Doppler Analysis During CAS in Symptomatic Patients

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CAS Risk

 The greatest risk associated with CAS is periprocedural stroke or asymptomatic brain infarction due to embolization



Clinical Impact of Silent Brain Infarcts Seen On MRI - Large Population Based Study -

- More than doubled the risk of dementia
- Worse performance of neuropsychological tests
- Steeper decline in global cognitive function

Vermeer SE et al. NEJM 2003;348:1215-22

Silent Infarcts after CAS 100% MES (TCD) 19-32% HSI on DWMRI – Silent Infarcts **Decline in Cognitive Function? Vascular Dementia?**

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Incidence of stroke and death in high risk carotid stent IDE trials: 2002-2009 (n>4000)



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TransCranial Doppler

- Measurement of blood flow in middle cerebral artery
- Detection of emboli





TCD during CAS



 The only examination that can monitor intracranial blood flow in real time detecting both symptomatic and asymptomatic embolic events as they occur



Number of MES

Related with Stroke? Divergent results

- ≥ 8 MES in each phase \rightarrow more stroke ¹
- \geq 5 MES during CAS \rightarrow more HSI on MRI ²
- ≥ 5 MES / 15 minutes during immediate postoperative period of CEA → more HSI ³

¹ Martinelli O et al. Intern Angiol 2009;28;249-53
 ² Ackerstaff RGA et al. J Vasc Surg 2005;41:618-24
 ³ Cantelmo NL et al. J Vasc Surg 1998;27:1024-32

• No correlation btw MES and neurologic events⁴ ⁴ Vos JA et al. Radiology 2005; 234:493-9



Four TCD Predictors of Adverse Cerebral Outcome 550 TCD Data during CAS

- Macroembolism
- Massive air embolism
- Multiple microemboli (>5 showers at postdilation)
- Angioplasty-induced asystole and hypotension with a significant reduction of MCA flow velocity

Ackerstaff RGA et al. J Vasc Surg 2005;41:618-24





Interpretation of TCD Spectral Patterns Detected During Carotid Artery Stent Interventions

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Purpose: To classify transcranial Doppler (TCD) spectral patterns and analyze the significance of the patterns in the determination of hemodynamic alterations occurring during filter-protected carotid artery stent (CAS) procedures.

Methods: Data on middle cerebral artery (MCA) monitoring and post-CAS diffusion weighted magnetic resonance imaging (DWMRI) were reviewed for 53 patients (45 men; mean age 67.6±8.3 years) who underwent TCD evaluation before CAS and TCD monitoring during the procedure. TCD spectral patterns were classified according to the hemodynamic

Results: TCD spectral changes were classified into 4 patterns: (1) microemboli signals (53, 100%), (2) right-left collateral signals (31/53, 58%), (3) spectral suppression after balloon inflation (31/44, 70%), and (4) continuous spectral suppression after balloon removal (4/44, 9%). Even though microembolic signals were frequently observed during CAS, the new

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9%). Even though microembolic signals were frequently observed during CAS, the new DWMRI lesions were more frequently observed outside of the cerebral territory (78%) rather than in the territory ipsilateral to CAS (47%). The presence of right-left collaterals was related to less severe balloon-related spectral suppression on ipsilateral MCA (p<0.05). Continuous spectral suppression appeared after stent deployment and balloon dilation and was immediately reversed after removal of the filter device.

Conclusion: The spectral patterns classified in the present study may prove useful in anticipating CAS procedure-related hemodynamic alterations. Close hemodynamic observation using these spectral patterns could be helpful in preventing serious complications during CAS.

J Endovasc Ther. 2011;18:518–526

1. MES

- observed in 100% patients
- observed in all stages



Jeong HS et al. J Endovasc Ther 2011;18:518-26

- 2. Right-Left collateral signal
 - simultaneously detected in the MCA bilaterally after injection of contrast material in a proximal ICA
 - indicating collateral flow btw right and left anterior circulation





Positive; 58%Negative; 42%Jeong HS et al. J Endovasc Ther 2011;18:518-26

3. Spectral suppression after balloon inflation
- transient collapse of blood flow in the ipsilateral anterior circulation during balloon inflation



Marked spectral suppression (≥50% change from baseline)

- More frequent in no RL collateral signal patient
- 65% vs. 22%

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4. Continuous spectral suppression after balloon removal

- sustained spectral suppressions that continued even after the removal of the balloon
- 7% of patients



New DWMRI Lesion

- 37% (19 of 51 patents)
 - 9 ipsilateral
 - 10 contralateral or posterior circulation

may caused by

- catheter manipulation in the aortic arch
- contralateral embolization via RL collateral

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Proximal vs. Distal Protection Randomized TCD MES Comparison for High-Risk, Lipid-Rich Plaque

Steps	FilterWire EZ (n = 27)	MO.MA (n = 26)	p Value
Lesion wiring	26 (96%)	19 (73%)	0.145
Pre-dilation	6/7 (86%)	4/10 (40%)	0.578
Stent crossing of the lesion	27 (100%)	7 (27%)	<0.0001
Stent deployment	27 (100%)	7 (27%)	<0.0001
Stent post-dilation	26 (96%)	7 (27%)	<0.0001
Device retrieval/deflation	22 (81%)	25 (96%)	0.721

Montorsi P et al. JACC 2011;58:1656-63



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Transcervical Access



TCD During CAS Practical Issues

- Cost
- Availability of trained personnel
- Unavoidably distracts and stresses the operator
- Inability to monitor throughout the entire CAS procedure d/t patient motion and table movement

TCD During CAS Applications

- Alert the operator to take appropriate measures to avoid brain ischemia
- Accurately detects intra-procedural cerebral emboli
- Provides useful data for choice and control of the different DPDs
- Can be used to guide further development of cerebral protection devices and skills



Thanks for Your Attention







TCD-detected HITS in Asymptomatic Carotid Stenosis

• Reflec



Symptom Status & TCD HITS

• Symptomatic stenosis had more TCD-HITS



Jayasooriya G et al. J Vasc Surg 2011;54: 227-36, Meta analysis

Stenosis & TCD HITS



• Prevalence of HITS is increased with degree of stenosis in asymptomatic stenosis

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HITS & Long-term Stroke

- Seven studies with Asx stenosis
- Mean FU; 9-34 months
- Stroke+TIA; 28% vs. 2%



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No Flow Beyond Distal Filter

- Arterial spasm
- Dissection by filter
- Dissection by balloon catheter
- Full basket
- → Thrombi aspiration followed by filter removal



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TCD MES During CAS Solid vs. Gaseous emboli

- Reflect all solid or gaseous emboli, contrast, or artifacts.
- Intensity of MES higher in gaseous emboli
- But, signal intensity also increases with emboli size.
- Need automated frequency analysis of HITS and power M-mode Doppler.

Proximal Embolic Protection Advantages

- Easy to use with experience
- Intolerance is rare, and usually reversible
- Do not require crossing of the stenotic lesion without protection
- Less emboli get to brain... on TCD & DWI
- Great results especially elderly and Sx patients

Proximal Embolic Protection Disadvantages

- Intolerance possible with poor collateral or contralateral occlusion
- Some loss of visualization due to occluded flow
- Larger device (8~9 Fr introducer)
- Manipulation of aortic arch

Transcervical Access Advantages

- Avoid all maneuvers in the aortic arch, decreasing the potential embolic risk
- Allow a quick and easy procedure
- Do not require much catheterization skills (especially in case of severe tortuosities)
- Do not need special guiding catheters of stiff GW
- Always possible and often the only way (up to 5%)
- Does not carry a high risk of bleeding

