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# Micromesh Technology in Carotid Stents: Soft vs. Hard Landing

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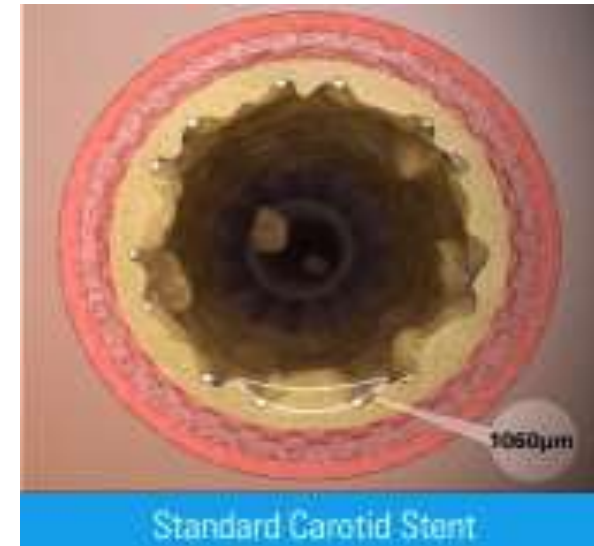
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# Stroke/TIA Following Carotid Stenting

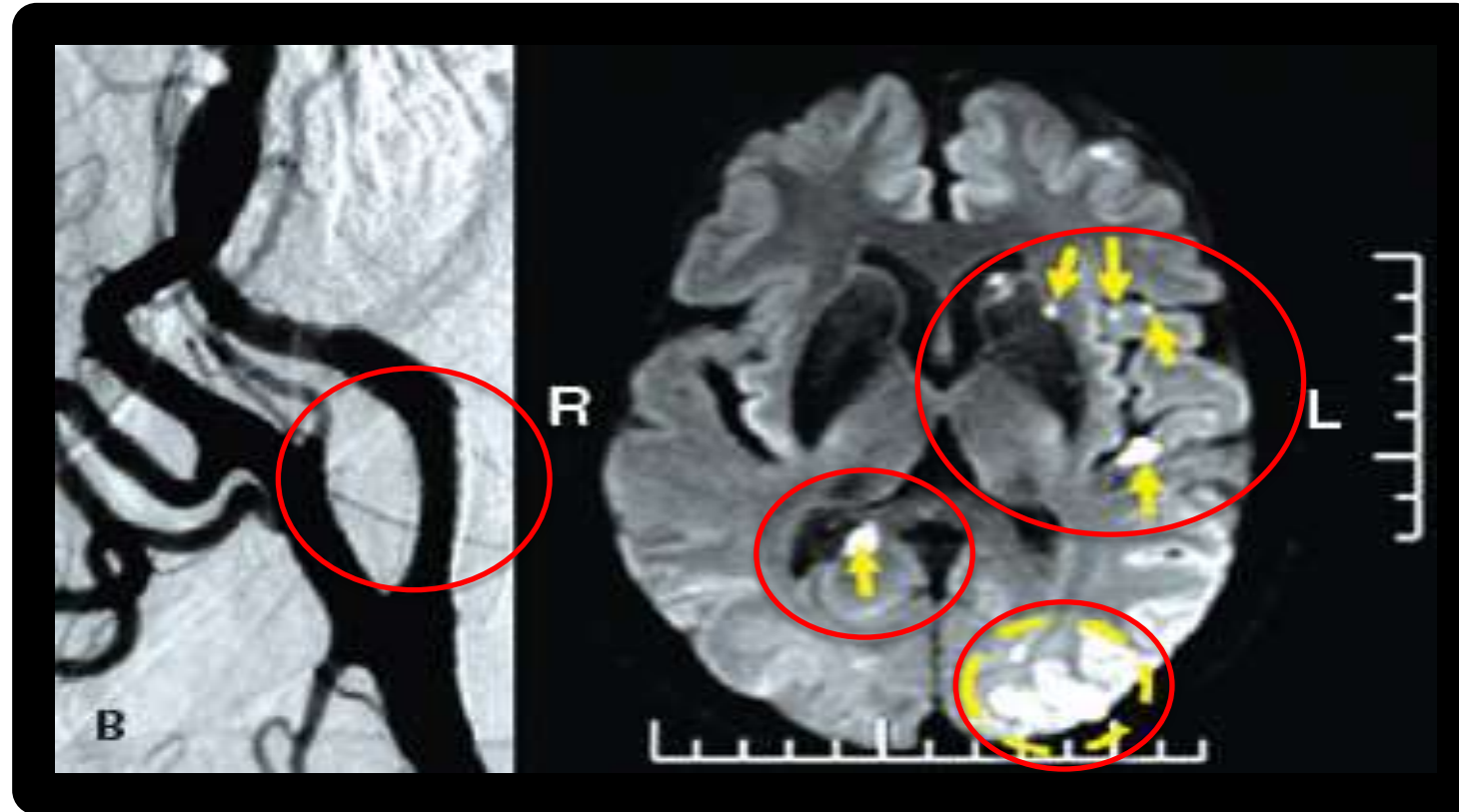
- Up to two-thirds of carotid stenting-associated strokes/TIAs occurred after the procedure<sup>1</sup>
- Plaque prolapse through the stent struts occurs in 23% to 65% of cases<sup>2</sup>
- The degree of prolapse depends on the free stent cell area<sup>2</sup>
- This explains why embolic protection devices have limited effectiveness in abolishing carotid stenting-associated strokes<sup>3</sup>
- Prevention of plaque protrusion through the struts may result in reduced embolization<sup>4,5,6</sup>



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# Post procedural embolization following carotid stenting is frequent

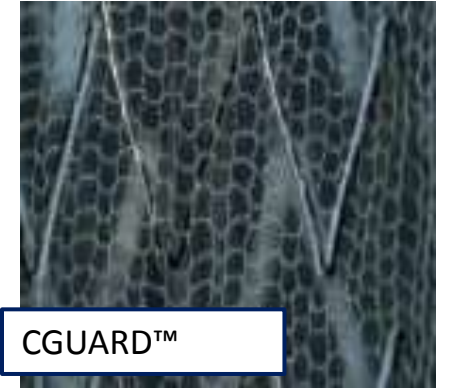


Post-Procedure

Post-intervention showing successful opening of the occluded carotid artery with conventional stenting and an MRI showing multiple micro-infarcts (obstructions) post-procedure due to liberation of embolic particles.

# Mesh Stents are Designed to Prevent Distal Embolization

- Ultrathin mesh inside or outside of the stent struts
- This “safety net” offers a greater vessel area coverage
- It prevents large plaque protrusion through the scaffold into the vessel lumen
- Mesh-Stents have identical deliverability as other stents
- They provide equivalent revascularization to conventional devices
- Designed to trap and seal thrombus and plaque against the vessel wall, preventing embolization



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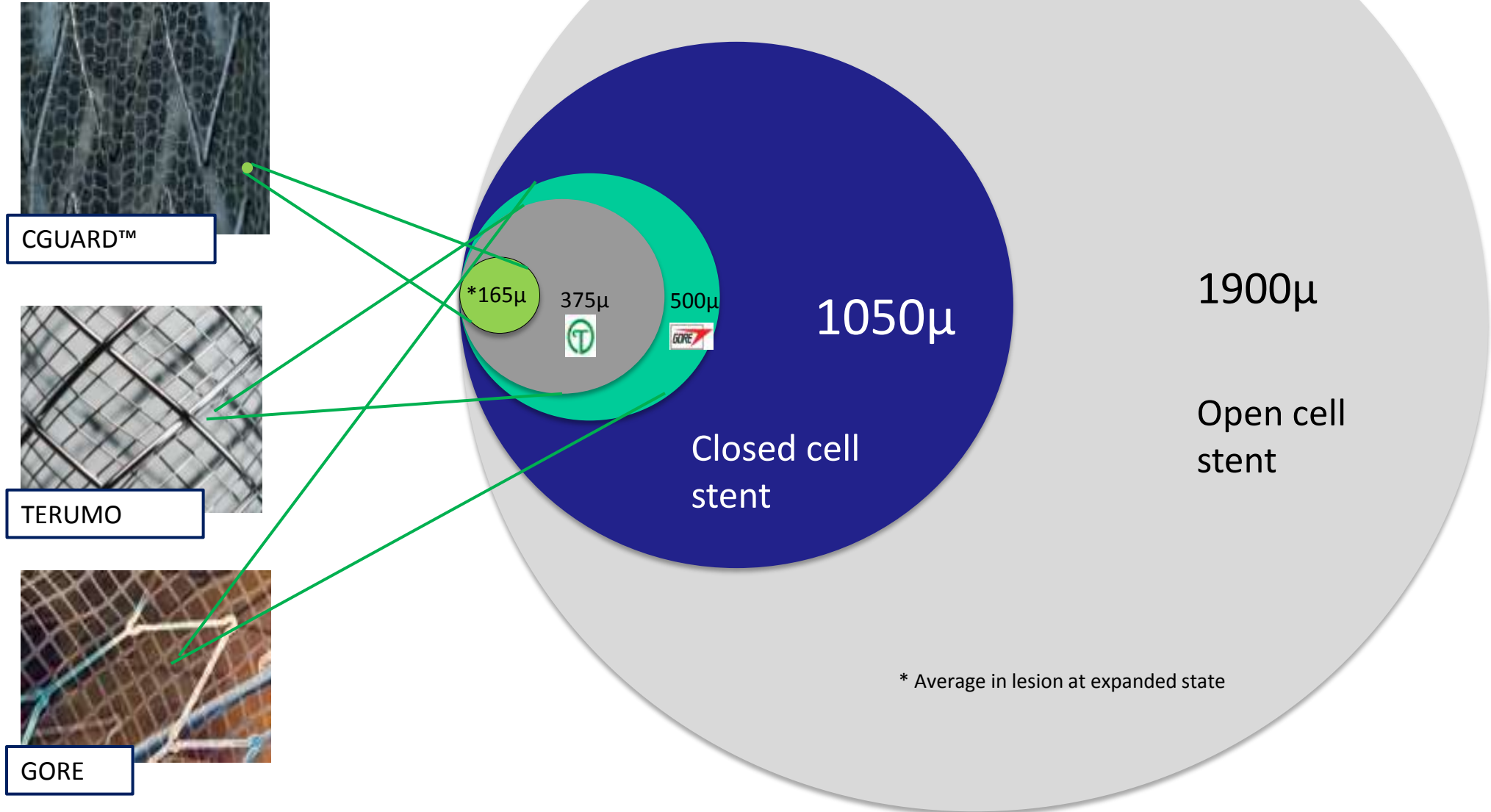


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# Best of both worlds

- Open cell stent design with large cell area
  - for better flexibility
- Smaller pore size
  - for better plaque coverage

# Pore Size





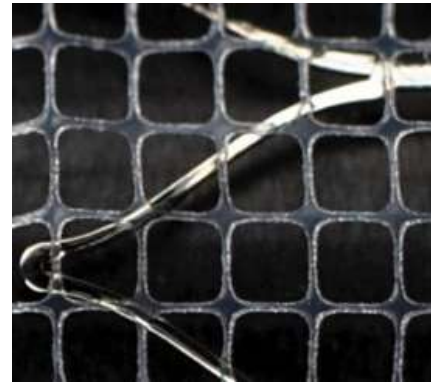
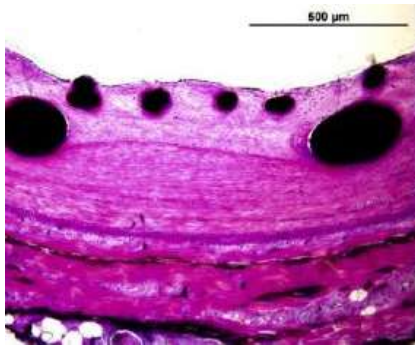
Name	RoadSaver <i>aka</i> Casper	Gore® Carotid Stent	CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent
Stent frame	closed-cell Nitinol	open-cell Nitinol	open-cell Nitinol
Mesh position in relation to frame	inside	outside	outside
Mesh material	Nitinol	PTFE	PET
Mesh structure	braided	inter-woven	single-fiber knitted
Pore size	375 μm	500 μm	150 - 180 μm



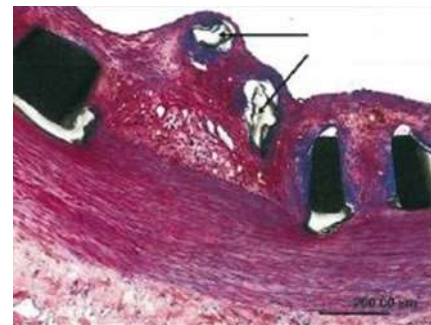
# Dual-layer stent comparison



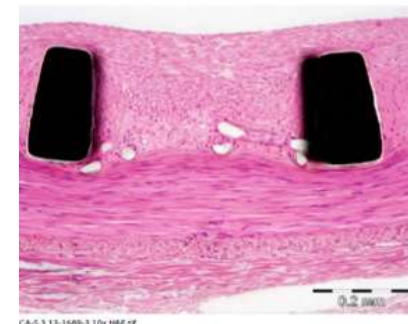
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Casper



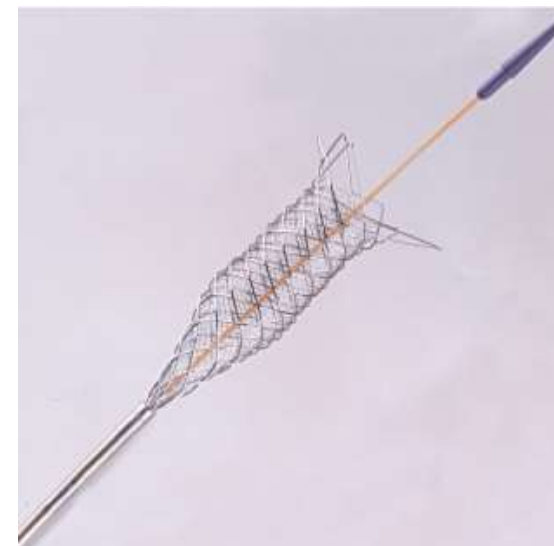
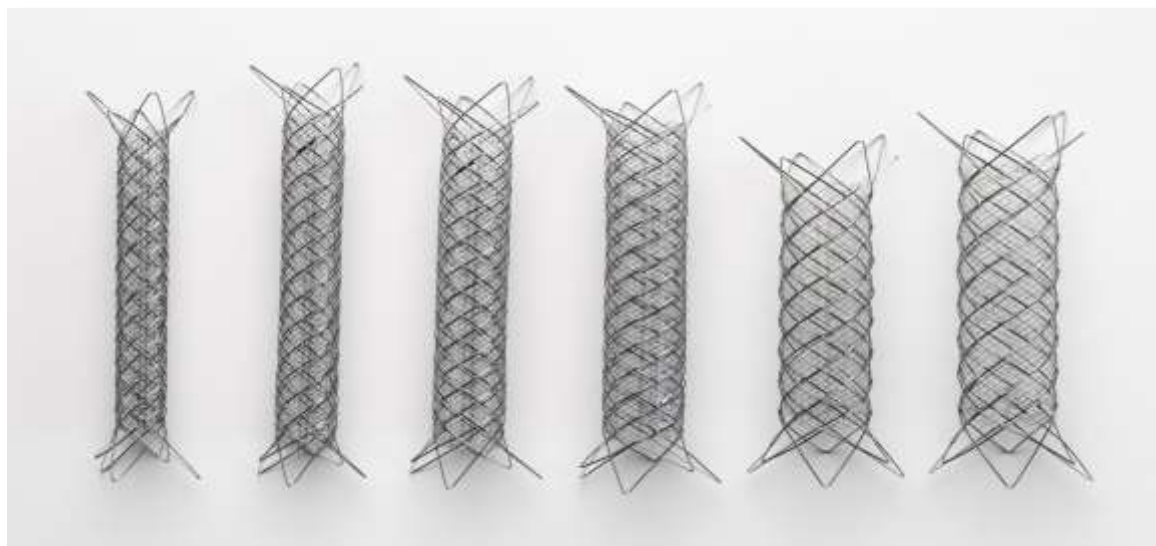
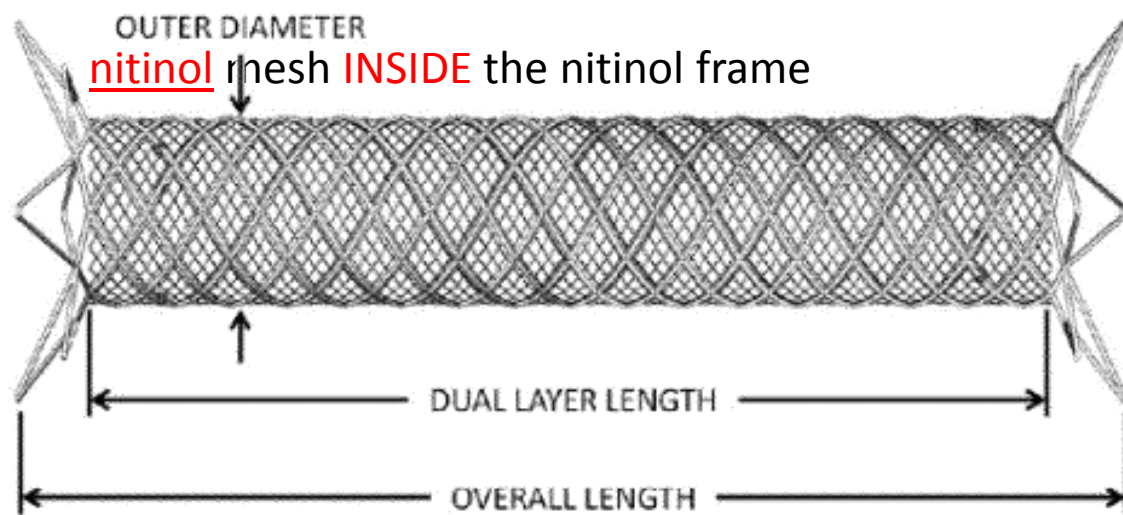
Gore<sup>®</sup>  
Carotid Stent



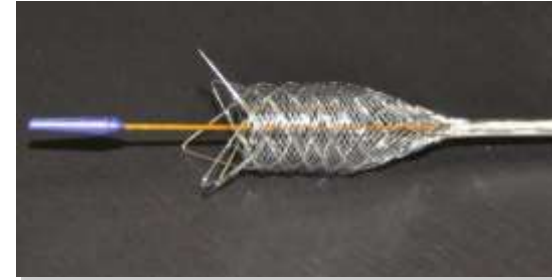
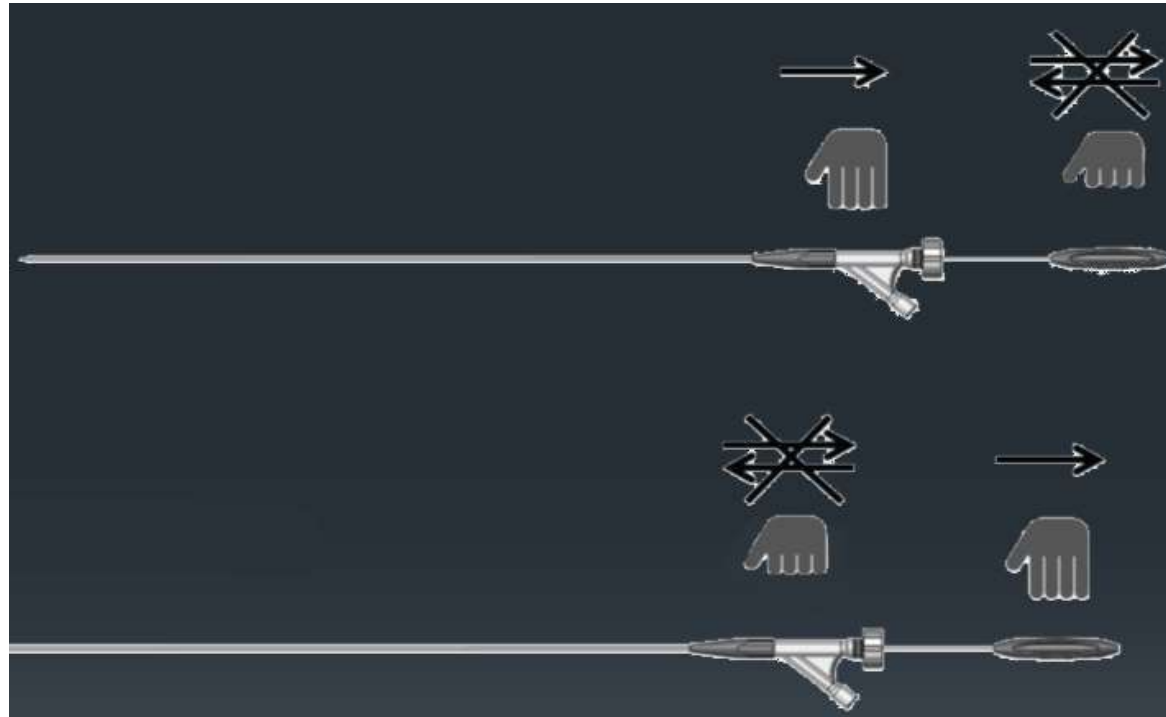
CGuard<sup>™</sup> Embolic  
Prevention System



# RoadSaver (Terumo) = Casper (MicroVena)



# RoadSaver: Push-Pull Stent Delivery System

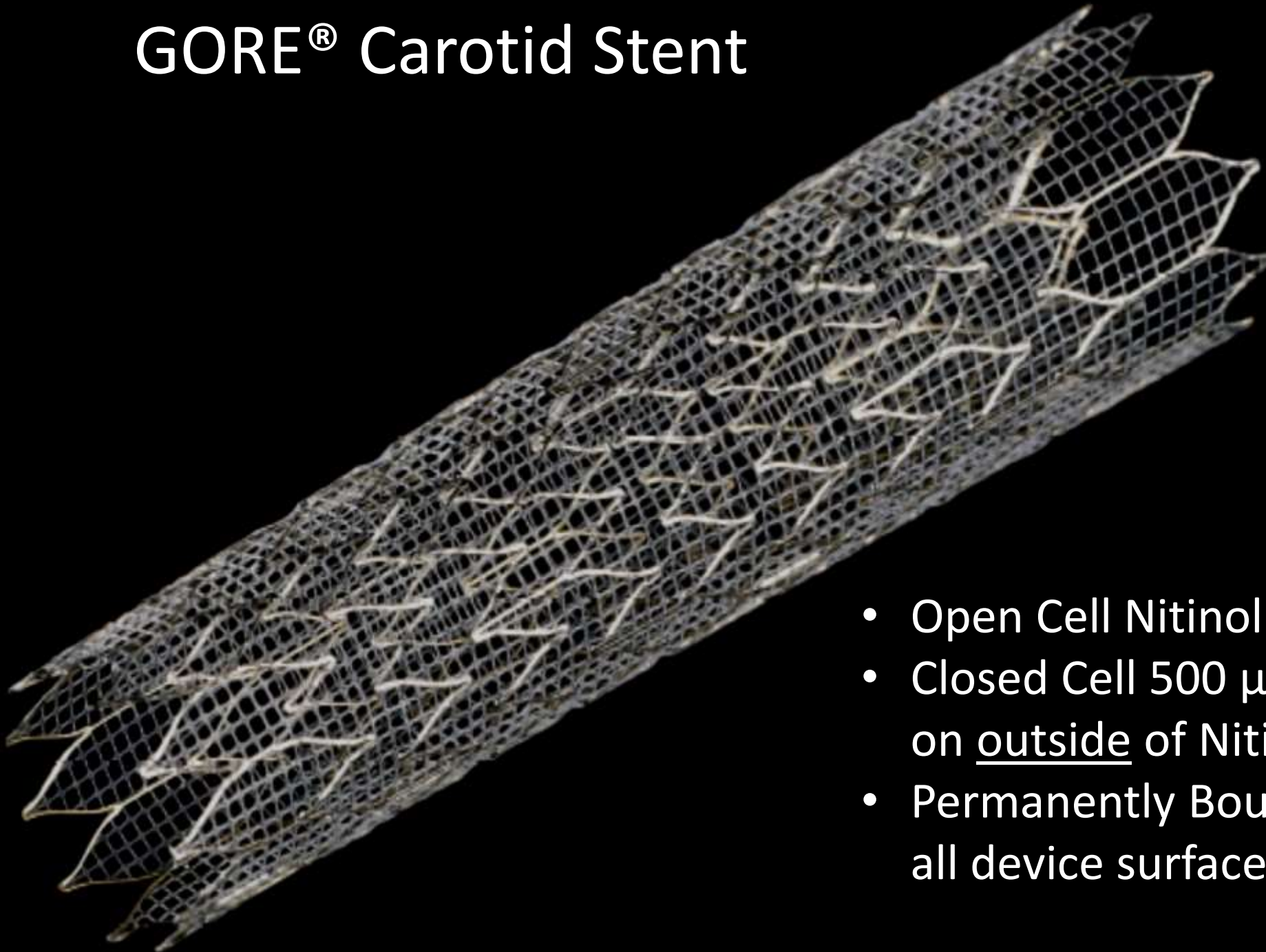


re-sheathable up to 50% stent length release

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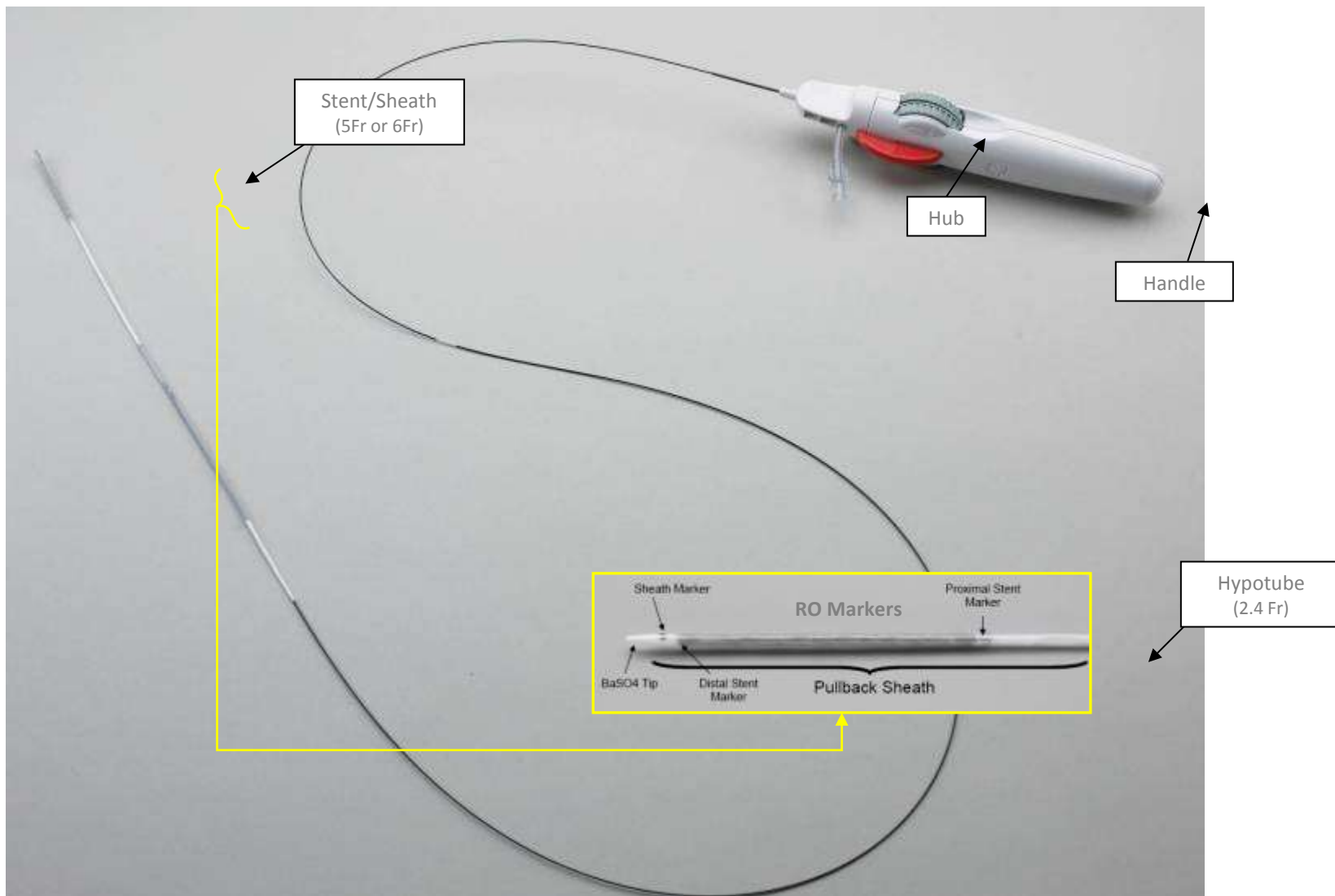


# GORE<sup>®</sup> Carotid Stent



- Open Cell Nitinol Frame
- Closed Cell 500  $\mu\text{m}$  PTFE lattice on outside of Nitinol Frame
- Permanently Bound Heparin on all device surfaces

# The Gore Stent Delivery System



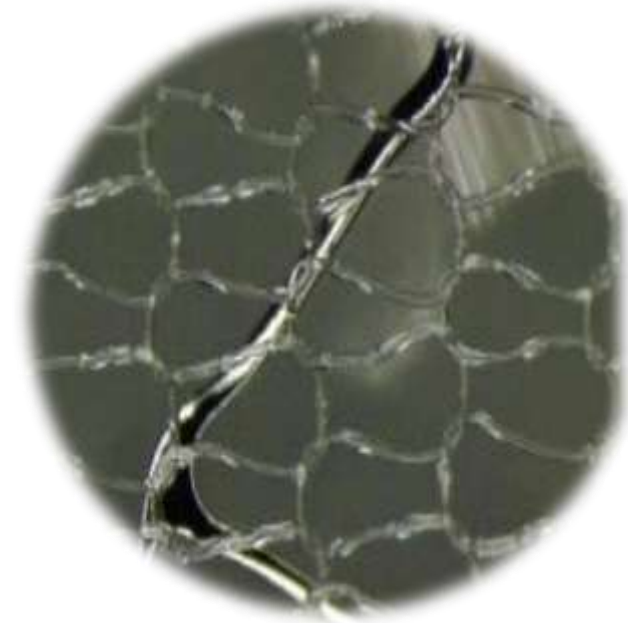
## Attributes

- Single handed delivery
- 5Fr or 6F
- Hypotube Design
  - Allows for complete closure of hemostatic valve
- 135 cm Working Length
- 30 cm Rx

# CGUARD MicroNet™ Technology

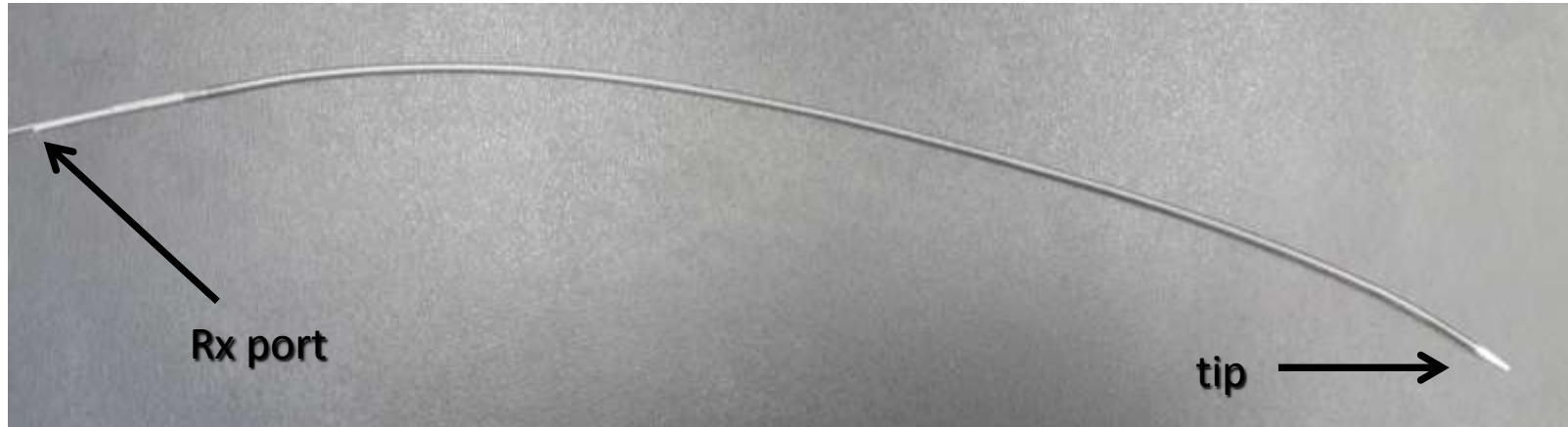
## The MicroNet™

- Woven mesh of one single 20µm strand of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
- Is sutured to both distal and proximal crowns of the stent platform



MicroNet™ technology  
supported by 6+ years of  
MGuard™ coronary data

# CGuard™ Embolic Prevention Stent System

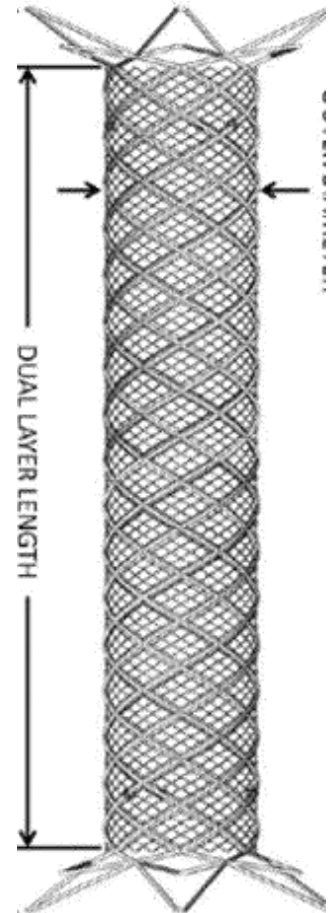


# Trial results



# Roadsaver – CLEAR-ROAD Study

- N = 100
- 8 EU centers
- Primary endpoint:
  - 30 day MAE (death, stroke, MI)
- Secondary endpoints
  - Technical success
  - MAE by subgroup symptomatic/asymptomatic
  - Late ipsilateral stroke (day 31-365)
  - TLR



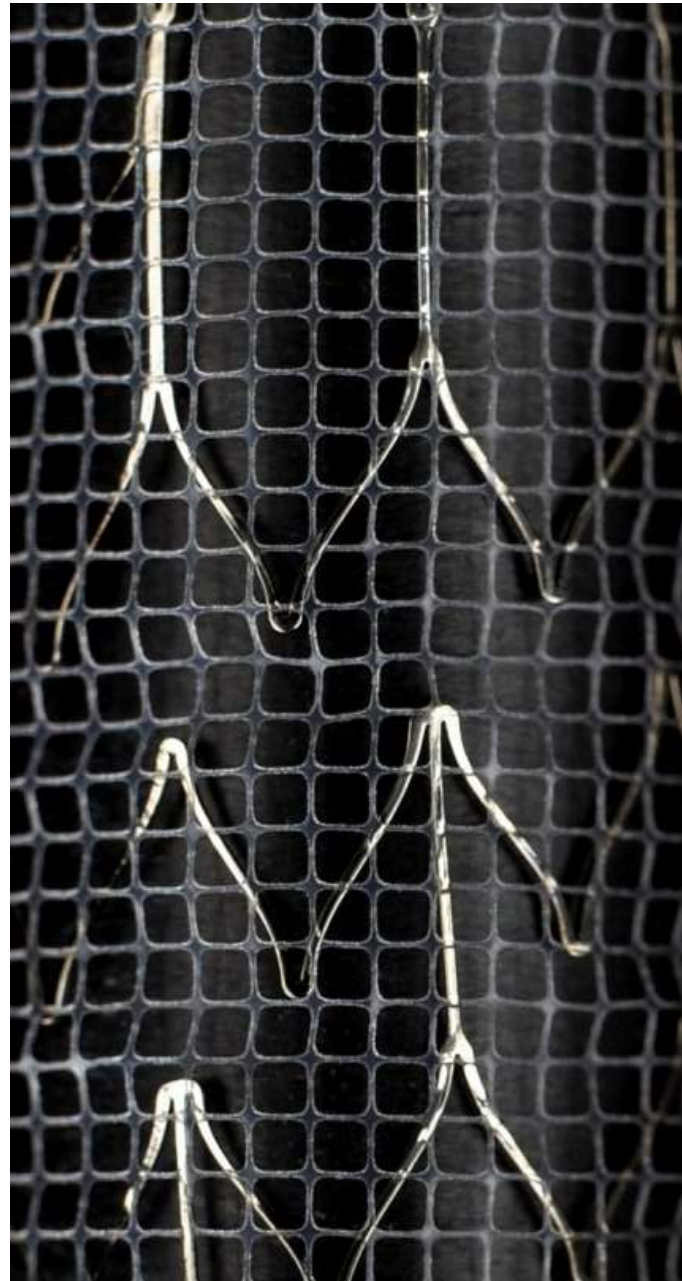
# Roadsaver – 30 day results

<b>Per Protocol</b>	<b>MAE's</b>
<b>All Death, Stroke, or MI</b>	<b>2.00%</b>
<b>Death</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>Any Stroke</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>- Major Stroke</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>- Minor Stroke</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>MI</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

- One MI, patient died on day 4
- One ipsilateral stroke on day 12 (Afib?)

# Gore Scaffold Trial

- 312 patients
- 30 US sites
- PI William Gray,  
Peter Schneider



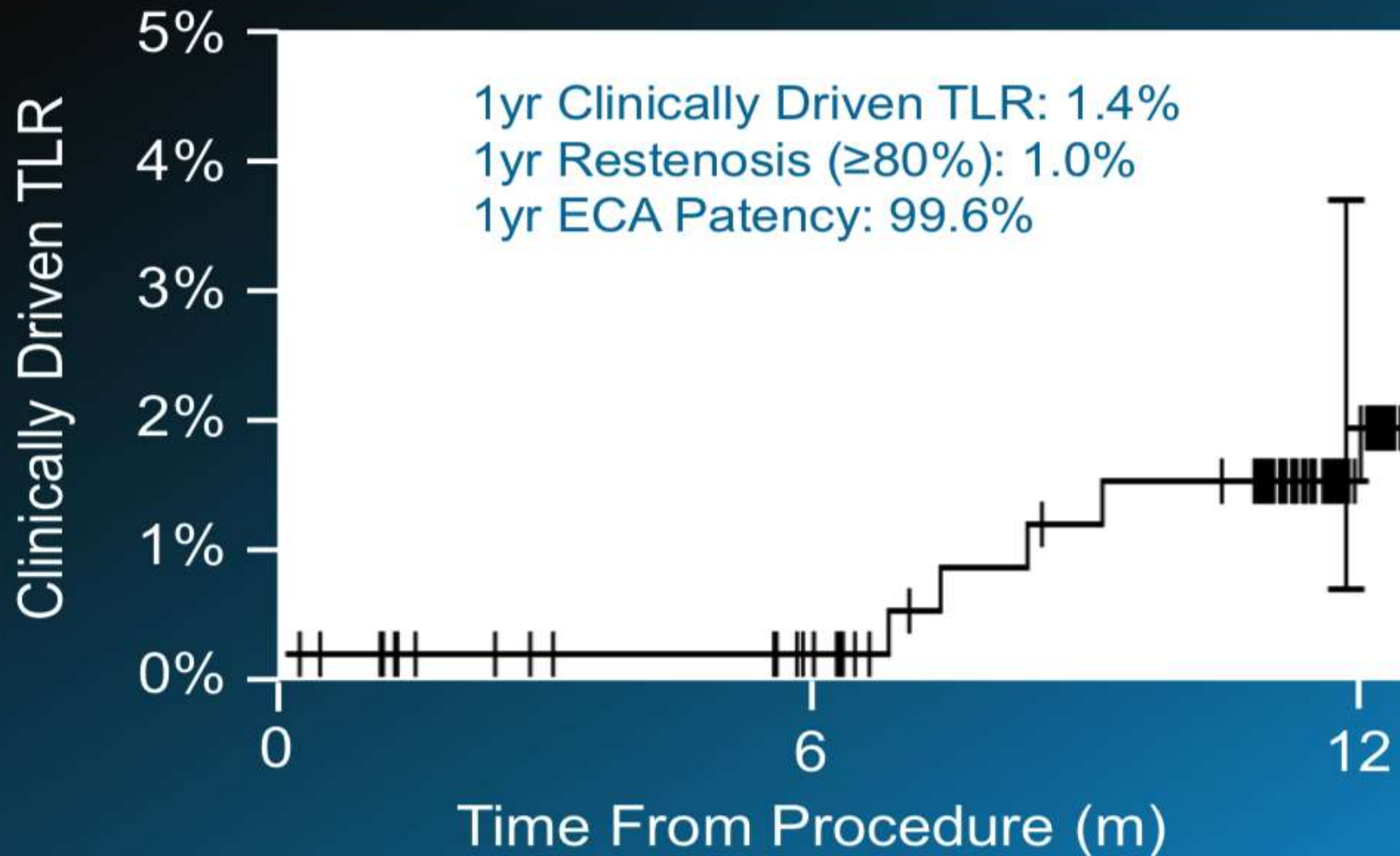
# SCAFFOLD Procedural Data: Technical Success

<b>Number of subjects</b>	<b>312</b>
Gore carotid stent successfully implanted	100% (312/312)
Gore embolic filter successfully deployed	94.6% (295/312)
Additional EPD used	4.5% (14/312)

# SCAFFOLD Primary Endpoints

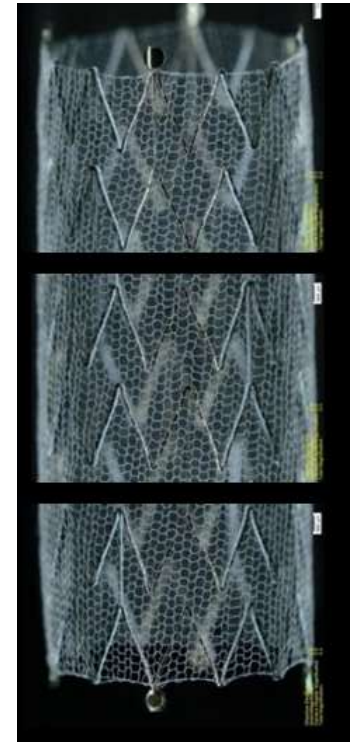
	Intention to treat (n=311)	Per protocol (n=264)
30 day endpoints		
MAE	4.8 %	3 %
Death	0.6 %	0.4 %
Myocardial infarction	1.3 %	1.5 %
Stroke	2.9 %	1.1 %
1 year endpoint		
ipsilateral stroke day 31-365	1.7 %	1.2 %

# Clinically-driven 1-year Target Lesion Revascularization (TLR): ITT



# CGUARD CARENET

- N = 30
- 4 centers in Germany and Poland
- Primary endpoints
  - Technical success
  - New ipsilateral lesions on MRI at 48 hours and 30 days
- Secondary endpoint: 30-day major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events (death, stroke, or myocardial infarction)



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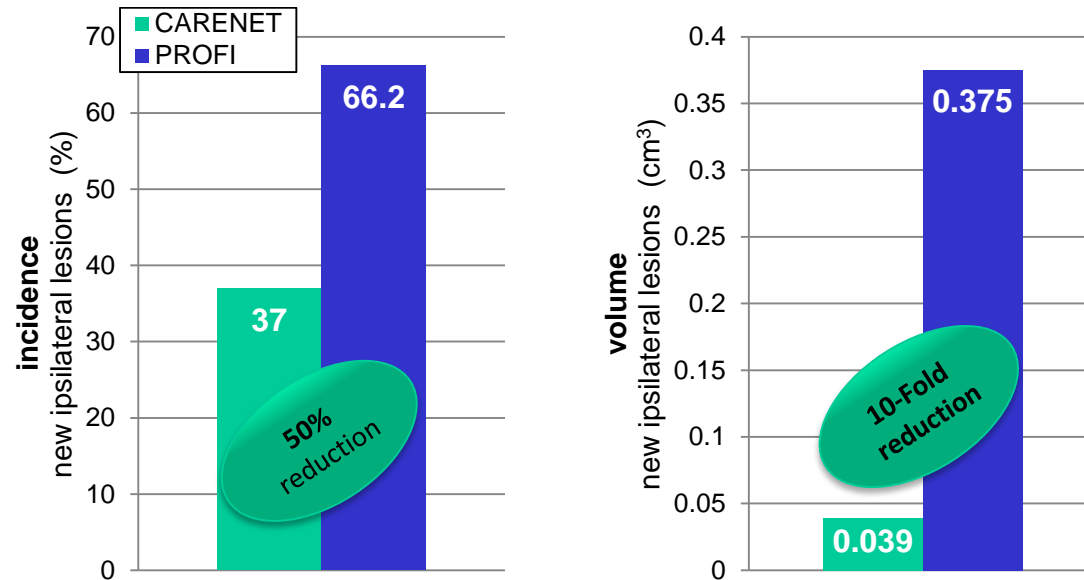
- Procedural success: 100%
- Procedural complications: 0
- 30-day MACE: 0
- New ipsilateral ischemic lesions at 48 h: 37%
  - Complete resolution of all but 1 periprocedural lesion and only 1 new minor (0.116 cm(3)) lesion in relation to the 48-h scan



# CGUARD CARENET

## DW-MRI Analysis

### DW-MRI analysis @ 48 hours, n=27\*



Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions at 48 hours was reduced by almost half compared to published data, and volume was reduced almost 10-fold.

All but one lesion had resolved completely by 30 days.

### DW-MRI analysis @ 30 days, n=25\*\*

Incidence of new ipsilateral lesions	4.0%
Average lesion volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.08 ± 0.00
Permanent lesions at 30 days	1

# CGUARD - PARADIGM

- 101 patients
  - 51-86 years
  - 55 symptomatic, evolving stroke in nine
- 106 CAS
- Embolic protection device mandatory
- Results
  - Technical success 106 (100%)
  - Periprocedural death/major stroke/MI rate: 0
  - Minor stroke (no sequelae): 1 (0.9%)
  - New events by 30 days: 0

# Summary and Conclusions

- Mesh Carotid stents are open cell stents with an additional layer with very small pores
- They are designed to prevent periprocedural embolic events
- Prospective clinical trials have shown promising results
  - Very low periprocedural stroke rate
  - No increased risk of re-stenosis
- Imagine we could have used these stents in CREST and other trials

Thank you!