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Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) Proves CAS Is Rendered Safer Because Mesh Covered Stents Decrease Emboli: The Imaging Evidence And What It Shows About The Interaction Between Stent And Plaque

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**JACC STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW**

### Carotid Artery Stenting

**JACC State-of-the-Art Review**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Improved patient selection, technological advances, and refined techniques have improved the results of CAS.
- Carotid stenting has achieved parity with carotid surgery for stroke prevention.
- The data support updating the national coverage decision for carotid stenting from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to equal coverage for carotid surgery.

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## Background

**Stroke**

Systematic Review of the Perioperative Risks of Stroke or Death After Carotid Angioplasty and Stenting

### Carotid Artery Stenting 30-Day Stroke and Death Rates Have Decreased in a Similar Magnitude in the Last 20 Years

Study (Year)	Rate (%)
SAPPHIRE (2002-2003)	4.2%
ACROBAT (2002-2003)	6.9%
EVAS (2002-2003)	9.6%
CREST (2002-2003)	4.4%
SPACE (2002-2004)	4.6%
BEACH (2002-2004)	7.3%
NETENT (2002-2004)	7.4%
CREST II (2002-2004)	5.4%
CREST III (2002-2004)	6.5%
CREST IV (2002-2004)	4.0%
CAROTID (2002-2004)	4.8%
CAROTID (2002-2004)	5.3%
ACT (2002-2004)	4.3%
ACT II (2002-2004)	2.9%
ACT III (2002-2004)	2.9%
ACT IV (2002-2004)	1.8%
ACT V (2002-2004)	3.3%
ACT VI (2002-2004)	2.5%
ACT VII (2002-2004)	4.3%
ACT VIII (2002-2004)	3.7%
ACT IX (2002-2004)	3.6%
ACT X (2002-2004)	2.7%
ACT XI (2002-2004)	3.6%
ACT XII (2002-2004)	2.5%
ACT XIII (2002-2004)	2.8%
ACT XIV (2002-2004)	2.0%
ACT XV (2002-2004)	1.3%
ACT XVI (2002-2004)	2.0%
ACT XVII (2002-2004)	1.2%

White CJ, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022;80(2):155-170.

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

Nadim Al-Mubarak, MD, Gary S. Rubin, MD, PhD, Jui J. Vitik, MD, PhD, Siram S. Iyer, MD, Gishel New, MD, Martin B. Leon, MD

Phase	Mean Embolic Count
Sheath	~1.5
Wire	~2.5
Pre-dilate	~3.5
Stent	~7.5
Post-dilate	~3.5

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

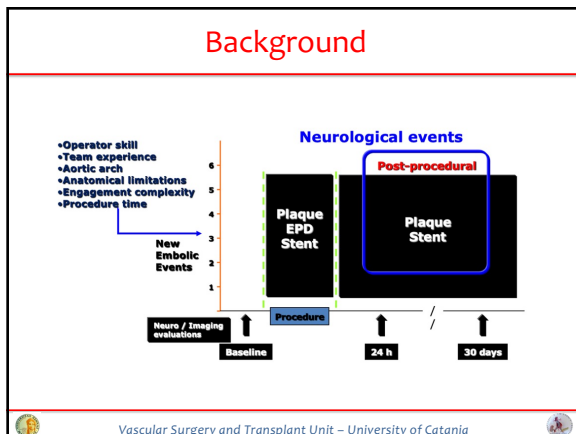
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## Background

Lesions in the Carotid arteries are often anatomically and morphologically very challenging

Stroke prevention by plaque coverage with a dedicated stent is mandatory.

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### What Stent Type

CAS can be broadly categorized into 3 designs:

- Open Cell
- Closed Cell
- Dual layered

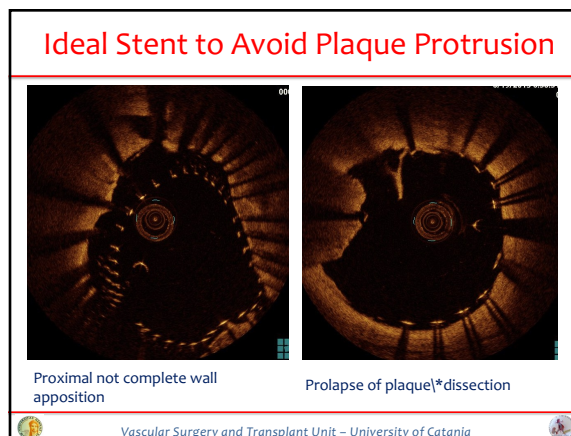
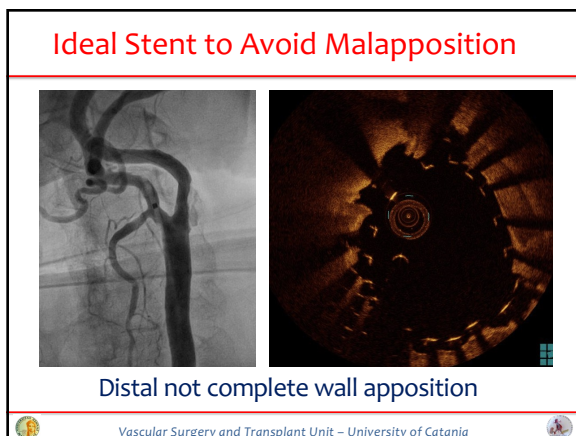
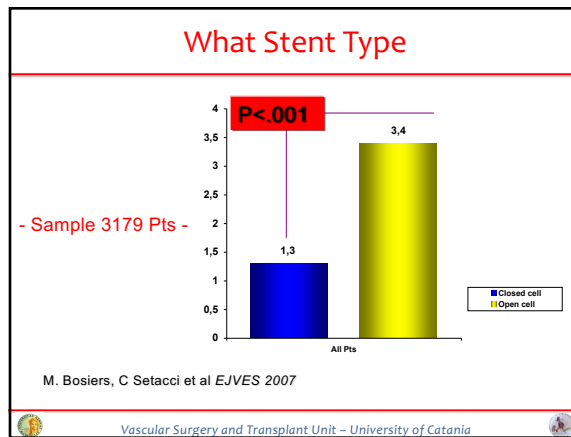
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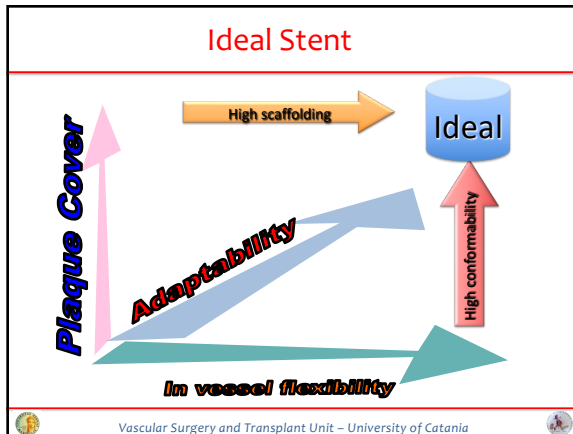
### What Stent Type

Some studies have suggested that stent designs with higher free cell areas may result in worse outcome do to a **higher risk of plaque protrusion** especially in sympt px

**Open cell**

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### New Stents

In order to reduce the risk of plaque protrusion 3 types of dual layered stents have been developed:

- Scaffold
- Roadsaver
- CGuard

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### The CAS New Waves

#### Double layered Micromesh Stent

Smallest stent cell size

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### The CAS New Waves

#### Primary Attribute

- **Chronic Embolic Protection**
  - Double layer micromesh design
  - Smallest stent cell size - preventing emboli release
- **Lesion specific scaffolding**
  - Extremely high plaque coverage
  - Superior in-vessel flexibility
  - Excellent wall apposition

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### The CAS New Waves

#### CGuard™ – Carotid Embolic Prevention System

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

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### The CAS New Waves

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## New Stents Data

**Clinical Trial** | JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2018 Dec 10;11(23):2396-2404.  
doi: 10.1016/j.jcin.2018.07.040.

**A First-in-Human Evaluation of a Novel Mesh-Covered Stent for Treatment of Carotid Stenosis in Patients at High Risk for Endarterectomy: 30-Day Results of the SCAFFOLD Trial**

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Eurointervention. 2018 Nov 20;14(10):1544-1546. doi: 10.4244/EIJ-D-18-00230.

**Evaluation of a new dual-layer micromesh stent system for the carotid artery: 12-month results from the CLEAR-ROAD study**

Marc Bosker<sup>1</sup>, Koan Deboon, Giovanni Toraldo, Dirk Scheerdt, Lieveke Meent, Patrick Peeters, Stefan Müller-Hilbebeck, Hans Stevers, Rolf Langhoff, Joren Calders, Gino Stalco, Jeroen Westers

**Multicenter Study** | JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2021 Sep 13;14(17):1917-1923.  
doi: 10.1016/j.jcin.2021.05.045. Epub 2021 Aug 11.

**1-Year Results From a Prospective Experience on CAS Using the CGuard Stent System: The IRONGUARD 2 Study**

30-day stroke rate 2.9%

30-day MAE rate 2.1%

1-year MAE rate of 1.9%

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## New Stents Data

**2020**

1-Month Results From a Prospective Experience on CAS Using the CGuard Stent System: The IRONGUARD 2 Study

**2021**

1-Year Results From a Prospective Experience on CAS Using the CGuard Stent System: The IRONGUARD 2 Study

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## New Stents Data

**2021**

1-Year Results From a Prospective Experience on CAS Using the CGuard Stent System: The IRONGUARD 2 Study

	24 hours	30 days	1 year
Stroke	3, 0.41%	4, 0.54%	5, 0.68%
Death	1, 0.13%	1, 0.13%	9, 1.22%
Stroke & Death	4, 0.54%	5, 0.68%	14, 1.90%
AMI	1, 0.13%	4, 0.54%	6, 0.81%

**CONCLUSIONS**

The 1-year results of the IRONGUARD 2 study suggest that the use of DLS could make it possible to achieve low rates of MACE and restenosis, regardless of patients' clinical and anatomical features or the procedural techniques adopted. Undeniably, our data should be validated in a randomized trial, prospectively evaluating results with a proper control population.

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## CGuard OCT Control

**OCTOPUS Study**

**CONCLUSIONS**

The use of OCT in a small vessel can be used to assess the presence of atherosclerotic plaque, which is not visible on conventional angiography. OCT can be used to assess the presence of atherosclerotic plaque, which is not visible on conventional angiography. OCT can be used to assess the presence of atherosclerotic plaque, which is not visible on conventional angiography.

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## Final Consideration

- Technical self-evidence and scientific data suggest **carotid stent design impacts CAS outcomes**, especially in **symptomatic patients (unstable plaque)**
- Stents may exert **intrinsic anti-embolic properties**
- **Stent scaffolding and conformability** may contribute to improve procedural results, as well as to solve the problem of post-procedural events

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