

# MicroNet Covered **Embolic Prevention** Carotid Stent System: From CARENET and PARADIGM Studies To Routine Clinical Practice

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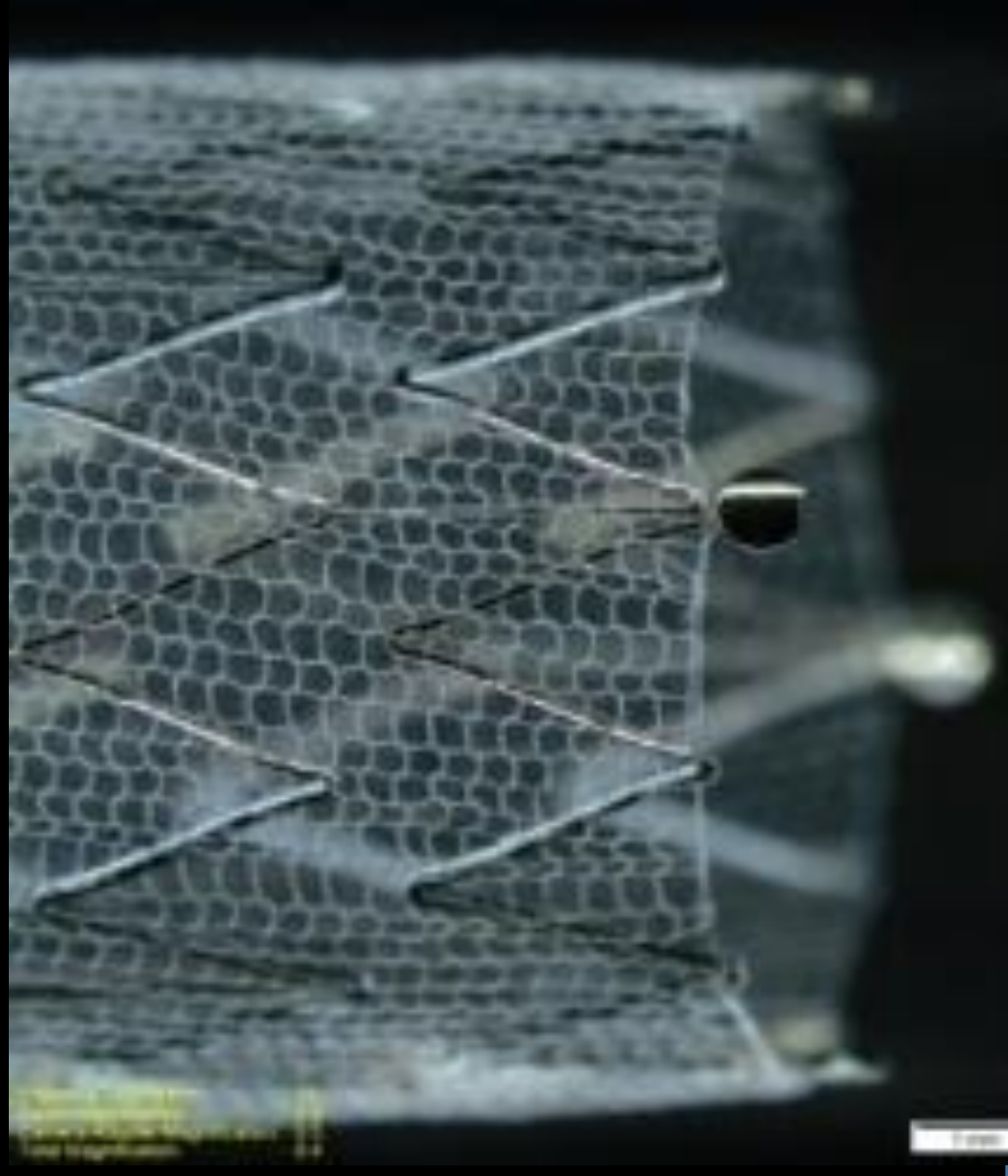
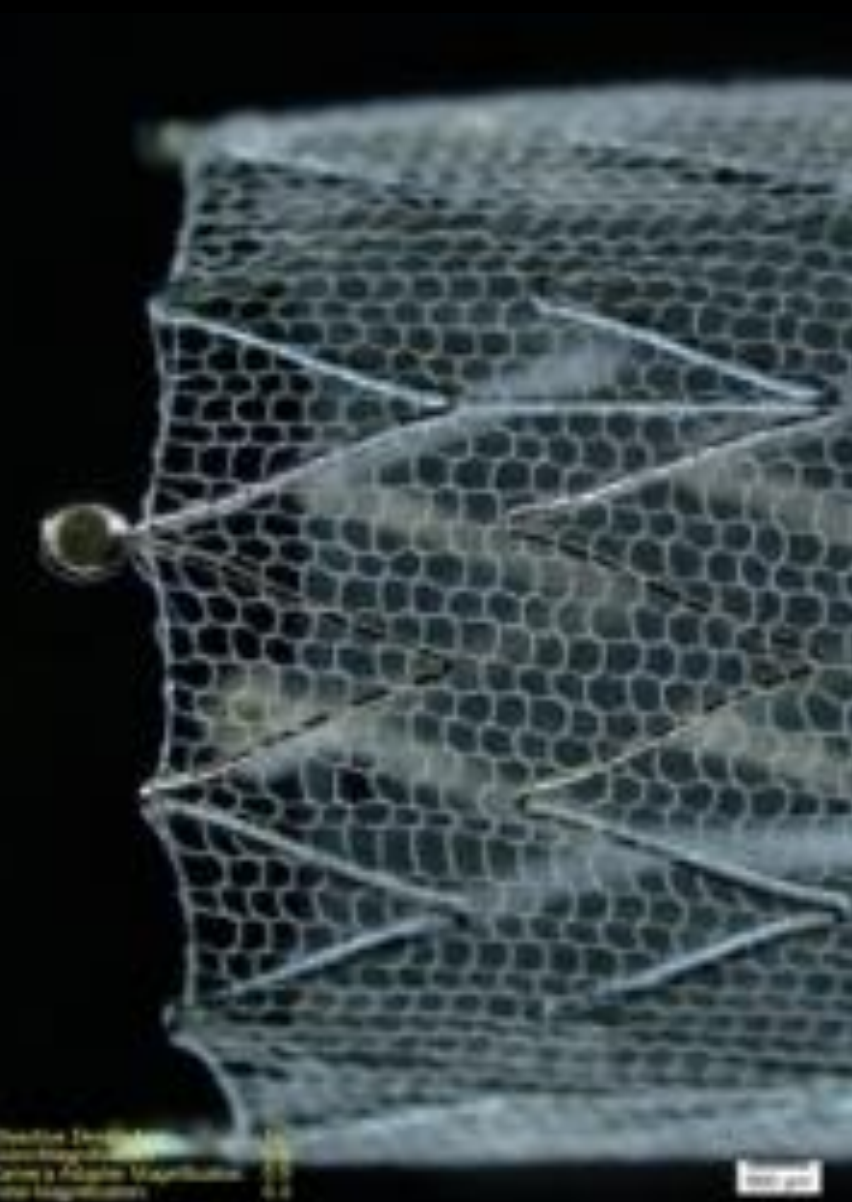
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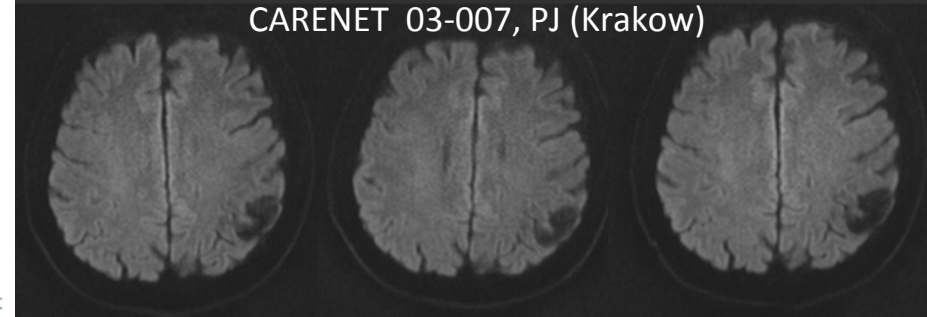


## PARADIGM & PARADIGM-EXTEND

# CAROTID PARADIGM REVASCLARIZATION



# ROUTINE CLINICAL PRACTICE 2015<sup>+</sup>

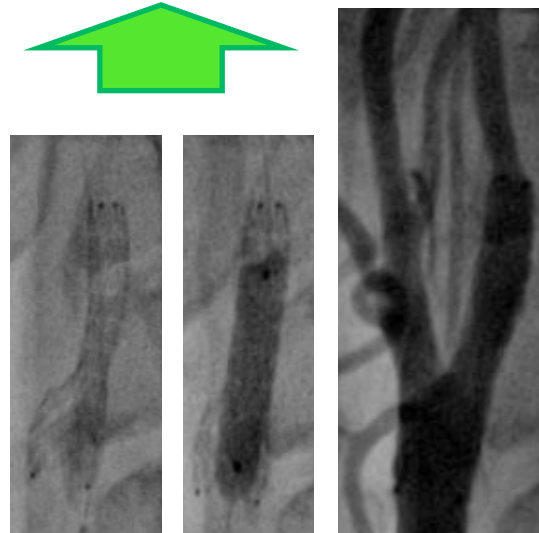


Prior to CAS

24h after

30 d after CAS

Rec.Symptomatic  
LICA



THR

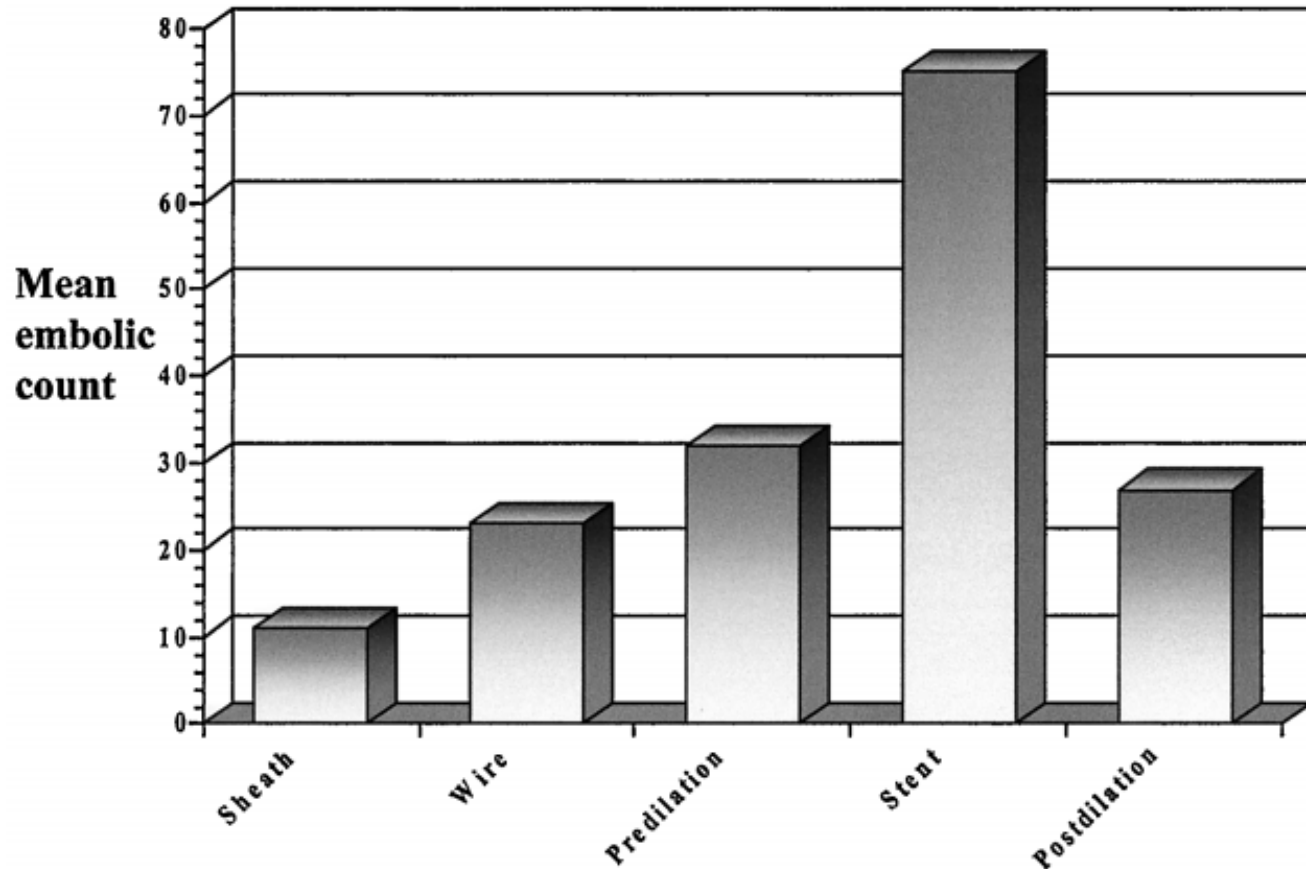




## Effect of the Distal-Balloon Protection System on Microembolization During Carotid Stenting

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

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

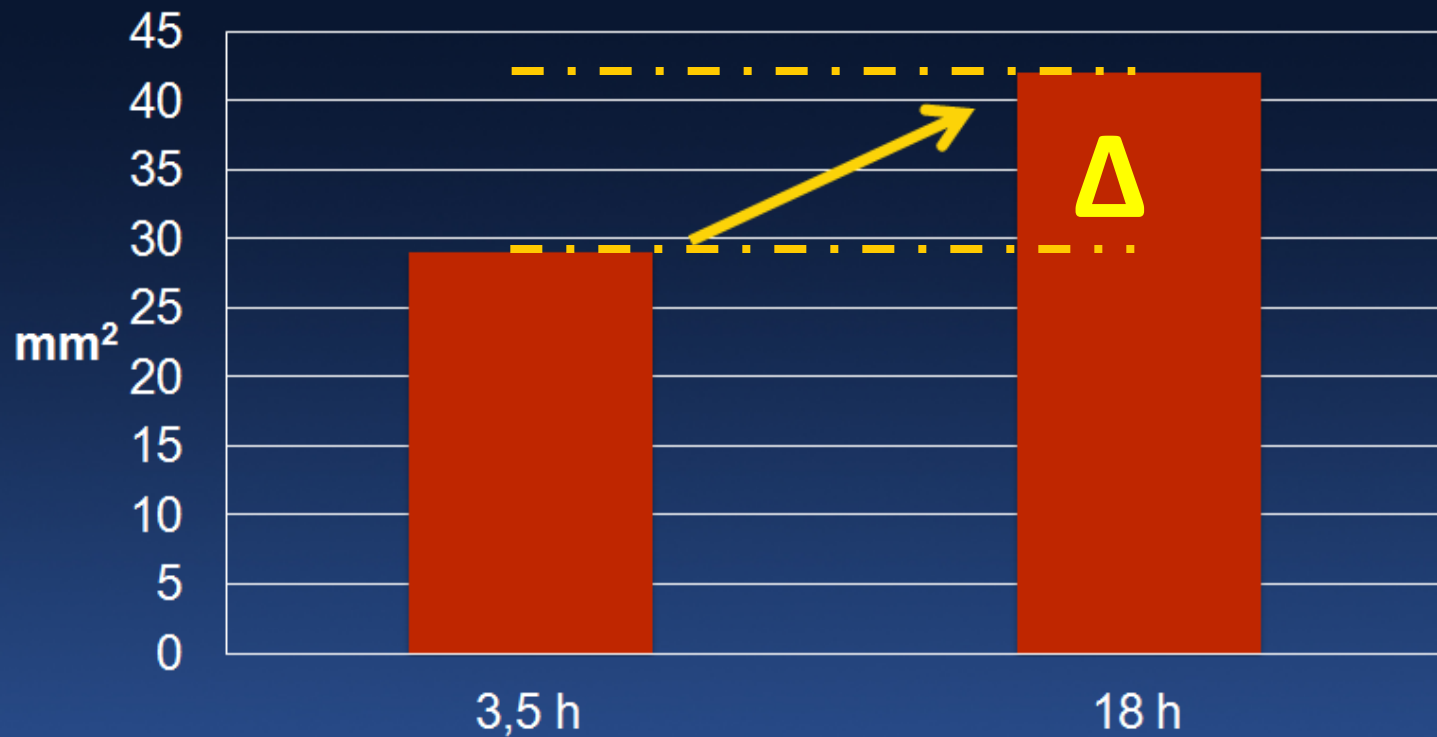


**Figure 1.** Microembolic profile during unprotected CAS. The mean MES counts during various phases of the procedure are displayed.

# 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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F. Castriota,<sup>4</sup> A. Cremonesi<sup>4</sup> and C. Setacci<sup>4</sup>

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**

Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg Vol 33, February 2007



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



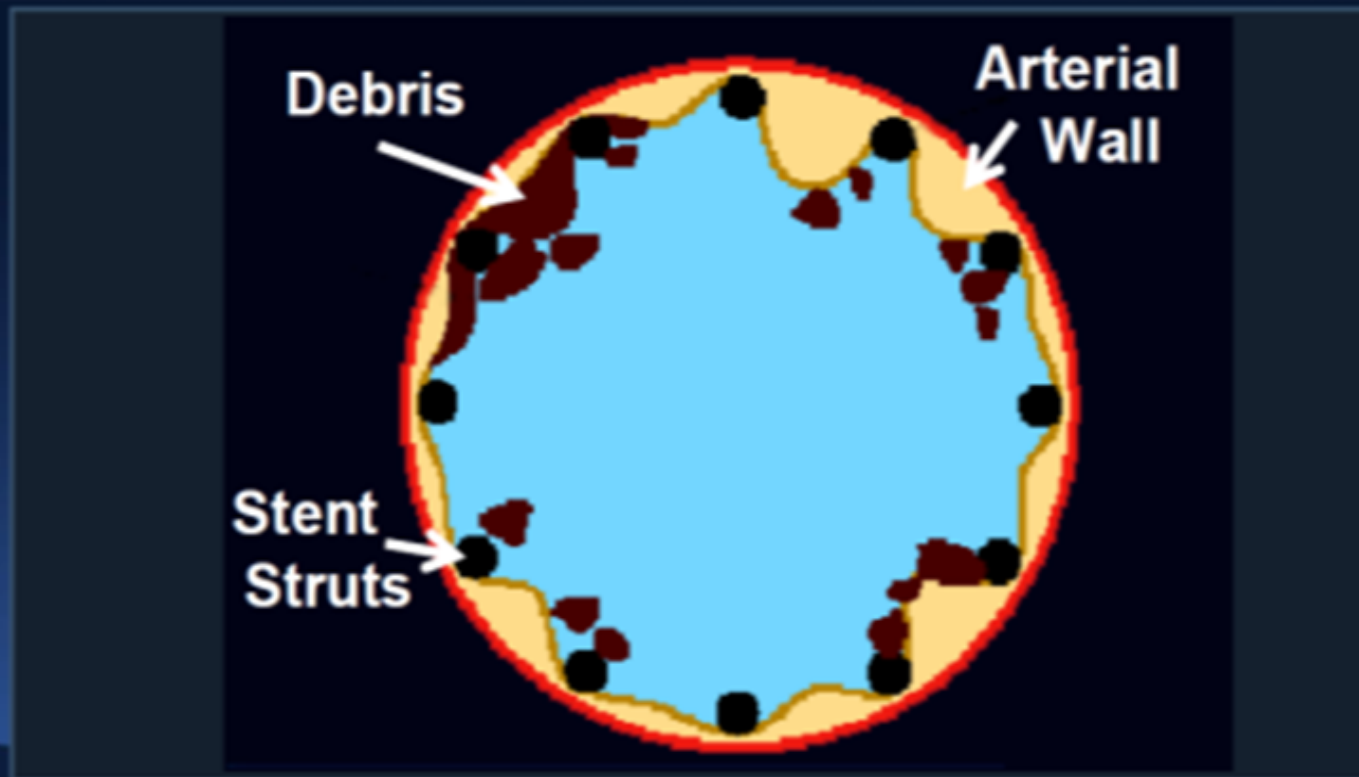
Free cell area

	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	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$

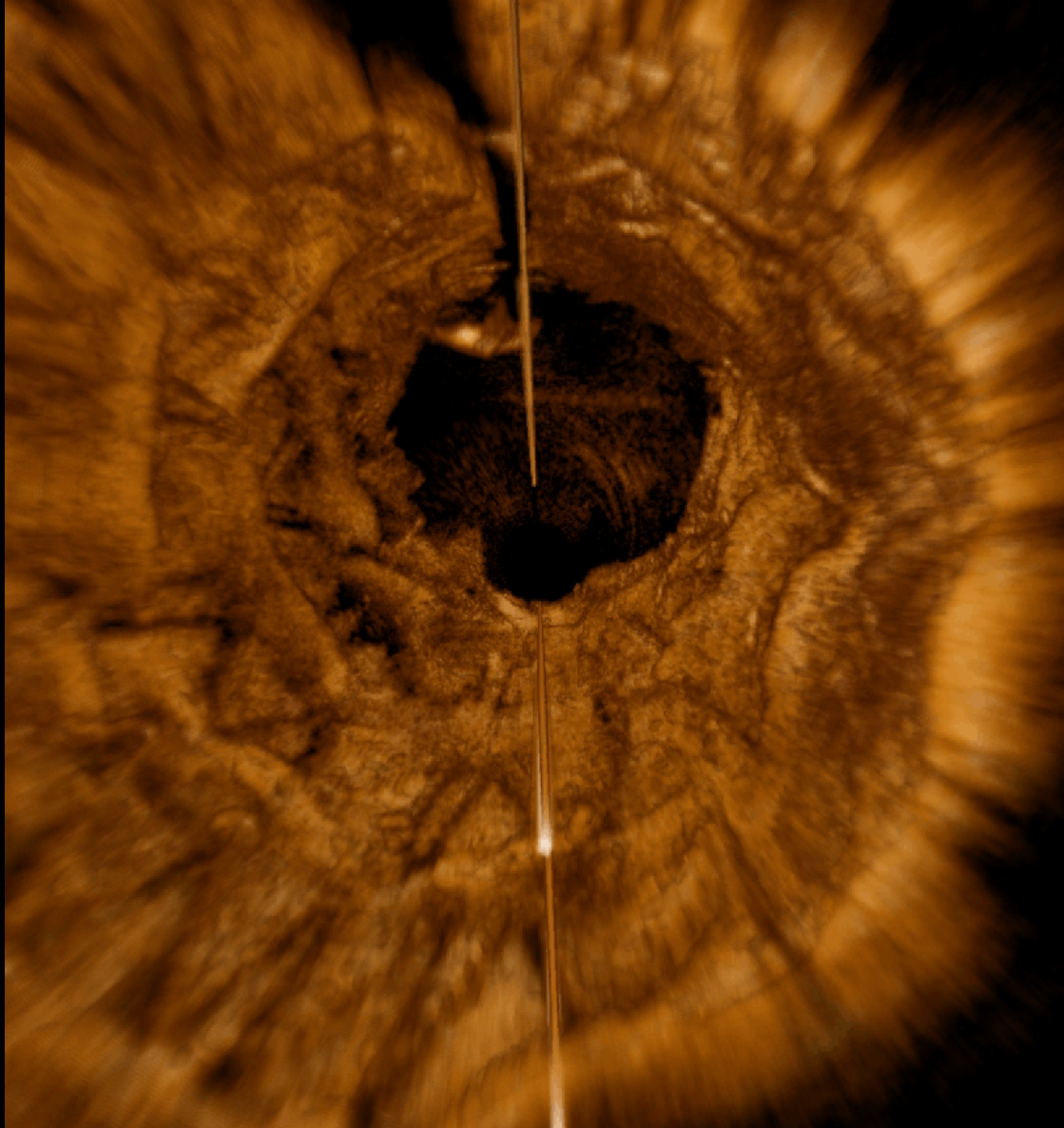
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# Conventional Carotid Stent

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



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

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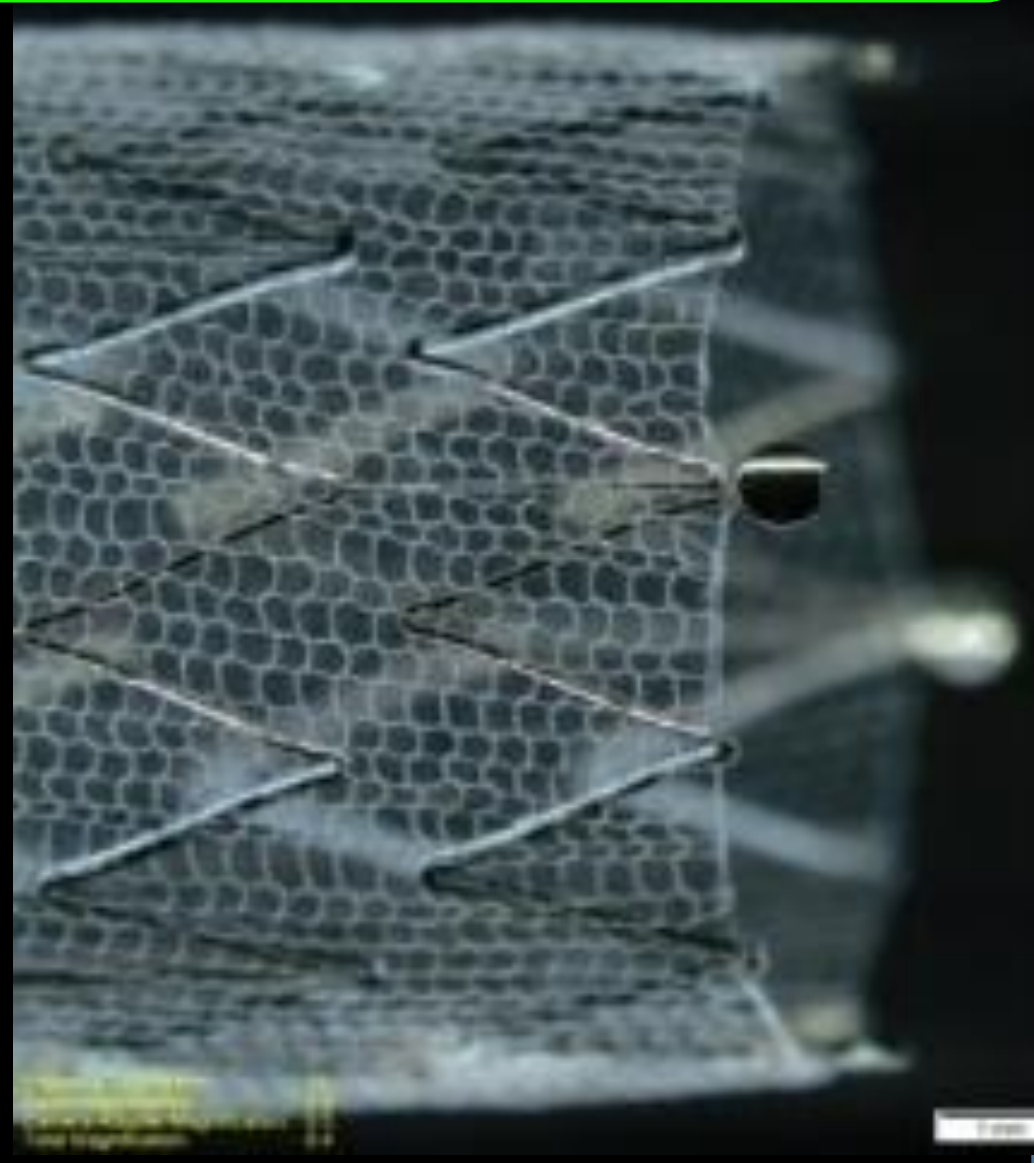
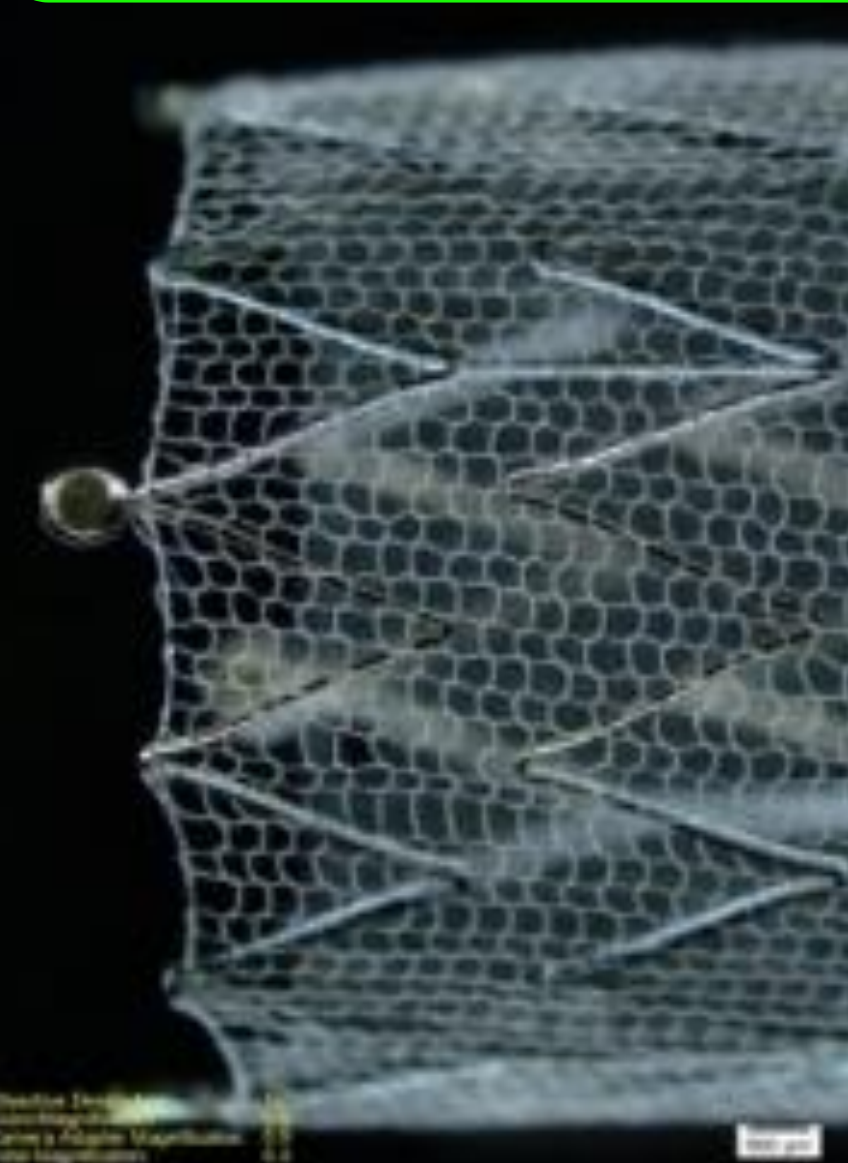


# Anti - Embolic Carotid Stent

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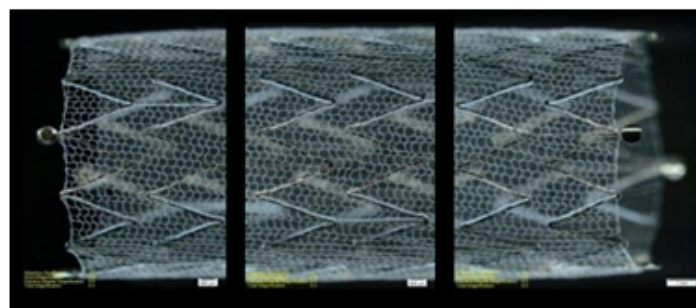
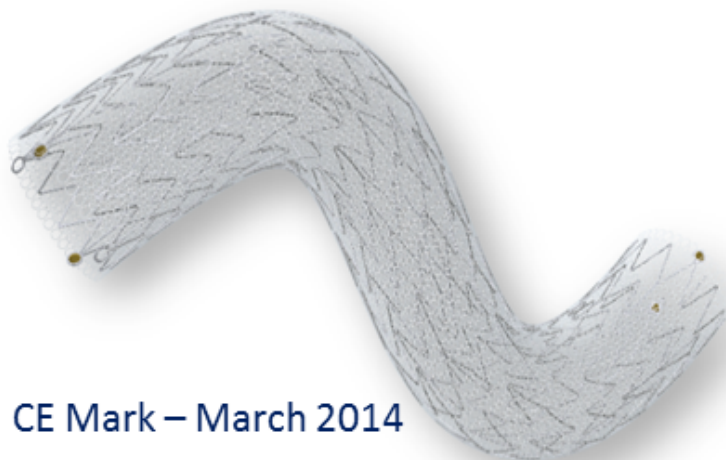


# CGuard™ embolic prevention system



# CGuard™ – Carotid Embolic Prevention System

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



Specific, carotid-dedicated design



NB. CGuard™ EPS is not yet available in the US

# 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.

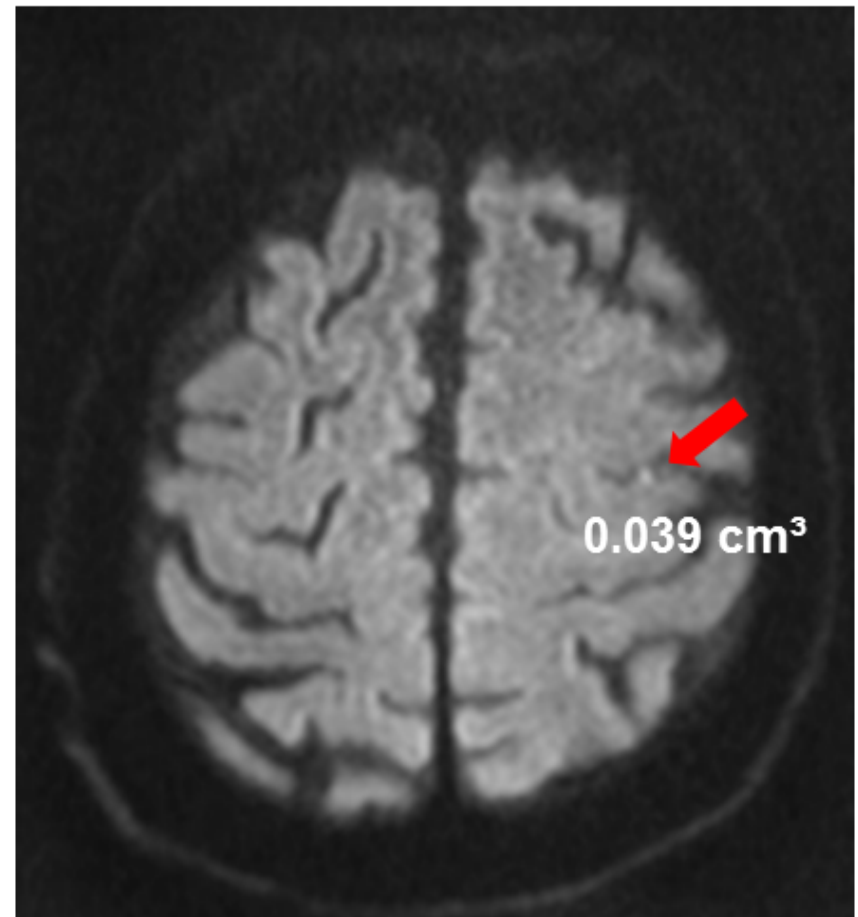
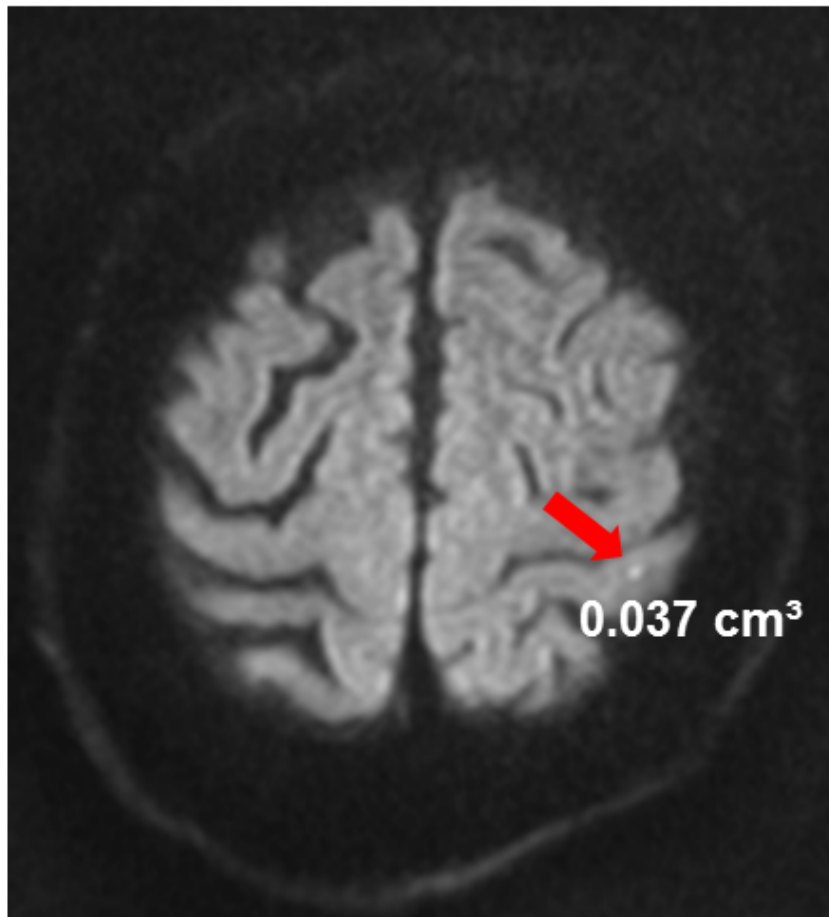
**BACKGROUND** The risk of cerebral embolization persists throughout the carotid artery stenting procedure and remains during the stent healing period.

**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 hours			
	CARENET (n=27)	PROFI (all) (n=62)	ICSS <sup>†</sup> (n=56)
Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions	37.0%	66.2%	68.0%
Average lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.039 ± 0.08	0.375	-
Maximum lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.445		

≈50% reduction  
in new ipsilateral lesion incidence

see patient fluxogram

\*External Core Lab analysis (US)


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

† bilateral lesions

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

see patient fluxogram

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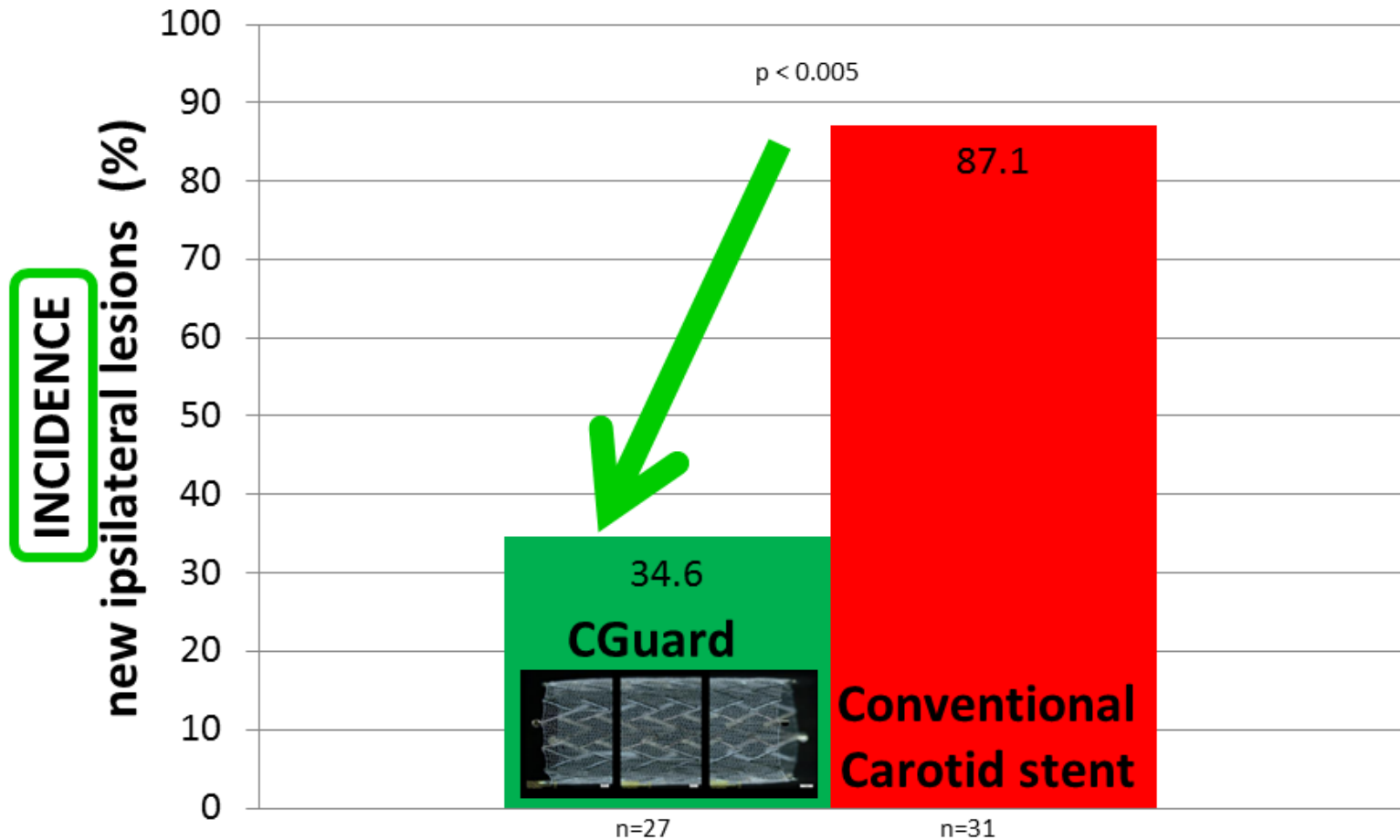
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# Filter-protected CAS procedures

## CARENET vs PROFI: DW-MRI analysis

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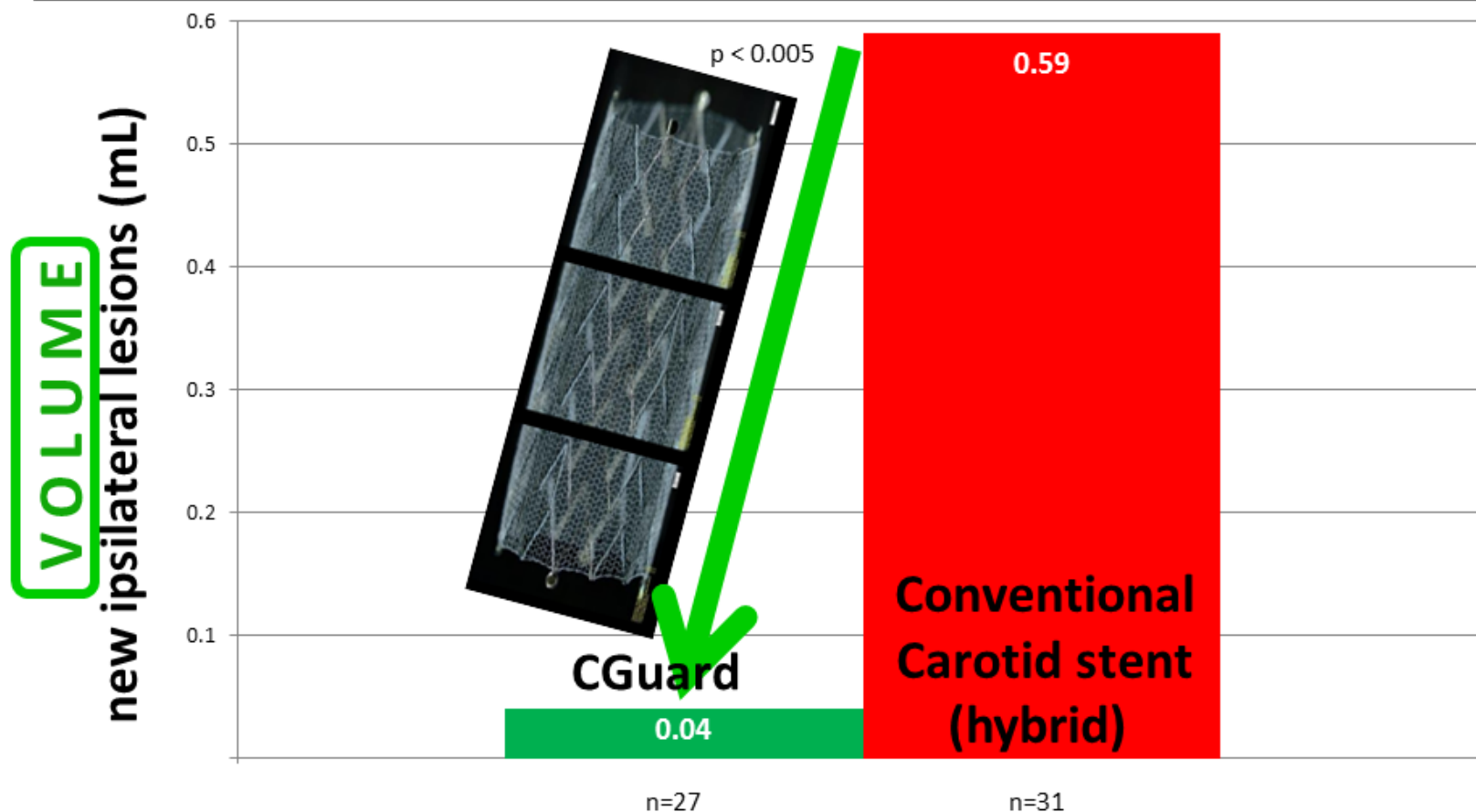
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# CARENET DW-MRI analysis<sup>\*</sup>

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)

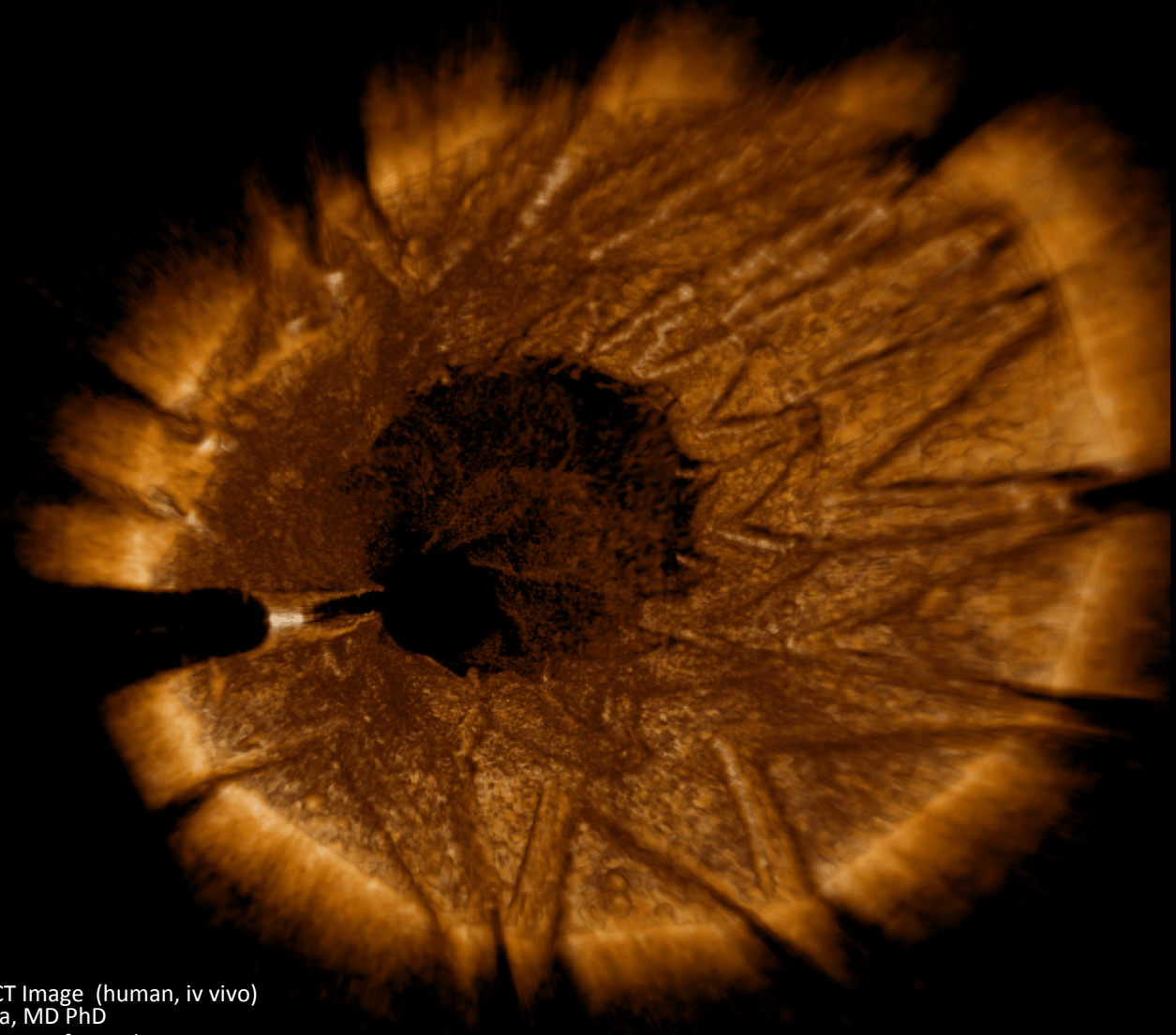
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CGuard Embolic-Prevention Stent OCT Image (human, iv vivo)  
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**CONCLUSIONS** The use of the CGuard system in patients undergoing carotid artery stenting is feasible. In addition, the benefit of using 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

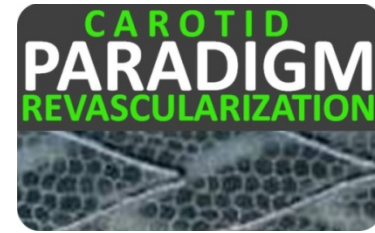




# Objective

- 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



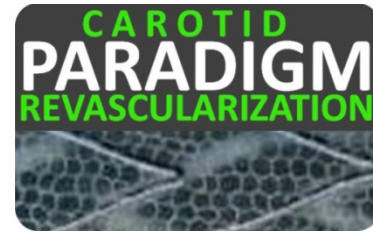
- **EPD** use mandatory; EPD selection according to the **'Tailored CAS' algorithm**\*
- **Liberal postdilatation** accepted in order to maximize potential for **'endovascular full reconstruction'** (minimizing residual stenosis)

- 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

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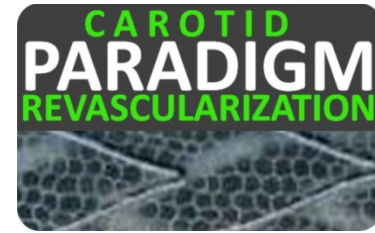
# PARADIGM



## 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.

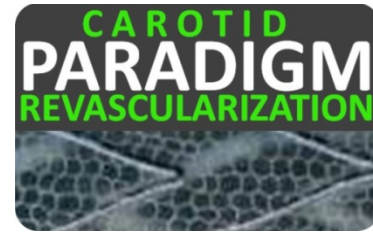
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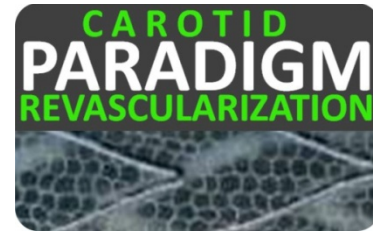
## PARADIGM: investigator – independent

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





# Study Flow Chart (1)



**97** carotid stenosis patient **referrals\***  
(external >> internal)



**Neuro-Vascular Team**

- Neurologist
- Interventional Angiologist
- Vascular Surgeon
- Cardiologist



**for carotid  
revascularization  
73 patients**



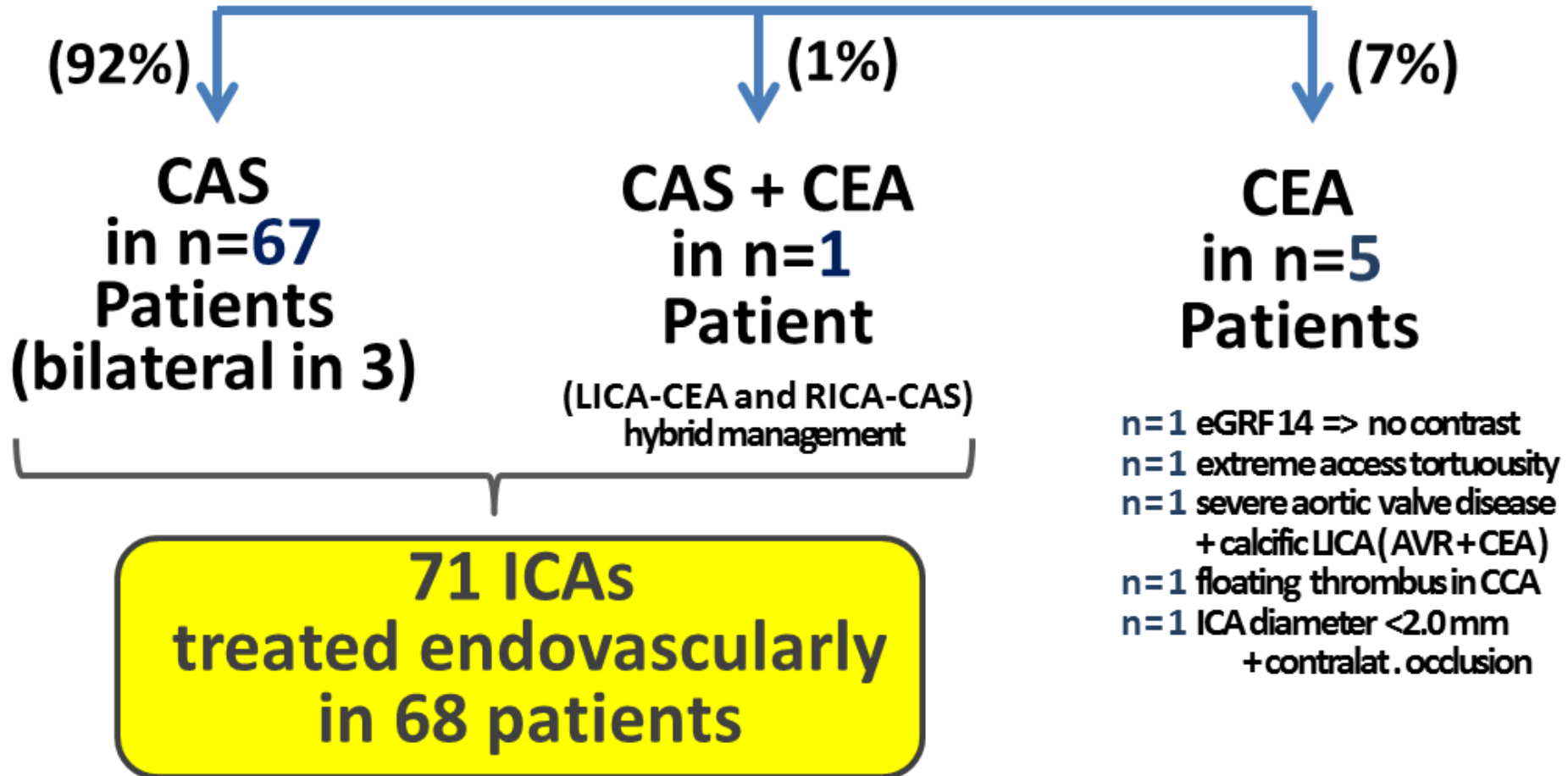
**NOT for carotid  
revascularization  
24 patients**

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

# Study Flow Chart (2)



**73 Patients for carotid revascularization**

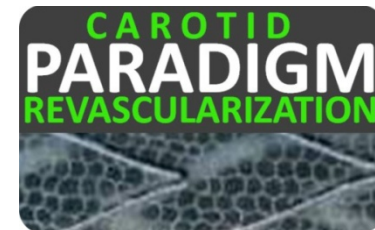




# Clinical characteristics of study patients (n=68)

<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) <sup>§</sup>				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)

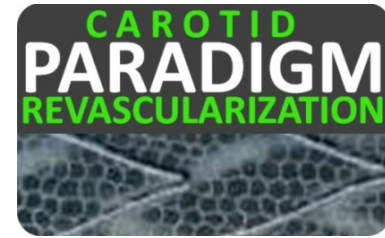
\*\* Gore FlowReversal (n=4) or flow reversal with MoMa (n=21)

(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);

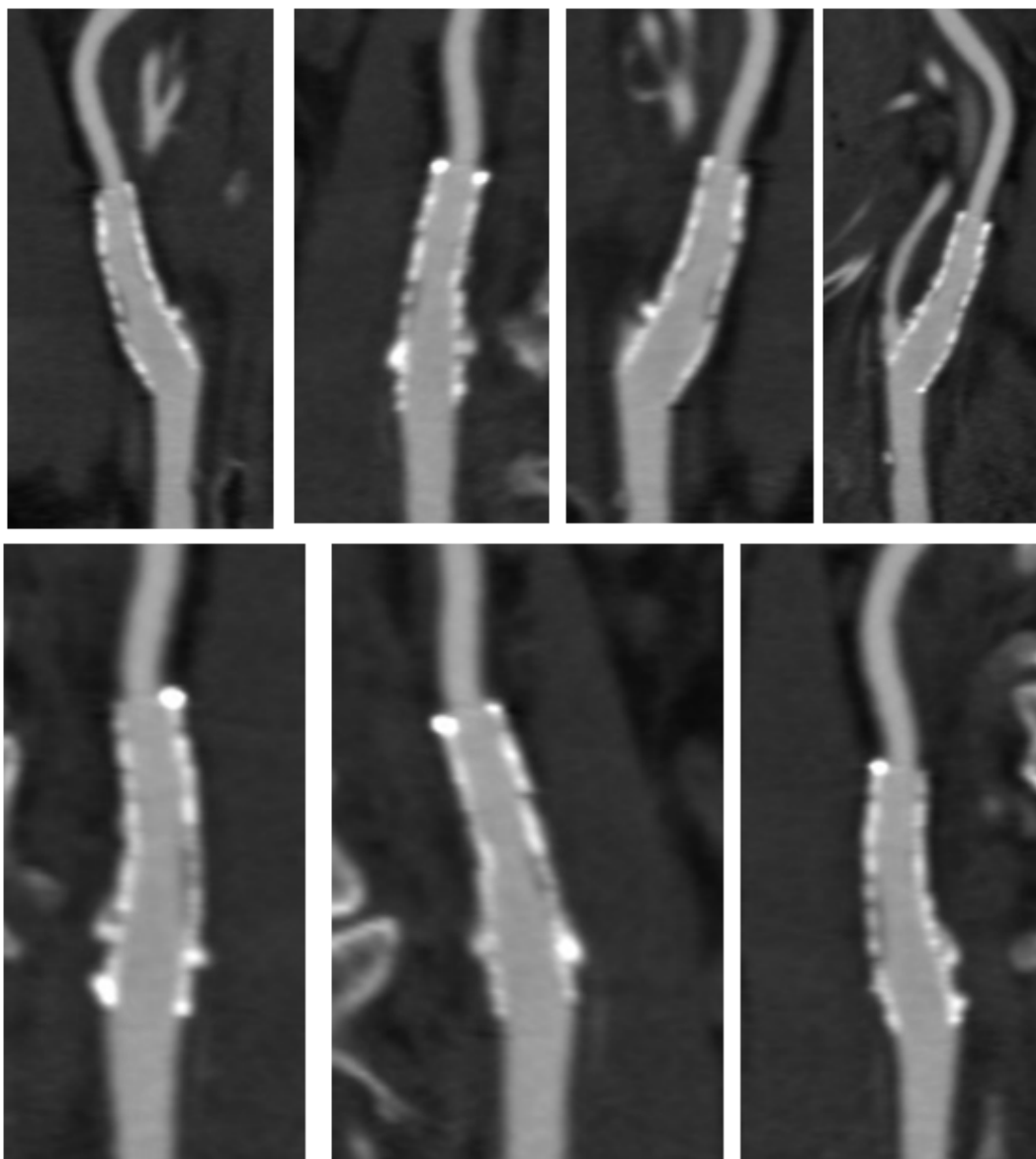
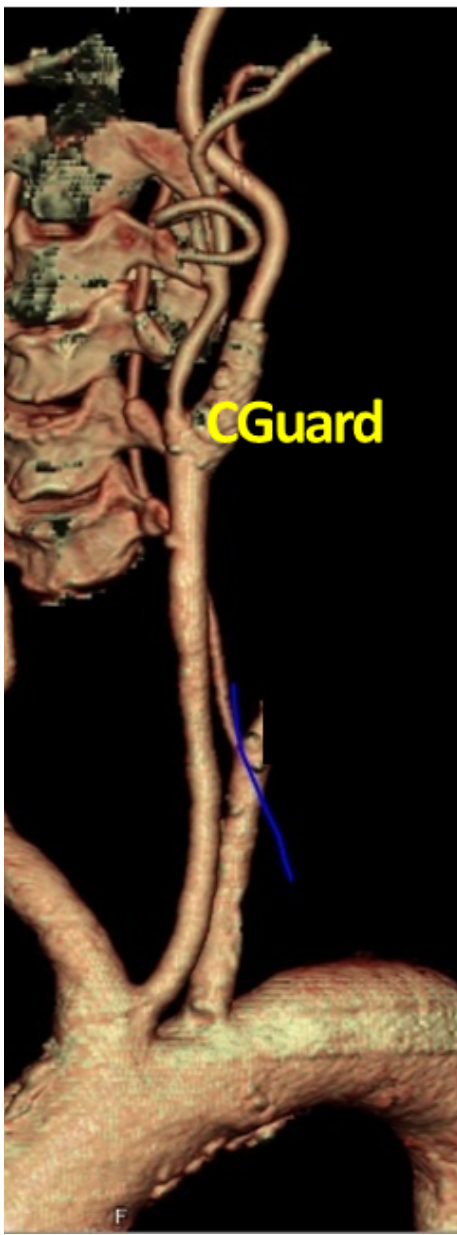
§ 30mm in 51 lesions; 40mm in 18 lesions (2 other lesions required two stents each)

# PARADIGM: Results (4)



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

# CGuard 5 months follow-up



# PARADIGM – EXTEND

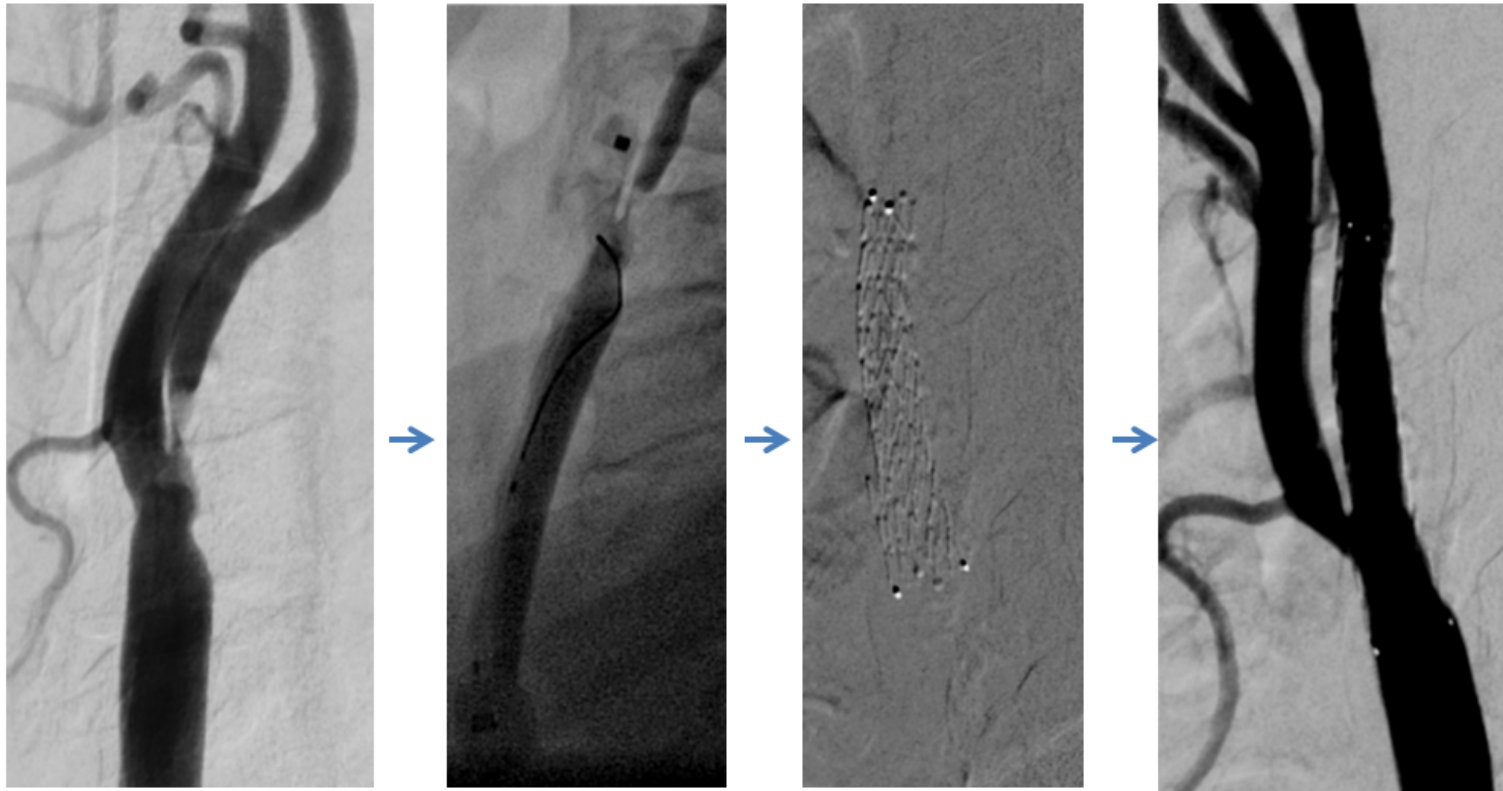


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**PARADIGM – 101** **recruitment completed**



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

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**NEW**

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- 2 asymptomatic self-withdrawals @ 30 days
- **100% follow up** of the remaining patients

**ZERO Stroke Deaths @ 12mo**  
**ZERO Strokes**

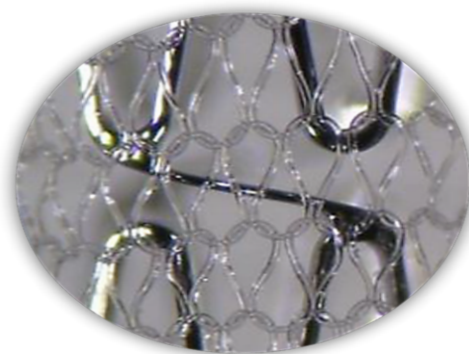
Per-Protocol independent neurological assessment

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

**12mo data**



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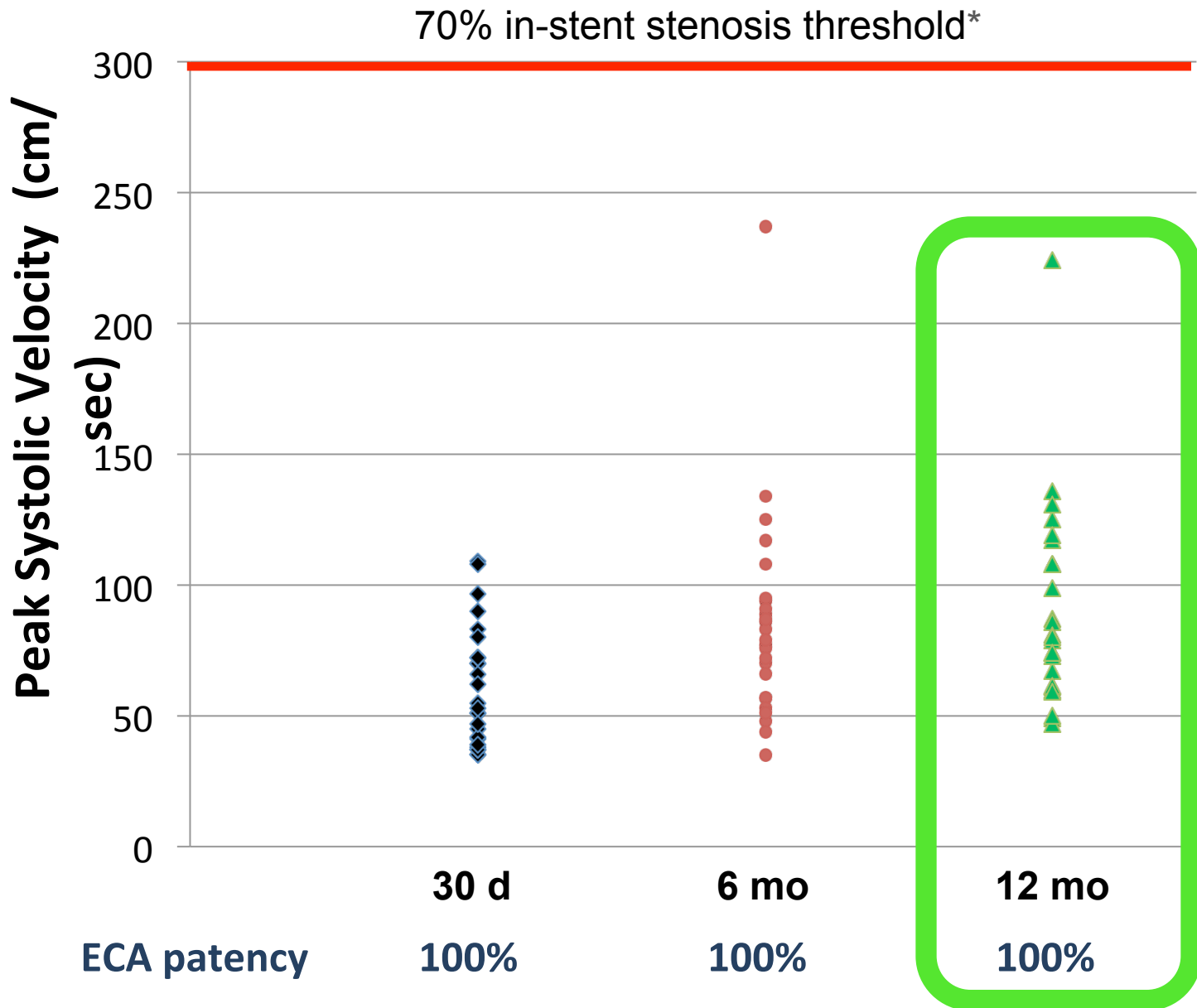
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CGUARD™  
Carotid Embolic Prevention System

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- NO device-related adverse events
  - NO procedure-related events

**CARENET Multicenter Trial 12 mo data**

# CARENET in-stent Peak Systolic Velocities



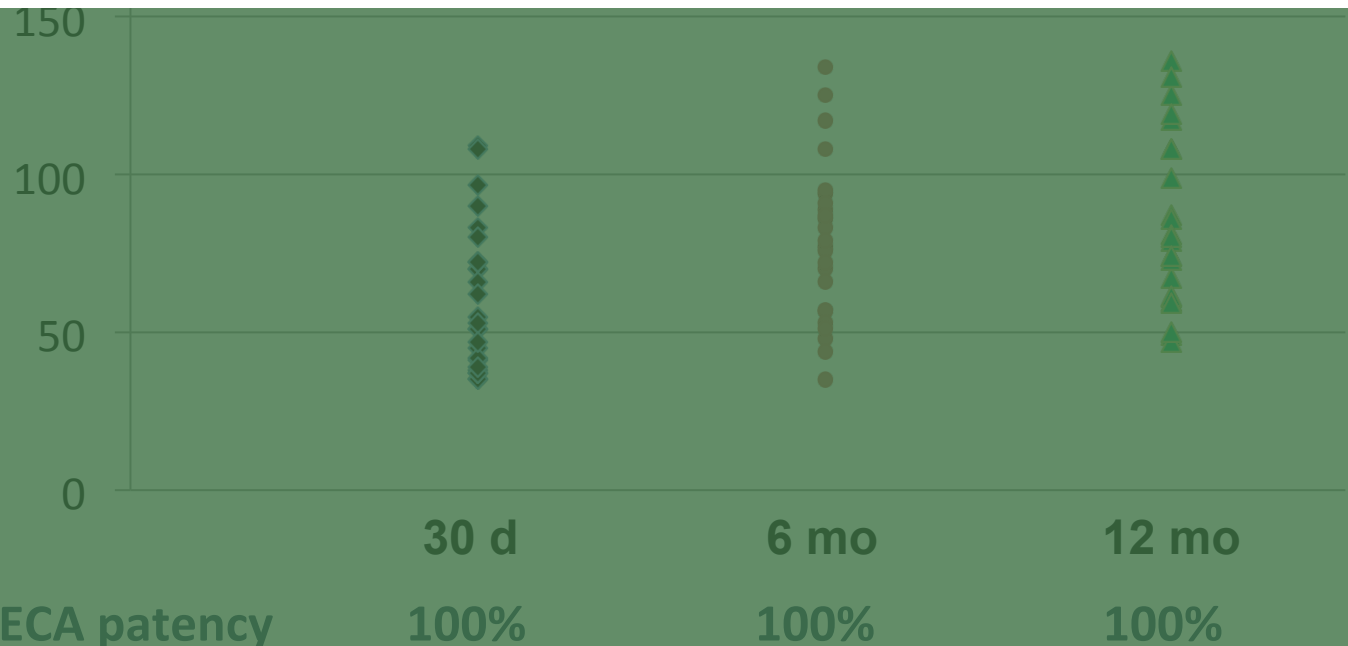
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# CARENET in-stent Peak Systolic Velocities

70% in-stent stenosis threshold\*

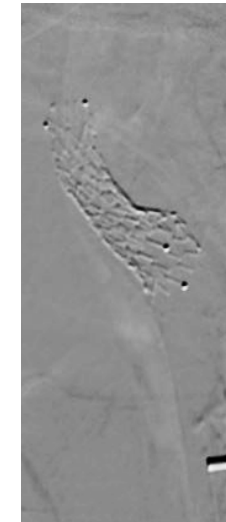
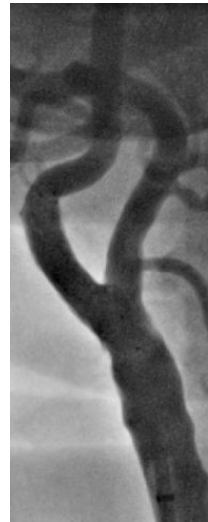
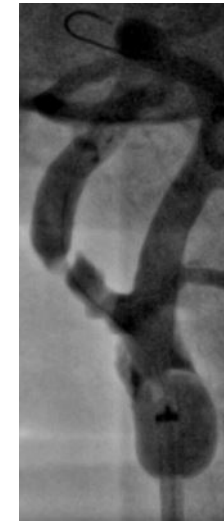
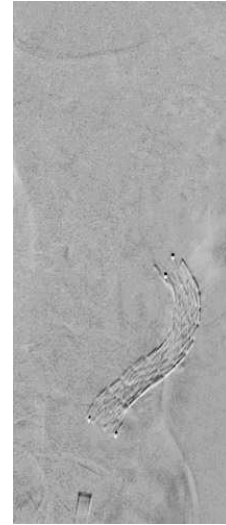
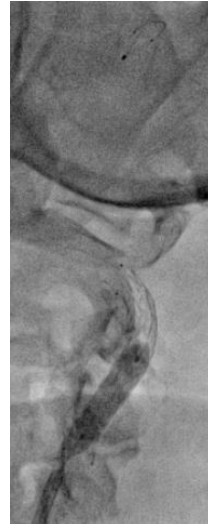
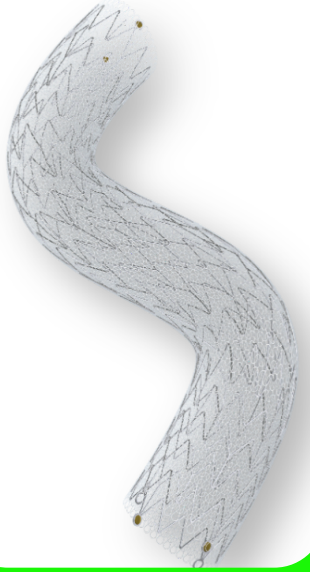
- NO in-stent restenosis concern
- NO CGuard ECA patency concern

Peak Systolic Velocity (cm/



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# Endovascular **Solution** for All-Corners



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



# CGuard embolic prevention stent system

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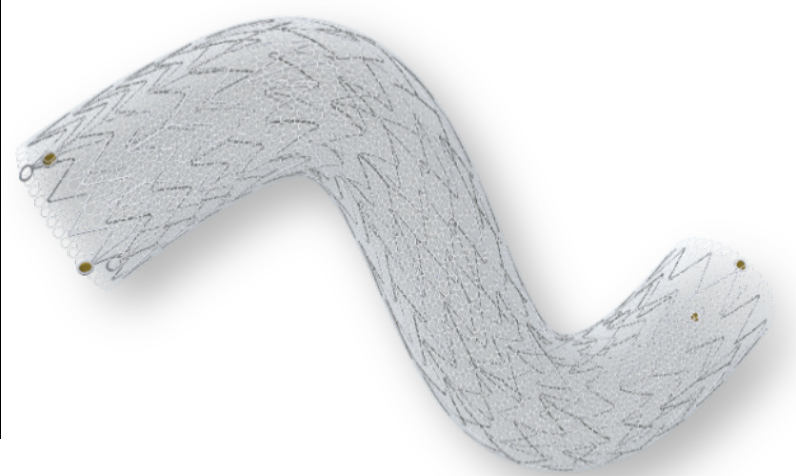
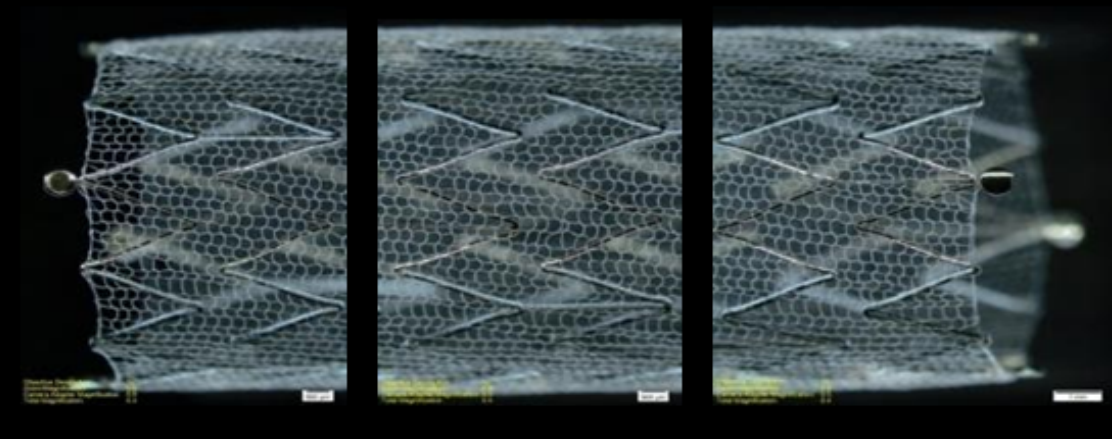
- Full respect of the carotid bifurcation anatomy  
-> 'endovascular anatomic reconstruction' ✓
- Optimal performance across all lesion subsets  
(including high calcium/thrombus/string) ✓

**'The most OPEN of open-cell stent designs'**  
*and*  
**'The most CLOSED of the closed-cell designs'**

**DW-MRI Evidence** (CARENET)

**2015**

**+ Clinical Evidence** (CARENET, PARADIGM, PARADIGM-EXTEND)



**This concept has been desired.**

**And it works.**

**This is the future  
of Carotid Artery Stents**

**revascularization ?**





# Carotid Revascularization

## 2015<sup>+</sup> REALITY



CAS 2010 VISION

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

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