Carotid Interventions: is there a gender difference in outcome?

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Gender Specific outcome in Vascular Medicine – clinical issues

- The incidence of vascular disease is generally lower in women than in men.
- Female patients are older at time of diagnosis/treatment.
- Female patients have more risk factors and require careful periinterventional management.
Is gender a factor in asymptomatic carotid intervention?

female patient!
Prevalence of asymptomatic stenosis: Lower incidence in female patients

No long-term benefit for female patients with asymptomatic stenosis (?)

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<td><strong>Coverage:</strong></td>
<td>2009 – 2014 (163.088 CEAs)</td>
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<td>2012 - 2014 (18.065 CAS)</td>
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<td><strong>Type of study:</strong></td>
<td>Observational (secondary data analysis)</td>
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<td><strong>Statistics:</strong></td>
<td>Descriptive statistics, multivariable regression model</td>
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<td><strong>Primary endpoint:</strong></td>
<td>Any stroke or death until discharge</td>
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Carotid Stenting: Gender specific advantage for CAS?

Subgroup analysis: n=212 vs. 278, study underpowered

ACT 1 subgroup analysis shows benefit of carotid artery stenting for women and highly atherosclerotic patients

New ACT 1 subgroup analysis demonstrates that in female patients the rate of ipsilateral stroke is lower with carotid artery stenting (CAS) compared with endarterectomy (CEA), while in highly atherosclerotic patients stenting seems to deliver better overall long-term results than endarterectomy.

The data were presented by Gary Ansel (Columbus, USA) at the Vascular Interventional Advances 2017 conference (VIVA: 11-14 September, Las Vegas, USA), with Ansel noting that the results for female patients are significant as they are discordant with those reported in the CREST trial, while the findings for highly atherosclerotic patients are concordant with data from the CAPTURE 2 trial. Furthermore

Source: Vascular News, Issue 76; Nov 17 2018
Female Gender was a strong predictor of CVA especially in CAS (p<0.01)
Carotid artery stenting is associated with a higher incidence of major adverse clinical events than carotid endarterectomy in female patients

Kyla M. Bennett, MD, and John E. Scarborough, MD, Madison, Wisc

American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program 30 day results

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<td>CEA (n = 5620)</td>
<td>CAS (n = 131)</td>
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<td>MACE</td>
<td>290 (5.2)</td>
<td>16 (12.2)</td>
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<td>Death</td>
<td>41 (0.7)</td>
<td>3 (2.3)</td>
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<td>Stroke</td>
<td>123 (2.2)</td>
<td>5 (3.8)</td>
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<td>Transient ischemic attack</td>
<td>60 (1.1)</td>
<td>3 (2.3)</td>
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<td>MI/arrhythmia</td>
<td>106 (1.9)</td>
<td>6 (4.6)</td>
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<td>Bleeding</td>
<td>115 (2.1)</td>
<td>10 (7.6)</td>
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<td>Reoperation</td>
<td>129 (2.3)</td>
<td>3 (2.3)</td>
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<td>Postoperative LOS &gt;2 days</td>
<td>1002 (17.8)</td>
<td>17 (13.0)</td>
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<td>Nonhome discharge</td>
<td>363 (6.5)</td>
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<td>Readmission</td>
<td>390 (6.9)</td>
<td>14 (10.7)</td>
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CAS: Carotid artery stenting; CEA, carotid endarterectomy; LOS, length of stay; MACE, major adverse clinical event; MI, myocardial infarction.
Instable plaques more often in male asymptomatic

n=465
Munich Vascular Biobank
2004-2013

Conclusion

- Female patients have a similar periprocedural outcome in asymptomatic stenosis
- Age is a factor that outweighs gender
- In CAS there appear to be gender differences
- ACST II has the largest number of female patients included in a RCT ( > 1000)
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