



CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY

Carotid endarterectomy is surgery to remove a blockage in an artery to the brain. The *carotid arteries* are the arteries in the front of the neck that supply most of the brain with blood. These arteries are especially prone to developing *atherosclerosis*. A person who is found to have a severe narrowing of a carotid artery should be evaluated for possible surgery to remove the bumpy, hard material that is narrowing the artery. In certain circumstances, it has been shown that carotid endarterectomy results in a decreased risk for future stroke or recurrent stroke.

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