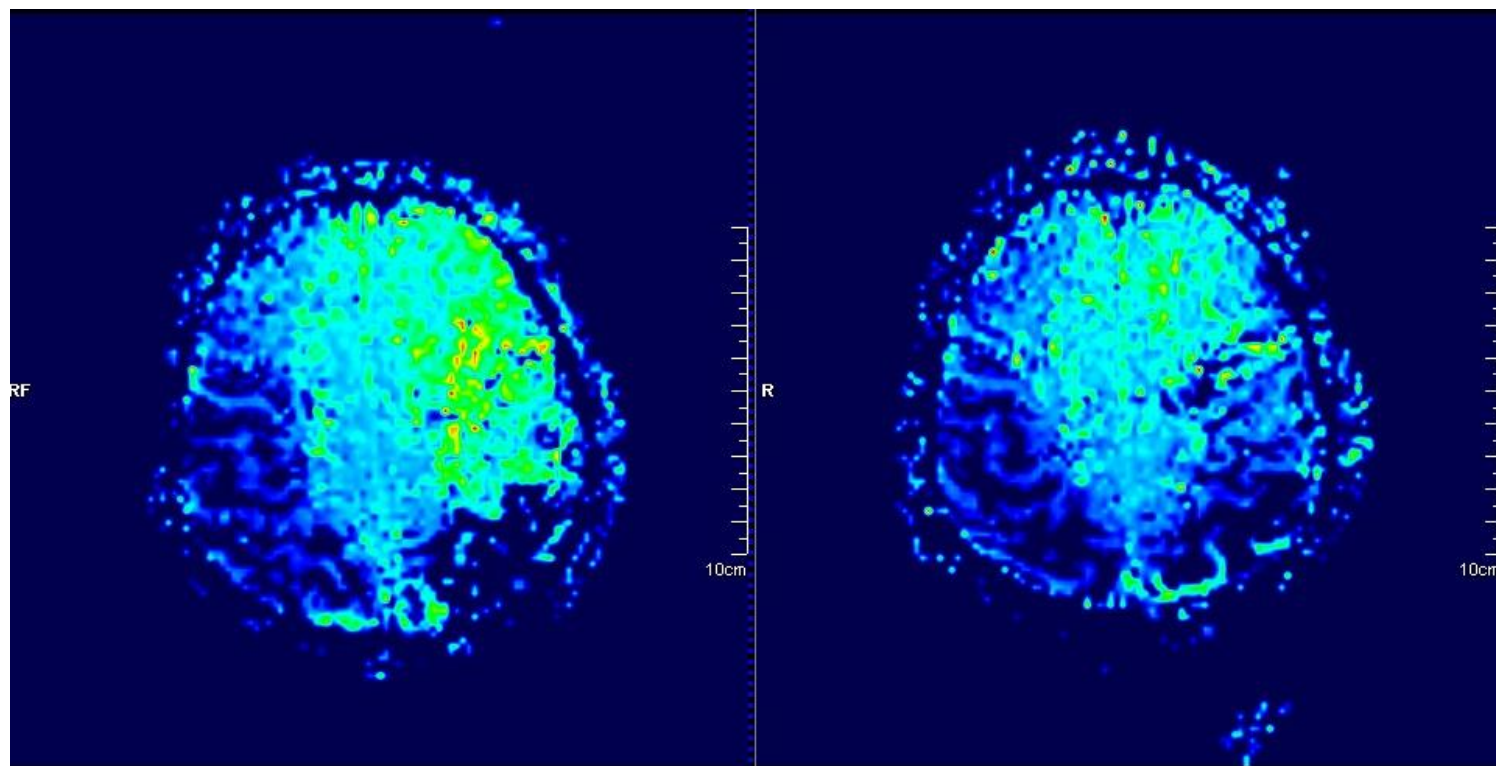
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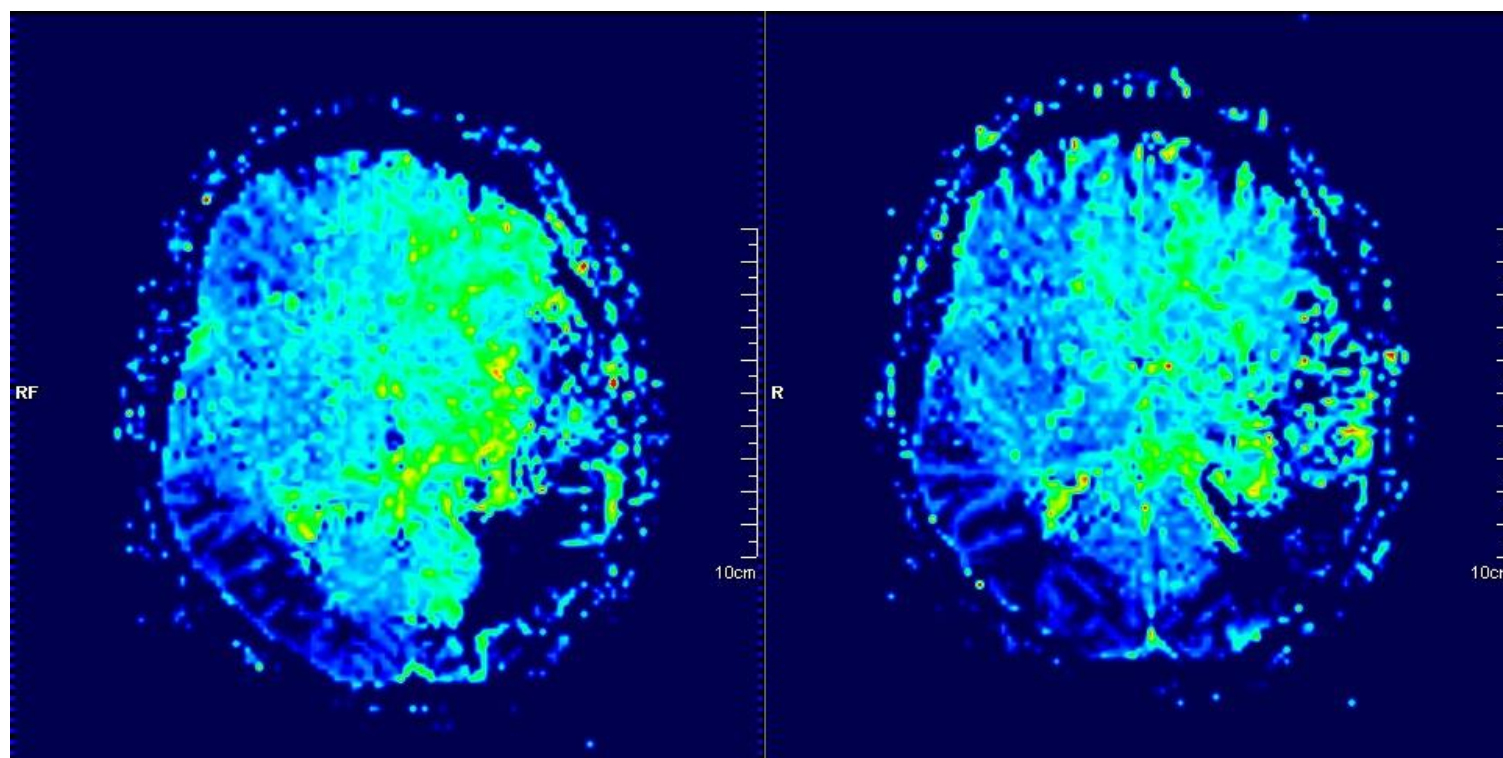
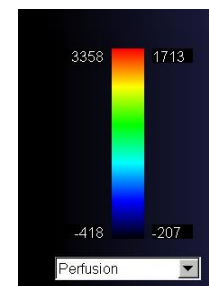
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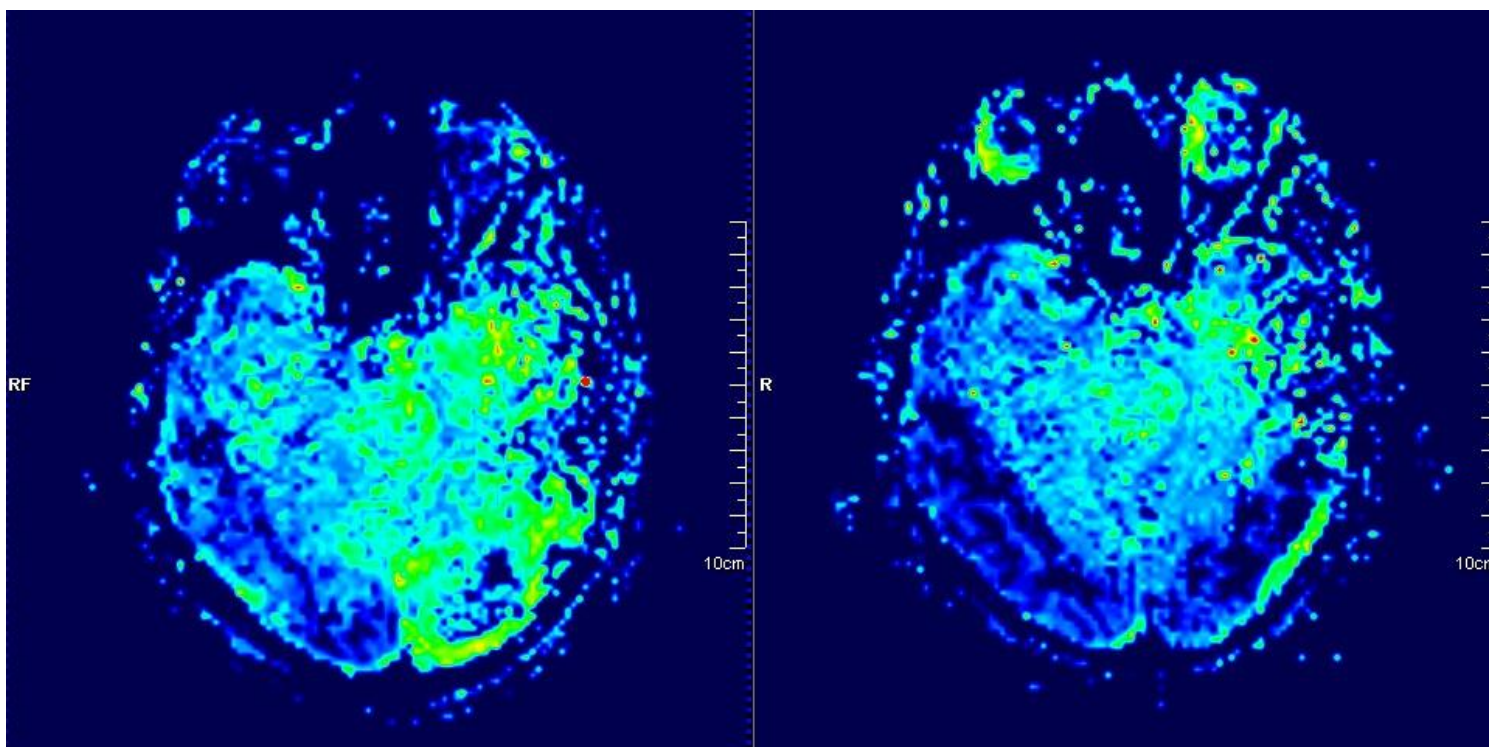
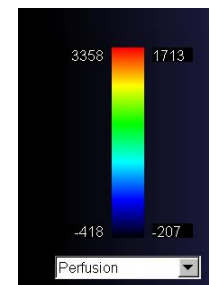
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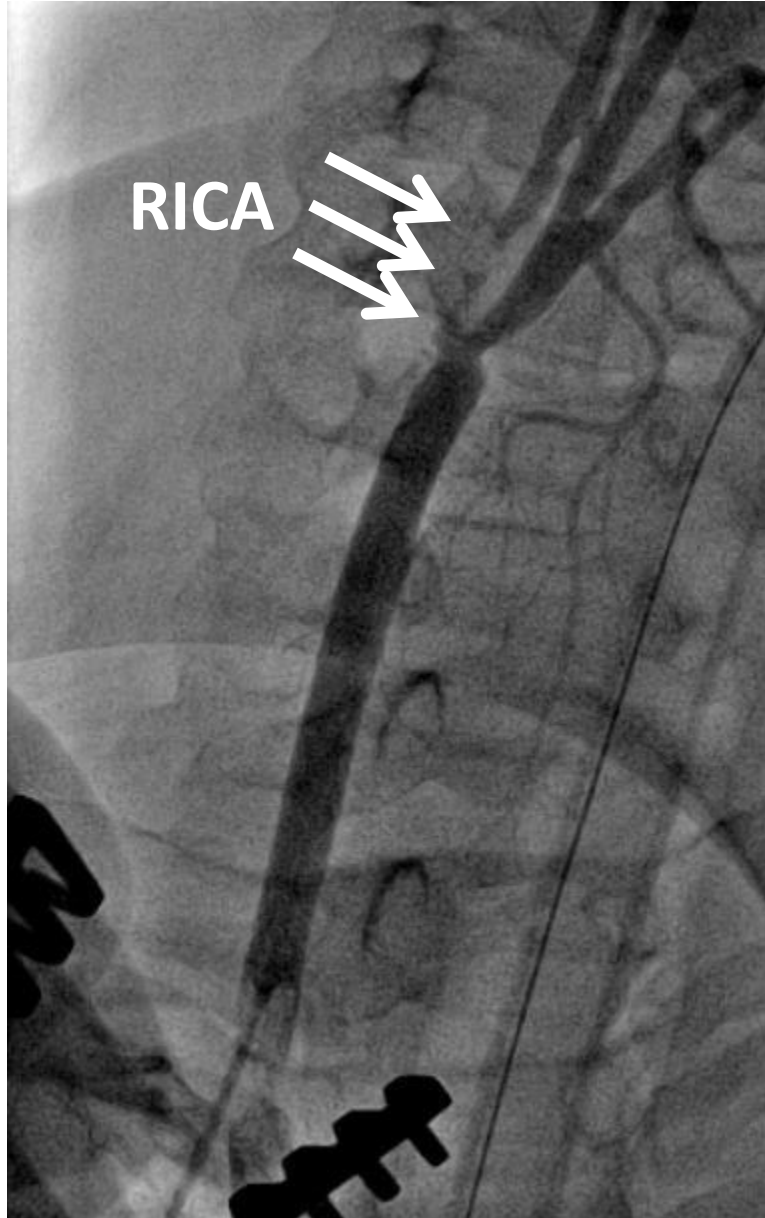
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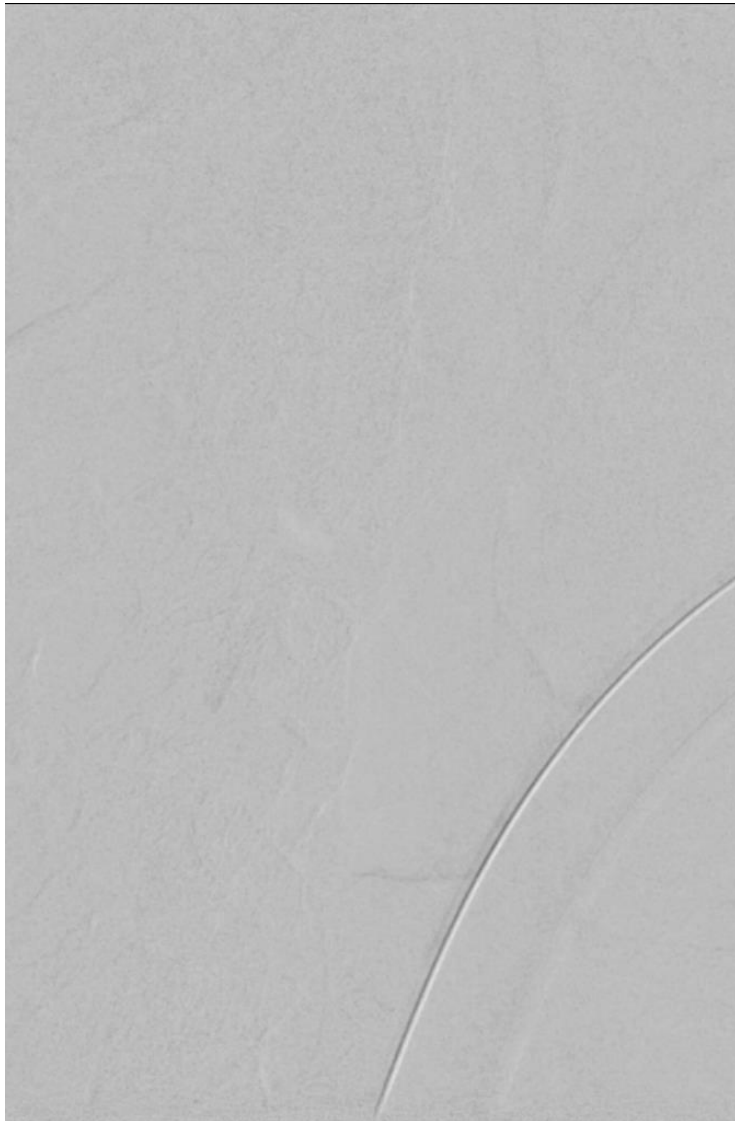
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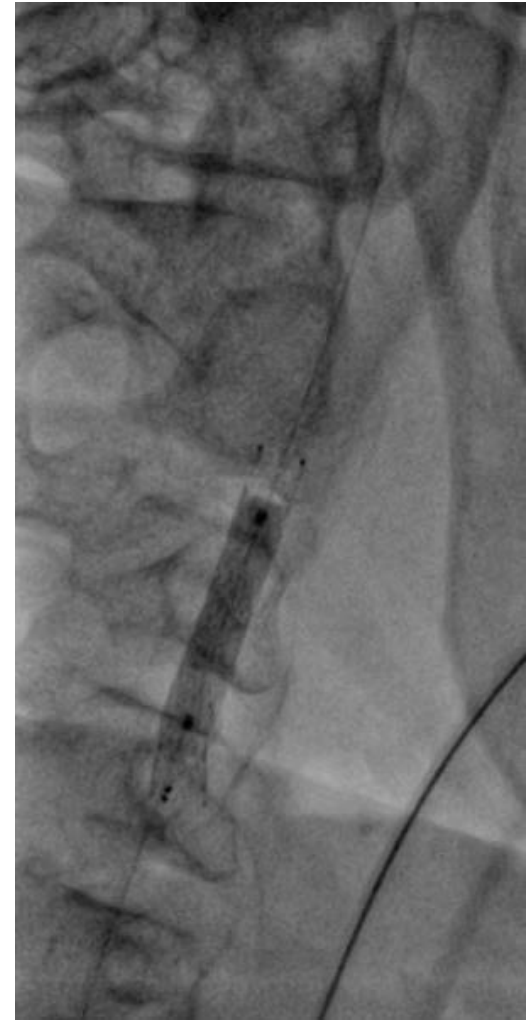
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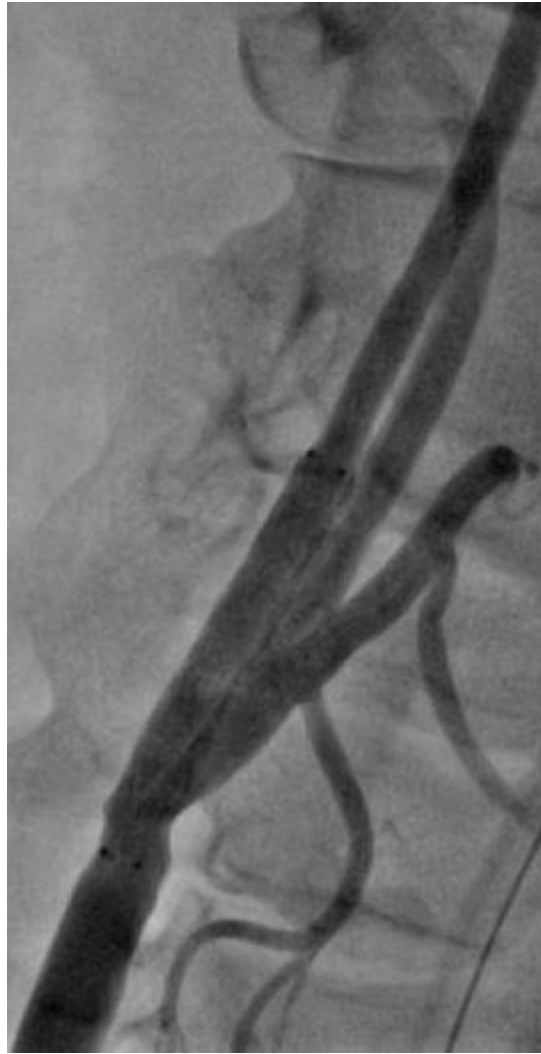
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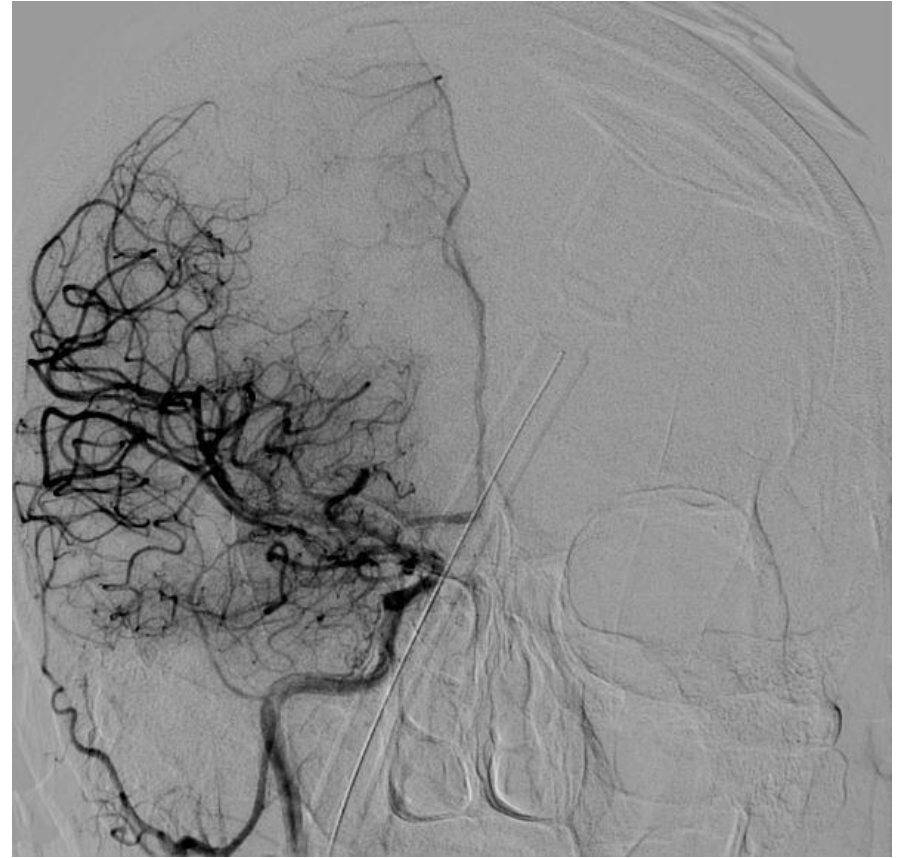
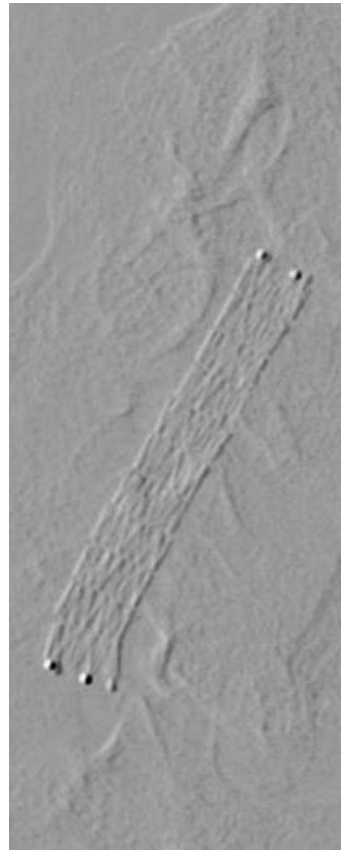


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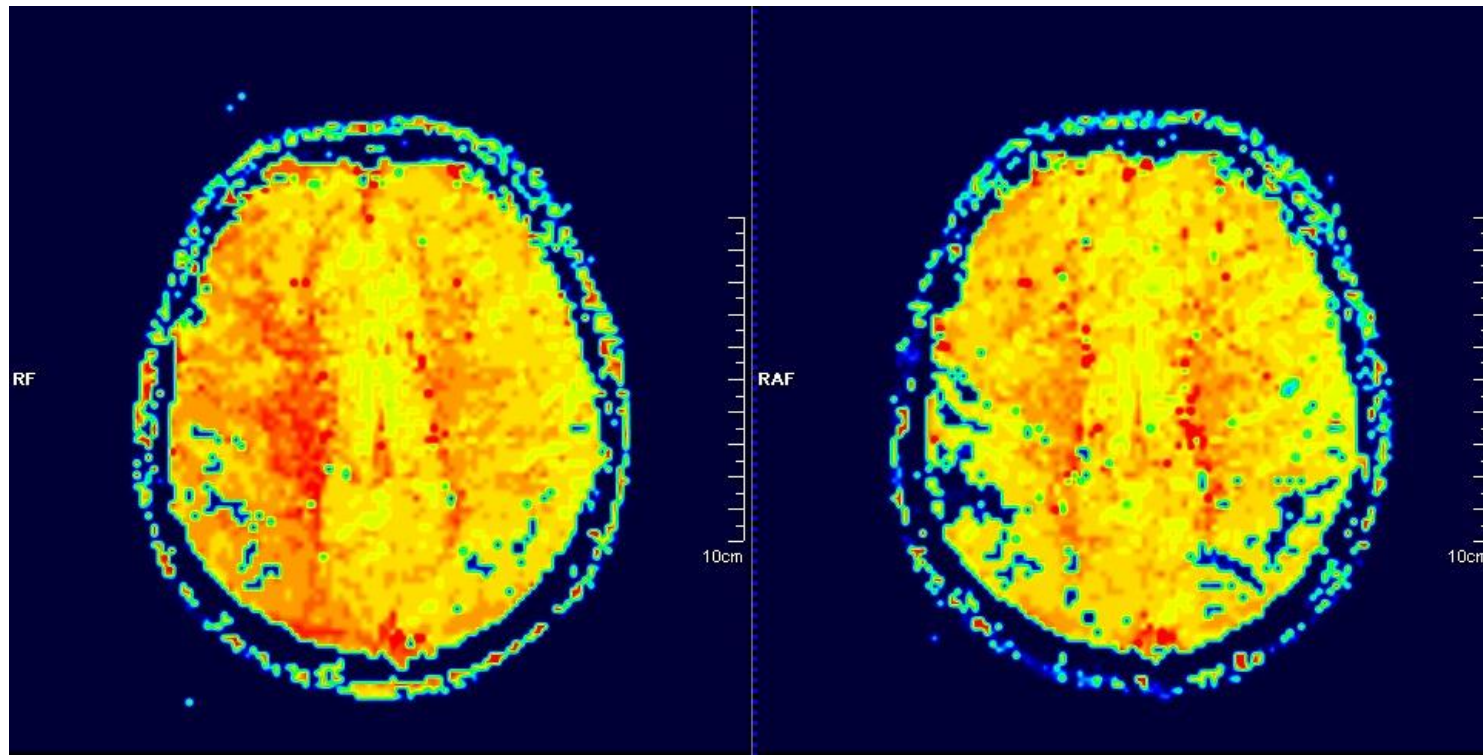


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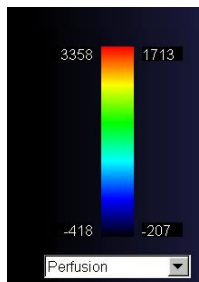
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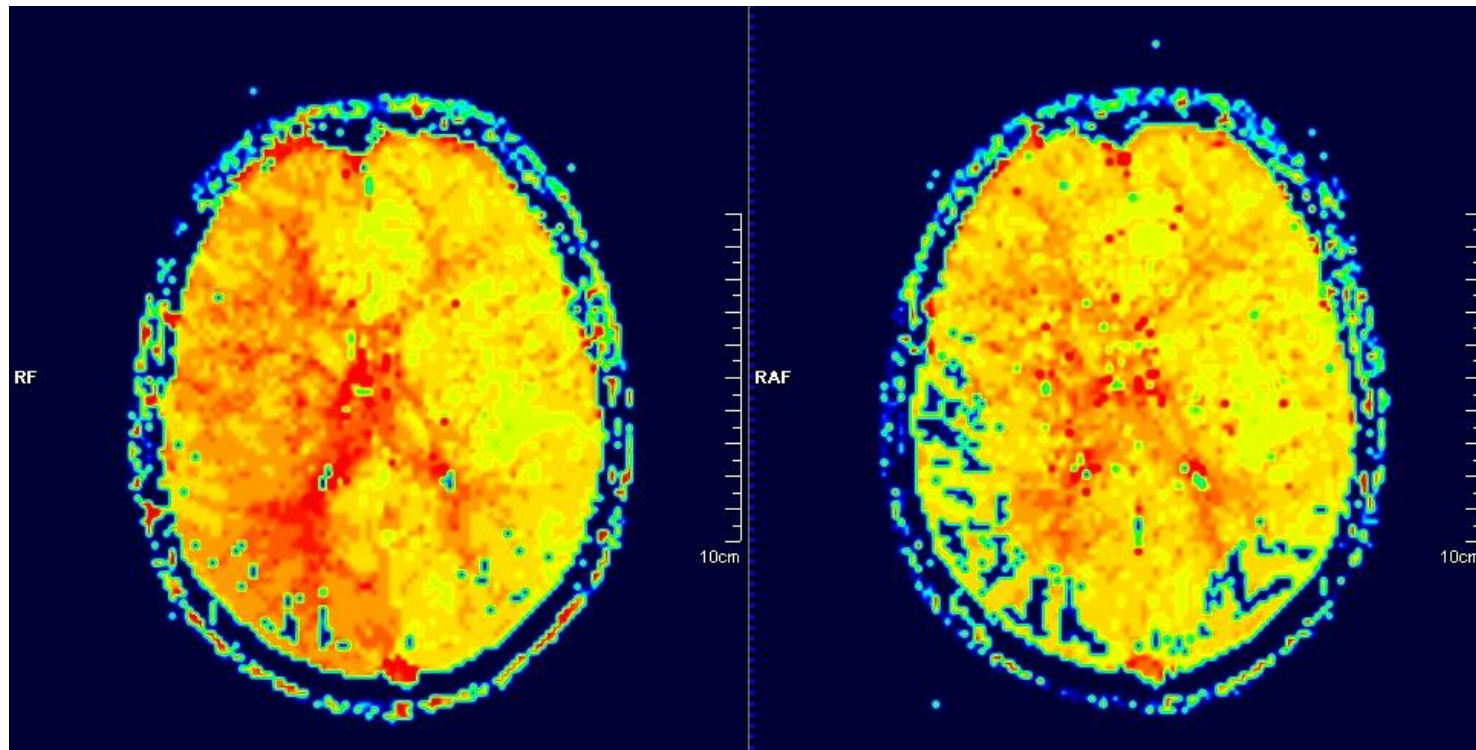


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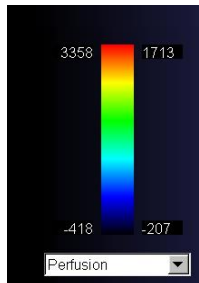
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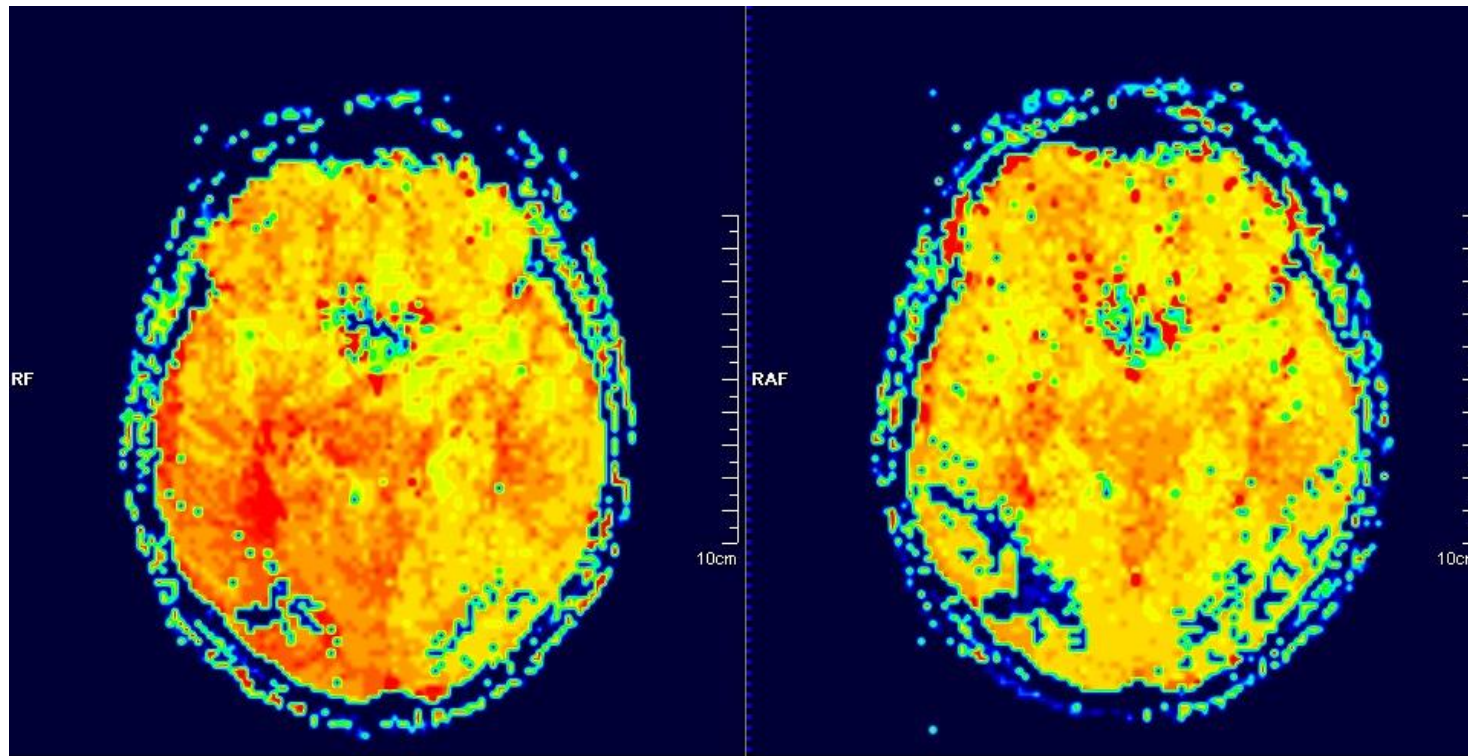
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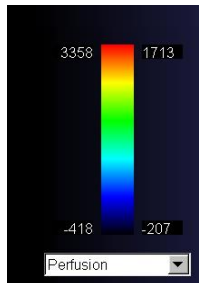


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# Carotid artery revascularization using CGuard™ MicroNet-Covered Embolic Prevention Stent System: **A Change in the Game**

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