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Objectives The purpose of this study was to evaluate and compare outcomes of patients undergoing carotid artery stenting (CAS) for ipsilateral restenosis, after either previous CAS or carotid artery endarterectomy (CEA) (CAS-R group), with those of patients who had CAS performed for de novo carotid atherosclerotic stenosis (CAS-DN group).

Background Therapeutic revascularization strategies to reduce stroke include CAS and CEA. Limited data exist concerning the outcomes of CAS in the setting of previous ipsilateral carotid revascularization.

Methods Patients enrolled in the CARE (Carotid Artery Revascularization and Endarterectomy) registry who underwent CAS were identified and separated into 2 groups: those undergoing CAS after previous ipsilateral CEA or CAS (CAS-R group, $n = 1,996$) and those who had CAS performed for de novo atherosclerotic carotid stenosis (CAS-DN group, $n = 10,122$). We analyzed the clinical and procedural factors associated with CAS-R and CAS-DN between January 1, 2005, and October 8, 2012. Propensity score matching using 19 clinical and 9 procedural characteristics was used, yielding 1,756 patients in each CAS cohort.

Results The primary endpoint composite of in-hospital death or stroke or myocardial infarction (MI) occurred less often in the CAS-R compared with CAS-DN patients (1.9% vs. 3.2%; $p = 0.019$). In-hospital adverse cerebrovascular events (stroke or transient ischemic attack) occurred less frequently in the CAS-R cohort (2.2% vs. 3.6%; $p < 0.001$). However, there was no significant difference in the composite of death, stroke, or MI at 30 days between both groups.

Conclusions Patients who underwent CAS for restenosis after previous ipsilateral revascularization had lower periprocedural adverse event rates and comparable 30-day adverse event rates compared with CAS for de novo carotid artery stenosis. (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2014;7:180-6) © 2014 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

Carotid artery revascularization strategies include carotid artery endarterectomy (CEA) and carotid artery stenting (CAS) (1). However, the optimal management strategy of obstructive atherosclerotic carotid artery disease after previous ipsilateral revascularization, with either CEA or CAS, remains unclear. Severe carotid artery restenosis or occlusion after previous surgical or endovascular treatment is associated with an increased risk of adverse cerebrovascular events (2). Revascularization may be indicated for CAS in-stent restenosis, failure of CEA, or progression of stenosis adjacent to the previous operative or endovascular interventional site. The purpose of this study, using CARE (Carotid Artery Revascularization and Endarterectomy) registry data, was to evaluate and compare outcomes of patients undergoing CAS for ipsilateral restenosis, either after previous CAS or CEA (CAS-R group), with those of patients who had CAS performed for de novo carotid atherosclerotic stenosis (CAS-DN group). We identified clinical and procedural characteristics of patients requiring CAS after previous ipsilateral carotid revascularization. Within these 2 groups (CAS-R

and CAS-DN), we also examined outcomes stratified by the presence of symptomatic carotid artery disease.

Methods

The CARE registry is an initiative of the American College of Cardiology Foundation, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Interventional Radiology, American Academy of Neurology, American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Society for Vascular Medicine, and Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology.

Details pertaining to the CARE registry have been described in depth elsewhere (3). Briefly, this registry was established to document and review clinical outcomes for patients undergoing carotid artery revascularization. Data relating to clinical characteristics, procedural appropriateness, and 30-day outcomes are included. Independent neurological assessment using the National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale performed immediately before and after

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