



# Carotid Endarterectomy Data Dictionary

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## CEA Qualifying Case Criteria

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### Qualifying Procedures:

- Endarterectomy of the common carotid artery (CCA), internal carotid artery (ICA), carotid bifurcation and carotid bulb
- CEA that is converted to a CAS during the same OR time
  - You would enter both a CEA and CAS for this scenario

### CEA procedures that do not qualify:

- Endarterectomy of the external carotid artery (ECA)
- A qualifying CEA that is converted to a carotid bypass during the same OR time
- CEA of the petrosal and intracranial regions of the internal carotid artery (ICA)
- Patch on anastomosis
- The procedure was aborted BEFORE the primary incision was made.

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# Physician

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Choose the attending physician from the drop down list, or create a physician identification if not already listed.

**Selections:**

Choose Physician

**Required:**

Yes

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## Fellow ID/Second Operator

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Use the drop down box to choose a physician. If not available in drop down, enter the fellow's or second operator's information to create a physician ID.

**Selections:**

- Enter value

**Supporting Definitions:**

This is an optional field if your site chooses to track it' fellows or second operators.

**Required:**

No



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## Procedure Date & Start Time

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Enter the date of the current procedure (mm/dd/yyyy) and enter the time the procedure was initiated. (Military time)

### Selections:

- Enter date & time

### Supporting Definitions:

The time the procedure started is defined as the incision time for open procedures. Indicate the time (hours:minutes) using military 24-hour clock, beginning at midnight (0000 hours).

### Required:

Yes

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## Procedure End Date & Time

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Enter the date and time the procedure ends.

### Selections:

- Enter Date & Time

### Supporting Definitions:

End time for open surgical procedures is defined as the time when all instrument and sponge counts are completed; all dressings and drains are secured; and the physicians/surgeons have completed all procedure-related activities on the patient. Should the patient expire in the procedure area, indicate the time the patient was pronounced. Indicate the time (hours:minutes) using military 24-hour clock, beginning at midnight (0000 hours).

### Required:

Yes

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## Status of Procedure

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the status of the procedure using the following categories.

### Selections:

- Elective: The procedure could be deferred without increased risk of compromised vascular outcome. This should include the elective or scheduled patients.
- Urgent: Required operation within 72 hours, but > 12 hours of symptoms.
- Emergent: Required operation within 12 hours of symptoms.

### Required:

Yes

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## Labs

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### Pre Procedure Creatinine

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Use the last value between 30 days prior to arrival and current procedure. If there is no value, mark not drawn.

**Selections:**

- Drawn
  - Enter value
- Not drawn

**Supporting Definitions:**

When multiple lab values are available pre-procedure, enter the value closest to the procedure start time. If a patient has multiple procedures within a hospitalization, the pre-procedure labs should be abstracted after the previous procedure; if no labs are drawn from the end of the previous procedure to the start of the current procedure, enter "Not drawn".

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

mg/dl

**Minimum:**

0.1

**Maximum:**

15

**Soft Minimum:**

0.3

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### Pre Procedure Hemoglobin (Hgb)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Use the last value between 30 days prior to arrival and current procedure. If there is no value, mark not drawn

**Selections:**

- Drawn
  - Enter value
- Not drawn

**Supporting Definitions:**

When multiple lab values are available pre-procedure, enter the value closest to the procedure start time. If a patient has multiple procedures within a hospitalization, the pre-procedure labs should be abstracted after the previous procedure; if no labs are drawn from the end of the previous procedure to the start of the current procedure, enter "Not drawn".

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

g/dl

**Minimum:**

2

**Maximum:**

20

**Soft Minimum:**

5

**Soft Maximum:**

18

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### Pre Procedure BNP

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a BNP value was obtained within the 30 days prior to the procedure. If more than one value exists, use the one closest to the procedure start time.

**Selections:**

Pre Procedure BNP

- Yes
  - Value \_\_\_\_\_ pg/mL
- No

**Required:**

Yes

**Pre Procedure Troponin****Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a Troponin I, Troponin T, Troponin I HS (High Sensitivity) or Troponin T HS value was obtained within the 30 days prior to the procedure. If more than one value exists, use the value closest to the procedure start time.

**Selections:**

Pre Procedure Troponin

- Yes
  - Pre procedure troponin I
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
  - Pre procedure troponin T
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
  - Pre procedure troponin I HS
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
  - Pre procedure troponin T HS
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
- Not Drawn

**Supporting Definitions:**

When multiple lab values are available pre-procedure, enter the value closest to the procedure start time. If a patient has multiple procedures within a hospitalization, the pre-procedure labs should be abstracted after the previous procedure; if no labs are drawn from the end of the previous procedure to the start of the current procedure, enter "Not drawn".

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

ng/dL, ng/mL, ng/L, pg/mL

**Pre Procedure COVID-19****Data Abstraction Instructions:****Pre Procedure COVID-19**

Indicate the COVID-19 status known at procedure start. If there are multiple results available within 7 days of the procedure, please enter the COVID-19 result that is closest to the procedure start time.

**Positive COVID-19\*** = within 7 days of procedure start, patient has tested positive for COVID-19 documented by clinician and/or laboratory specimen result (lower respiratory, upper respiratory, serology, sputum, stool, urine, oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal swab). Enter Positive if a patient tested positive prior to 7 days of the procedure start and does not meet the criteria for recovered.

**If Positive COVID-19 result, enter the date and time of Positive Result Posted. If a date is documented but the time is not documented enter the date and then enter 00:00 for the time. If date and time are not documented, enter Not Documented.**

**Negative COVID-19\*** = within 7 days of procedure start, patient has tested negative for COVID-19 documented by clinician and/or laboratory specimen result (lower respiratory, upper respiratory, serology, sputum, stool, urine, oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal swab).

**If Negative COVID-19 result, enter the date and time of Negative Result Posted. If a date is documented but the time is not documented enter the date and then enter 00:00 for the time. If date and time are not documented, enter Not Documented.**

**Investigating COVID-19** = possibility patient is infected is being investigated (specimen for testing may or may not have been obtained yet)

**COVID-19 Not Suspected\*\*** = there is no documentation that the patient is suspected to have COVID-19 and they have not been tested.

**Recovered COVID-19** = The patient was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 infection (lab or clinical criteria) and is no longer contagious as defined by:

Test-based strategy:

- At least three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, AND
- Two (2) consecutive negative COVID-19 laboratory tests  $\geq$  24 hours apart

OR

Symptom-based strategy:

- At least three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, AND
- At least ten (10) days have passed since symptom onset

OR

If tested positive for COVID-19 and never exhibited symptoms:

- At least 10 days have passed since first positive COVID-19 test, OR
- Two (2) consecutive negative COVID-19 laboratory tests  $\geq$  24 hours apart

**Timeframe:** Prior to procedure start.

\*Please include any of the viruses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic (2019-nCoV, MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV2, and other associated viruses identified by the CDC).

\*\*If procedure performed prior to the pandemic, please select COVID Not Suspected.

**Selections:**

- Positive COVID-19 (Within 7 Days of Procedure Start)

- Documented
  - Enter Date/Time: MM/DD/YYYY – HH:MM
- Not Documented
- Negative COVID-19 (Within 7 Days of Procedure Start)
  - Documented
    - Enter Date/Time: MM/DD/YYYY – HH:MM
  - Not Documented
- Investigating COVID-19
- COVID-19 Not Suspected
- Recovered COVID-19

### Supporting Definitions:

World Health Organization. (2020, March 2). WHO.int. Laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in suspected human cases. Interim guidance.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/laboratory-guidance>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020, May 2). CDC.gov. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020, May 3). CDC.gov. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

### Required:

Yes

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## Post Procedure Peak Creatinine

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Record the highest level recorded from time of procedure to next procedure or discharge, whichever occurs first.

### Selections:

- Drawn
  - Enter value
- Not drawn

### Supporting Definitions:

The next procedure is any procedure utilizing contrast, or any open surgical procedure. If the "next procedure" is a complication from the entered procedure, continue to abstract the peak creatinine beyond it.

If only one value is available post procedure through discharge, that value will be used for both the post procedure peak creatinine **and** the discharge value.

### Required:

Yes

### Suffix:

mg/dl

### Minimum:

0.1

### Maximum:

15

### Soft Minimum:

0.3

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## Post Procedure Nadir Hemoglobin

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Record the lowest level recorded from time of procedure to next procedure, or discharge, whichever occurs first.

### Selections:

- Drawn
  - Enter value
- Not drawn

#### Supporting Definitions:

The next procedure is any procedure utilizing contrast, or any open surgical procedure. If the "next procedure" is a complication from the entered procedure, continue to abstract the peak creatinine beyond it.

If only one value is available post procedure through discharge, that value will be used for both the post procedure nadir hemoglobin **and** the discharge value.

#### Required:

Yes

#### Suffix:

g/dl

#### Minimum:

2

#### Maximum:

20

#### Soft Minimum:

5

#### Soft Maximum:

18

## Post Procedure COVID-19

#### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the COVID-19 status for this discharge/episode of care. If there are multiple results available post procedure through discharge, please enter the first positive result available post procedure. If there are no positive results, please enter the first negative result available post procedure.

**Positive COVID-19\*** = patient has a positive test result for COVID-19\* post procedure. Specimen\*\* may have been obtained, either prior to or post procedure and was positive after the procedure. If a specimen\*\* obtained during this hospitalization is positive for COVID-19\* at time of abstraction, please select this field even if results were posted after discharge.

**If Positive COVID-19 result, enter the date and time of Positive Result Posted. If a date is documented but the time is not documented enter the date and then enter 00:00 for the time. If date and time are not documented, enter Not Documented.**

**Negative COVID-19\*** = patient has negative test result for COVID-19 post procedure. Specimen obtained, either prior to or post procedure and was negative after the procedure. If a specimen\*\* obtained during this hospitalization is negative for COVID-19\* at time of abstraction, please select this field even if results were posted after discharge.

**If Negative COVID-19 result, enter the date and time of Positive Result Posted. If a date is documented but the time is not documented enter the date and then enter 00:00 for the time. If date and time are not documented, enter Not Documented.**

**No COVID-19\* Result** = Specimen\*\* obtained, but no result at time of abstraction.

**No COVID-19\* Specimen\*\*** = patient was not tested for COVID-19 during this hospitalization.

**No Change in COVID Status** = patient was identified as "Positive COVID-19", "Negative COVID-19", or "Recovered COVID-19" prior to the first procedure and there has been no change in patient condition prompting further testing.

**Timeframe:** Post procedure through discharge from hospital. While the result timeframe you are addressing is post procedure, the actual specimen may have been obtained prior to the VS or carotid procedure. If patient has multiple procedures, please select response based on COVID-19 status after last procedure.

\*Please include any of the viruses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic (2019-nCoV, MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV2, and other associated viruses identified by the CDC)

\*\*Specimen sites: lower respiratory, upper respiratory, serology, sputum, stool, urine, oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal swab.

#### Selections:



- Positive COVID-19
  - Documented
    - Enter Date/Time: MM/DD/YYYY - HH:MM
  - Not Documented
- Negative COVID-19
  - Documented
    - Enter Date/Time: MM/DD/YYYY - HH:MM
  - Not Documented
- No COVID-19 Result
- No COVID-19\* Specimen
- No Change in COVID Status

**Supporting Definitions:**

World Health Organization. (2020, March 2). WHO.int. Laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in suspected human cases. Interim guidance.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/laboratory-guidance>

**Required:**

Yes

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## Patient History

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### Significant Valve Disease

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate whether the patient has had a previous surgical replacement and/or repair of a cardiac valve by any approach prior to arrival at this facility. This includes percutaneous valve procedures and valvuloplasty. Also indicate if patient has mitral valve regurgitation of at least grade 2 or greater, mitral valve area < 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>, aortic valve regurgitation of at least grade 2 or greater, or aortic valve area <= 1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - MI/MR
  - MS
  - AI
  - AS
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

This may include physician documentation of moderate or severe valve disease.

**Required:**

Yes

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### Mechanical Aortic or Mitral Valve

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has a history of open surgical or percutaneous valve replacement with a mechanical mitral or aortic valve. If the patient has received a biological (e.g. tissue) valve, had surgical valve repair (without valve replacement), or undergone percutaneous valve modification (including valvuloplasty, mitral annular remodeling, or mitral valve clipping/suturing), without mechanical valve replacement, code "No".

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### Angina CCS Class III or IV within 6 Weeks

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced anginal symptoms equivalent to the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) Classification System Class III or IV within 6 weeks prior to the procedure.

- CCS Class III or Class IV are defined as:
- Class III: Marked limitation of ordinary activity; for example, angina occurs walking one or two blocks on the level or climbing one flight of stairs in normal conditions and at a normal pace.
- Class IV: Inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort - angina syndrome may be present at rest.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient has a history of peripheral arterial disease prior to the current procedure. Peripheral arterial disease is characterized by any of the following:

1. Claudication, either with exertion or at rest
2. Amputation for arterial vascular insufficiency
3. Vascular reconstruction, bypass surgery, or percutaneous intervention to the extremities
4. Documented aortic aneurysm
5. Positive noninvasive test (e.g., ankle brachial index less than 0.8)

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Home O2 Therapy

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if, prior to the current procedure, the patient has been receiving home oxygen therapy for treatment of chronic lung disease.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Major surgery planned within next 8 weeks

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient is receiving carotid revascularization in preparation for a major surgical procedure. Indicate "yes" only if the surgical procedure will take place within 8 weeks following the carotid revascularization.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - Cardiac
  - Vascular
  - Other
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Previous Neck Radiation

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient had previous X-Ray therapy to the neck prior to the current admission or prior to the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Prior Neck Surgery (other than CEA)

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient had a previous extensive (i.e., radical) neck dissection (other than carotid endarterectomy (CEA) prior to the current admission or prior to the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Tracheostomy Present

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient has an open tracheostomy, at the time of the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Previous Laryngeal Nerve Palsy

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient has a history of laryngeal nerve palsy, defined as paralysis of the larynx caused by damage to the recurrent laryngeal nerve or its parent nerve, the vagus nerve, prior to the current procedure. Indicate the location of the laryngeal nerve palsy, either right or left.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - Right
  - Left
- No

### Supporting Definitions:

No = No Laryngeal Nerve Palsy.

Yes - Right = Laryngeal Nerve Palsy located on the right side of the neck.

Yes - Left = Laryngeal Nerve Palsy located on the left side of the neck.

### Required:

Yes

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## Cardiac History

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### Two or More Major Coronary Arteries within Stenosis $\geq$ 70% (LAD, LCX, RCA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient currently has two or more major coronary arteries stenosis great than or equal to 70% prior to the current procedure. Major Coronary Arteries are defined as Left Anterior Descending (LAD), Left Circumflex Artery (LCX) and Right Coronary Artery (RCA). This does not include collaterals.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Indicate only if the patient currently has coronary arteries with stenosis. If the arteries were intervened upon or the patient had a CABG to repair the blocked arteries, it does not qualify.

**Required:**

Yes

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### Left Main Coronary Artery Stenosis $\geq$ 50%

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient currently has Left Main Coronary Artery stenosis greater than or equal to 50% prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Indicate only if the patient currently has left main stenosis. If the artery was intervened upon or the patient had a CABG to repair the blocked artery, it does not qualify.

**Required:**

Yes

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### MI within 6 weeks

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient had a myocardial infraction (MI) within 6 weeks prior to the index procedure as evidenced by the following:

1. Acute myocardial infarction ( $\leq$ 7 days) manifested as a rise and fall of cardiac biomarkers (preferable troponin) with at least one of the values above the range of normal for your laboratory [above the 99th percentile of the upper reference limit (URL)] together with evidence of myocardial ischemia with at least one of the following:
  1. ischemic symptoms;
  2. ECG changes indicative of new ischemia (new ST-T changes or new left bundle branch block),
  3. Development of pathological Q waves in the ECG;
  4. Imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.
5. Prior myocardial infarction ( $>$ 7 days) manifested by
  1. A myocardial infarction meeting the criteria of an acute MI, as documented in the medical record, or
  2. By either of the following:
    1. Development of new pathological Q waves with or without symptoms.
    2. Imaging evidence of a region of loss of viable myocardium that is thinned and fails to contract, in the absence of a non-ischemic cause.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## NYHA Functional Class III or IV within 6 Weeks

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient's highest New York Heart Association (NYHA) cardiac functional class has been Class III or IV anytime within 6 weeks prior to the current procedure. Patients with NYHA Class III and Class IV have anginal or heart failure symptoms, at rest, and/or resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. Class III and Class IV are formally defined as:

- Class III: Patient has cardiac disease resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. Patient is comfortable at rest. However, less than ordinary physical activity (e.g., walking one to two level blocks or climbing one flight of stairs) causes fatigue, palpitations, dyspnea, or anginal pain.
- Class IV: Patient has dyspnea at rest that increases with any physical activity. Patient has cardiac disease resulting in inability to perform any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Note: for patients without cardiac disease or patients with NYHA Class I or II, code No.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Permanent Pacemaker or ICD

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has a permanent pacemaker or implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) prior to admission or prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Cardiac Stress Test (CEA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a Cardiac Stress Test was performed within prior 6 months. If performed, indicate if the study was normal or abnormal.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Normal
  - Abnormal
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## EKG (CEA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if an EKG was performed within prior 6 months. If performed, indicate if the study was normal or abnormal.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Normal
  - Abnormal
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Neurologic History and Risk Factors

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### Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has a history of dementia or Alzheimer's Disease, with global deterioration of intellectual or cognitive function as indicated in the medical record.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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### History of Seizure or Known Seizure Disorder

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has a history of a seizure disorder as indicated in the medical record, or characterized by at least two unprovoked seizures that occurred at different times (excluding febrile seizures) on admission or prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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### Previous Carotid Intervention

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient had a previous carotid endarterectomy or carotid artery angioplasty or carotid stent procedure. The event may have occurred either prior to this admission, or during this admission prior to the current procedure. If there was more than one procedure (i.e. more than one carotid artery stent procedure on the right carotid artery), code the most recent occurrence for each intervention.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - If Yes, select **most recent** occurrence for each:
- No

**Required:**Yes

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### Previous Right CEA Timeframe

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe of the most recent carotid endarterectomy (CEA) for the right side, prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥181 days
- No

**Required:**



Yes

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## Previous Right CAS Timeframe

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe of the most recent carotid angioplasty and/or stent procedure for the right side, prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Previous Left CEA Timeframe

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe of the most recent carotid endarterectomy (CEA) for the left side, prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Previous Left CAS Timeframe

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe of the most recent carotid angioplasty and/or stent procedure for the left side, prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Neurologic Event(s) prior to procedure

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced a neurologic event at any time prior to the current procedure. Neurologic events are defined as TIA (transient ischemic attack), ischemic stroke, or intracranial hemorrhage/hemorrhagic stroke, and are further described as:

- Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIA) are characterized by the following: A focal neurologic abnormality of sudden onset and brief duration (i.e., lasting <24 hours) that reflects a dysfunction (presumed to be ischemic in origin) in the cerebral distribution of the affected artery. They are evidenced by neurological symptoms involving right or left retinal, right or left hemispheric, vertebrobasilar, and/or unknown territories.  
Ischemic Strokes are caused by a “blockage of a blood vessel” resulting in residual symptoms lasting greater than 24 hours, and leading to impaired functional outcomes. They are evidenced by loss of neurological function involving right or left retinal,

right or left hemispheric, vertebrobasilar, and/or unknown territories.

- Intracranial Hemorrhage or Hemorrhagic Strokes are caused by “bursting or leaking of blood vessels” in the brain and may lead to impaired functional outcomes. They are evidenced by intraparenchymal (e.g., hemorrhagic conversion of prior stroke) intracranial hemorrhage, subarachnoid intracranial hemorrhage, and/or subdural intracranial hemorrhage.

Symptoms of transient ischemic attack or ischemic stroke in specific territories can include the following:

1. Ischemia in the retinal territory can be manifested as:

- Transient monocular blindness (e.g., amaurosis fugax, defined as a transient episode of blindness or partial blindness, affecting one eye only).

2. Ischemia in the hemispheric territory supplied by the carotid artery can be manifested as:

- language impairment
- speech impairment or dysphasia
- hemi-neglect
- and/or, the symptoms noted in #4 (a through e) below

3. Ischemia in the vertebrobasilar territory can be manifested as:

- vertigo (spinning sensation)
- cranial nerve abnormalities (an example is dysconjugate gaze, in which eyes are no longer yoked together)
- “crossed” neurological symptoms, indicated by focal neurological deficits involving both sides of the body (example: sensory loss on the right and motor weakness on the left)
- and/or, the symptoms noted in #4 (a through e) below

4. Symptoms of ischemia that can be manifested in either the carotid hemispheric territory and/or Vertebrobasilar territory include:

- motor weakness
- sensory loss
- slurred speech (“dysarthria”)
- visual field cut (more common in the vertebrobasilar territory)
- clumsiness or incoordination (more common in the vertebrobasilar territory)

Note: The specific territory of the prior event should be confirmed by a physician and prior imaging studies may be of assistance to confirm the territory involved.

#### Selections:

- Yes
  - If Yes, select **most recent** occurrence for each:
- No

#### Required:

Yes

## TIA - Right Retinal

#### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving the right retinal territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

#### Selections:

- Yes
  - <= 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - >= 181 days
- No

#### Required:

Yes

## TIA - Left Retinal

#### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving the left retinal territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## TIA - Right Hemispheric

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving the right hemispheric territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## TIA - Left Hemispheric

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving the left hemispheric territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## TIA - Vertebrobasilar

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving the vertebrobasilar territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## TIA - Unknown

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) involving an unknown territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Right Retinal

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving the right retinal territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Left Retinal

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving the left retinal territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Right Hemispheric

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving the right hemispheric territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days

- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Left Hemispheric

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving the left hemispheric territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Vertebrobasilar

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving the vertebrobasilar territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Ischemic Stroke - Unknown

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a completed ischemic stroke involving an unknown territory. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Intracranial Hemorrhage or Hemorrhagic Stroke - Intraparenchymal

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced an intraparenchymal (e.g. hemorrhagic conversion of prior stroke) intracranial hemorrhage. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Intracranial Hemorrhage or Hemorrhagic Stroke - Subarachnoid

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a subarachnoid hemorrhage. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Intracranial Hemorrhage or Hemorrhagic Stroke - Subdural

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the timeframe if the patient experienced a subdural hemorrhage. If there was more than one, code the most recent occurrence prior to admission or the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - ≤ 30 days
  - 31-180 days
  - ≥ 181 days
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Acute Evolving Stroke

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has experienced an acute evolving stroke with ischemia which is ongoing and progressing at the time of the procedure. Acute evolving stroke includes all of the following:

- Any sudden development of neurological deficits attributable to cerebral ischemia and/or infarction.
- Onset of symptoms occurring within prior three days and ongoing at time of procedure.
- The event is marked by progressively worsening symptoms.

Note: Possible symptoms include, but are not limited to the following: numbness or weakness of the face or body; difficulty speaking or understanding; blurred or decreased vision; dizziness; or loss of balance and coordination.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Pre-Procedure Carotid Studies (w/in past 6 months)

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### Carotid Duplex Ultrasound (PRE)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a carotid duplex ultrasound was performed prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- If yes, enter the **most recent** values.
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### Peak Systolic Velocity - Right (PRE)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the patient's right peak systolic velocity (PSV) for the internal carotid artery (ICA) in centimeters per second (cm/sec). If the carotid duplex ultrasound report provides a proximal and distal PSV for the ICA. Enter the highest PSV for the ICA and then enter the corresponding EDV.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

cm/sec

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

999

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### Peak Systolic Velocity - Left (PRE)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the patient's left peak systolic velocity (PSV) for the internal carotid artery (ICA) in centimeters per second (cm/sec). If the carotid duplex ultrasound report provides a proximal and distal PSV for the ICA. Enter the highest PSV for the ICA and then enter the corresponding EDV.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

cm/sec

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

999

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### End Diastolic Velocity - Right (PRE)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the patient's right end diastolic velocity (EDV) for the internal carotid artery (ICA) in centimeters per second (cm/sec). Enter the EDV that correlates with the highest PSV for the ICA.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

cm/sec

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

700

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**End Diastolic Velocity - Left (PRE)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the patient's left end diastolic velocity (EDV) for the internal carotid artery (ICA) in centimeters per second (cm/sec). Enter the EDV that correlates with the highest PSV for the ICA.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

cm/sec

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

700

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**ICA/CCA Ratio - Right (PRE)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the ratio of the peak systolic velocity in the right internal carotid artery (ICA) to the peak systolic velocity in the distal right common carotid artery (CCA).

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

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**ICA/CCA Ratio - Left (PRE)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the ratio of the peak systolic velocity in the left internal carotid artery (ICA) to the peak systolic velocity in the distal left common carotid artery (CCA).

**Selections:**

- Documented



- Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

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## MR Angiography Performed

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a magnetic resonance (MR) angiogram was performed prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- If Yes, indicate the highest percent (%) stenosis for the artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## MRA CCA Highest % Stenosis - Right

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for the MR Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## MRA CCA Highest % Stenosis - Left

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for MR Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## MRA ICA Highest % Stenosis - Right

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for MR Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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**MRA ICA Highest % Stenosis - Left**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for MR Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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**CT Angiography Performed**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a computed tomography (CT) angiogram was performed prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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**CTA CCA Highest % Stenosis - Right**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for CT Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## CTA CCA Highest % Stenosis - Left

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for CT Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## CTA ICA Highest % Stenosis - Right

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for CT Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## CTA ICA Highest % Stenosis - Left

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for CT Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter value
- Not documented

**Required:**

Yes  
**Suffix:**  
%  
**Minimum:**  
0  
**Maximum:**  
100

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## Carotid Angiography Performed

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if a diagnostic carotid angiogram was performed prior to the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

**Required:**  
No

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## Carotid Angio CCA Highest % Stenosis - Right

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate, for the Carotid Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

### Selections:

- Documented
  - Enter Value
- Not Documented

**Required:**  
Yes  
**Suffix:**  
%  
**Minimum:**  
0  
**Maximum:**  
100

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## Carotid Angio CCA Highest % Stenosis - Left

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate, for the Carotid Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left common carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

### Selections:

- Documented
  - Enter Value
- Not Documented

**Required:**  
Yes  
**Suffix:**  
%  
**Minimum:**  
0  
**Maximum:**  
100

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## Carotid Angio ICA Highest % Stenosis - Right

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for the Carotid Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the right internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter Value
- Not Documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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**Carotid Angio ICA Highest % Stenosis - Left**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate, for the Carotid Angiography, the highest percent (%) stenosis for the left internal carotid artery. If the vessel is totally occluded, enter 100%. If no stenosis is present, enter 0%. If a range is given, enter the highest value.

**Selections:**

- Documented
  - Enter Value
- Not Documented

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

%

**Minimum:**

0

**Maximum:**

100

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## Procedure Details

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### Target Carotid Vessel

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate whether the target vessel is the right or left carotid artery for the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Right
- Left

**Required:**

Yes

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### Type of Carotid Procedure

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the procedure was done conventionally or by eversion carotid endarterectomy.

**Selections:**

- Conventional
- Eversion

**Supporting Definitions:**

Carotid endarterectomy is conventionally undertaken by a longitudinal arteriotomy. Eversion carotid endarterectomy (CEA), employs a transverse arteriotomy and reimplantation of the carotid artery. This refers to the arteriotomy of the ICA or CCA, NOT the ECA.

**Required:**

Yes

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### ASA (American Society of Anesthesiologists) Class

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Choose class determination as documented per anesthesia.

**Selections:**

Class 1 - normal/healthy  
Class 2 - mild systemic disease  
Class 3 - severe systematic disease  
Class 4 - severe systematic disease that is a constant threat to life  
Class 5 - moribund/not expected to survive without operation

**Required:**

Yes

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### Anesthesia (CEA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient received general anesthesia, local anesthesia, or regional anesthesia during the current procedure. If more than one given, code the strongest form of anesthesia.

Ex: Local + Regional = Regional.

**Selections:**

- General
- Local
- Regional

**Required:**

Yes

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## Monitoring During Procedure

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate the type of neurologic monitoring per anesthesia/surgical team during the carotid endarterectomy. If cerebral oximetry and/or SSEP are used for monitoring the patient, enter cerebral monitoring.

### Selections:

- Yes
  - Awake
  - Cerebral monitoring
  - Stump pressure
  - EEG
  - Other
- No

### Supporting Definitions:

**Awake** = Locoregional anesthesia is given (e.g., cervical plexus block or cervical epidural) that allows awake cerebral function monitoring.

**Cerebral monitoring** = If cerebral oximetry or SSEP was used to monitor the patient, enter Cerebral monitoring.

**Cerebral oximetry** = non-invasive, continuous monitoring devices used to monitor adequate cerebral oxygenation. Sensors are applied to the patient's forehead and attached to a monitor.

**Somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP)** = monitor signals from sensory areas to the brain. Stimulating electrodes are placed on the ankle and wrist, and signals are sent to receiving electrodes placed on the scalp.

**Stump pressure** = an estimate of hemispheric blood flow by measuring pressure in the carotid stump distal to the clamp. Stump pressure is more often used to determine whether or not a shunt should be placed intraoperatively.

**EEG** = measurement of the spontaneous electrical activity of the brain. Electrodes are attached to the patient's scalp and connected to a monitor.

**Other** = a form of neurologic monitoring was used during the carotid endarterectomy that is not on the list.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Antibiotics Pre Procedure

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if an antibiotic was given within one hour of skin incision.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Skin Preparation

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate all skin prep items used.

### Selections:

- Chlorhexidine

- Alcohol
- Iodine
- Chlorhexidine + Iodine
- Chlorhexidine + Alcohol
- Iodine + Alcohol

**Supporting Definitions:**

Include loban in the Iodine option.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Arteriotomy Patch Used

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if there was closure of the internal carotid arteriotomy with a patch during the carotid endarterectomy (CEA) procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Visible Thrombus Present

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a thrombus (blood clot) was present on direct visual inspection intraoperatively during the carotid endarterectomy (CEA) procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Shunt Used

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a shunt was used at the surgical site to maintain blood flow during the carotid endarterectomy (CEA) procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Completion Evaluation

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if any of the following studies were utilized during the procedure at completion to evaluate patency.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Doppler
  - Duplex
  - Angiogram



- Flowprobe
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Only include studies done at completion.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Drain

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a suction wound drain was placed during closure of the surgical incision.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Surgical Procedure Terminated

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the carotid endarterectomy procedure was terminated.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Reasons for Surgical Termination

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the reasons the carotid endarterectomy procedure was terminated. Choose all that apply:

**Selections:**

- Hypotension
- Hypertension
- Cardiac instability
- Nerve compromise
- Difficulty with anesthesia
- Inability to implement shunting
- Excessive scar tissue
- Difficult dissection
- Excessive bleeding
- Carotid artery thrombosis
- ICA string sign/atresia
- Inability to access lesion due to anatomical reasons
- Other

**Required:**

Yes

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## Re-explore After Closure

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a defect was detected, after closure, during the same operation, that resulted in reopening the incision for exploration.

**Selections:**

- ♦ Yes
- ♦ No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Procedure Indications and Anatomic Variables

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### Urgent Cardiac Surgery w/in 30 Days

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient is having the carotid revascularization procedure because of the need for cardiac surgery within 30 days of the current procedure. Cardiac Surgery is defined as bypass, valve, ICD patches and transplant surgery.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### Concurrent with CABG

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the CEA/CAS was performed in the same OR time as a CABG.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### Target Lesion Symptomatic w/in Past 6 Months

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient has had neurologic symptoms in the past six months related to the target lesion. Conditions qualifying patients as symptomatic:

- Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA): distinct focal neurologic dysfunction persisting less than 24 hours;
- Non-disabling stroke: Modified Rankin Scale < 3 with symptoms for 24 hours or more;
- Transient monocular blindness: amaurosis fugax

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### Syncope

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced syncope as an indication for the procedure.

**Selections:**

Yes  
No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Restenosis in Target Vessel After Prior CAS

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Note if the indication for the current procedure is restenosis in the target carotid artery which was previously treated with an angioplasty and/or stent. Carotid artery restenosis is defined as greater than 50% diameter stenosis at or adjacent to the site previously treated with balloon angioplasty or stent.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Restenosis in Target Vessel After Prior CEA

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Note if the indication for the current procedure is restenosis in the target carotid artery which was previously treated with a carotid artery endarterectomy. Restenosis is defined as renarrowing within or adjacent to a prior endarterectomy site, evidenced by greater than 50% diameter stenosis.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Contralateral Carotid Artery Occlusion

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if there is known 100% occlusion of the patient's contralateral carotid artery.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Fibromuscular Dysplasia of Carotid Artery

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient has a history of known fibromuscular dysplasia of the ipsilateral carotid artery prior to admission or prior to the current procedure.

### Selections:

- Yes
- No

### Required:

Yes

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## Spontaneous Carotid Artery Dissection

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### Data Abstraction Instructions:

Indicate if the patient has had a spontaneous carotid artery dissection prior to the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Pre-procedure Smoking Cessation

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient received physician delivered advice, a prescription for nicotine replacement, and/or a referral for smoking cessation services submitted on the patient's behalf prior to admission to the hospital. Choose all that apply

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Physician delivered advice
  - Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)
  - Referral to smoking counseling services
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

**Yes** = Enter Yes for Smoking Cessation at Discharge if Yes was entered for Current Smoker under Patient History / Comorbidity, and one of the 3 steps were implemented prior to admission to the hospital.

If there is physician documentation, the physician recommended smoking cessation prior to admission to the hospital, and the patient refused. Then Yes can be entered for smoking cessation counseling. There must be adequate documentation to support this claim.

**Physician delivered advice** = A surgeon, advanced practice personnel (PA, NP), or resident has a conversation with the patient and recommends that the patient stops smoking.

A recommendation to stop smoking offered by a nurse, respiratory therapist, or student does not count as physician delivered advice.

**Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)** = NRT may include a nicotine patch, gum, lozenge, or other pharmacologic assistance (Varenicline or Bupropion) prior to admission to the hospital.

If a patient refuses nicotine replacement therapy, and there is physician documentation that NRT was offered and documentation that the patient refused, you can choose NRT.

**Referral to smoking counseling services** = A referral to a smoking cessation program or class is submitted on the patient's behalf. Giving the patient the Michigan Tobacco Quit line phone number and/or website is not sufficient.

If a physician, mid-level provider, or resident does an assessment and then puts in a referral to RT or a smoking cessation nurse to provide smoking cessation education, you can choose referral to smoking counseling services.

**No** = Enter No for Smoking Cessation at Discharge if No was entered for Ever Smoked or Current Smoker under Patient History / Comorbidity. Enter No if the patient is a current smoker; however, none of the 3 steps were implemented prior to admission to the hospital.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Outcomes

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### New Stroke

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced a new Stroke during or after the current procedure and before discharge. If yes, specify all new events and resolution status. If more than one event occurred in the same territory, code the earliest occurrence and code the latest time the deficit resolved

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### New Right Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Occurred (Stroke)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new right hemispheric or retinal stroke developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### New Right Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Resolved (Stroke)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the new right hemispheric or retinal stroke resolved prior to discharge.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### New Left Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Occurred (Stroke)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new left hemispheric or retinal stroke developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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### New Left Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Resolved (Stroke)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the new left hemispheric or retinal stroke resolved prior to discharge.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## **New Vertebrobasilar Event Occurred (Stroke)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new vertebrobasilar stroke developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## **New Vertebrobasilar Event Resolved (Stroke)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the new vertebrobasilar stroke resolved prior to discharge.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## **New Unknown Event Occurred (Stroke)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new stroke developed in an unspecified or unknown location during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## **New Unknown Event Resolved (Stroke)**

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the unknown stroke resolved prior to discharge.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Intraprocedure
  - Within 24 hours of procedure
  - > 24 hours post procedure through discharge

- No

**Required:**Yes

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## New TIA

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced a new TIA during or after the current procedure and before discharge. If yes, specify the territory of the event and resolution status.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## New Right Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Occurred (TIA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new right hemispheric or retinal TIA developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## New Left Hemispheric or Retinal Neurologic Event Occurred (TIA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new left hemispheric or retinal TIA developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## New Vertebrobasilar Event Occurred (TIA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if a new vertebrobasilar TIA developed during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**Yes

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## New Unknown Event Occurred (TIA)

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**



Indicate if a new TIA developed in an unspecified or unknown location during or after the current procedure.

**Selections:**

- Yes
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Death

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient died during or post procedure, prior to discharge.

- For purposes of this registry the start of the procedure is defined as the time the physician obtained vascular access/made surgical incision. Any adverse events that occur before (i.e. in the holding room) are not attributed to the procedure. The procedure is complete when the patient leaves the procedure room.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - During procedure
  - Post procedure
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Cause of Death

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the cause of death.

**Selections:**

- Neurologic: Due to a new or progressive neurologic event.
- Cardiac: Due to a fatal arrhythmia, MI or heart failure.
- Pulmonary: Due to pulmonary complication.
- Vascular: Due to major blood loss or other vascular complication.
- Infection: Due to infection.
- Renal Failure: Due to renal failure.
- Other: Due to other cause.

**Required:**

Yes

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## CHF

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient developed a new onset or acute reoccurrence/exacerbation of symptomatic heart failure or pulmonary edema after the procedure through discharge.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Enter date of first occurrence post procedure
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Pulmonary edema with requirement for monitoring or treatment in the ICU.

**Required:**

Yes

## Cranial Nerve Injury

**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced a new cranial nerve injury, involving glossopharyngeal, vagus, accessory, hypoglossal, and/or superior laryngeal nerves. The cranial nerve injury can be an mechanical injury caused by the procedure or caused by retraction.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - VII
  - IX
  - X
  - XII
  - Other
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Cranial nerve injury, any occurrence, transient or persistent.

VII - New facial droop or more severe.

IX - swallowing difficulty unless other diagnosis confirmed.

X - hoarseness unless laryngoscopy normal.

XII - any tongue deviation or dis-coordination.

**Required:**

Yes

## Dysrhythmia

**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient had a **new** rhythm disturbance post procedure that required treatment with medications or cardioversion.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Enter date of first occurrence post procedure
- No

**Required:**

Yes

## Myocardial Injury

**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient suffered any type of myocardial injury post procedure, including a troponin leak, demand ischemia, NSTEMI or STEMI. If so, indicate the date of the first elevated troponin value as well as the peak troponin value.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Enter date of first occurrence of Myocardial Injury post procedure dd/mm/yyyy
  - **Enter type of myocardial injury:**
    - Troponin leak
    - Demand ischemia
    - NSTEMI
    - STEMI
    - Not documented
- No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Utilize progress notes and consults to help in the determination of the type of myocardial injury. If no determination is made, select "Not documented".

If only a single abnormal troponin value was found in absence of other criteria for myocardial injury, then record as No.

Troponin: Troponin rise alone should be reported if there was a rise in cardiac biomarker values [preferably cardiac troponin (cTn)] with at least one value above the 99th percentile upper reference limit (URL) in absence of the qualifying criteria for myocardial infarction or sudden death as listed in the clinical MI definition below. This elevation may be classified as a troponin leak or demand ischemia.

Note, "rise" in troponin would imply that the troponin can be elevated at baseline (either pre-op or post-op baseline), but not rise above whatever the patient's baseline level is. The lack of rising troponin above the baseline number would indicate that there was no additional myocardial injury.

A myocardial infarction is evidenced by any of the following:

1. A rise and fall of cardiac biomarkers (preferably troponin) with at least one of the values in the abnormal range for that laboratory [typically above the 99th percentile of the upper reference limit (URL) for normal subjects] together with at least one of the following manifestations of myocardial ischemia:
2. Ischemic symptoms such as angina or acute shortness of breath.
3. ECG changes indicative of new ischemia (new ST-T changes, new left bundle branch block, or loss of R wave voltage).
4. Development of pathological Q waves in 2 or more contiguous leads in the ECG (or equivalent finding for true posterior MI).
5. Imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.
6. Documentation in the medical record of the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction based on the cardiac biomarker pattern in the absence of any items enumerated in a-d due to conditions that may mask their appearance (e.g., peri-operative infarct when the patient cannot report ischemic symptoms; baseline left bundle branch block or ventricular pacing).
7. ECG changes associated with prior myocardial infarction can include the following (with or without prior symptoms):
  - o Any Q wave in leads V2-V3  $\geq$  0.02 seconds or QS complex in leads V2 and V3.
  - o Q-wave  $\geq$  0.03 seconds and  $\geq$  0.1 mV deep or QS complex in leads I, II, aVL, aVF, or V4-V6 in any two leads of a contiguous lead grouping (I, aVL, V6; V4-V6; I, III, and aVF).
  - o R-wave  $\geq$  0.04 seconds in V1-V2 and R/S  $\geq$  1 with a concordant positive T-wave in the absence of a conduction defect.
8. Imaging evidence of a region with new loss of viable myocardium at rest in the absence of a non-ischemic cause. This can manifest as:
9. Echocardiographic, CT, MR, ventriculographic or nuclear imaging evidence of left ventricular thinning or scarring and a failure to contract appropriately (i.e., hypokinesis, akinesis, or dyskinesis).
10. Fixed (non-reversible) perfusion defects on nuclear radioisotope imaging (e.g., MIBI, thallium).
11. Cardiac death with symptoms suggestive of myocardial ischemia and presumed new ischemic ECG changes or new LBBB, but death occurred before cardiac biomarkers were obtained, or before cardiac biomarker values would be increased.

Source:

Thygesen K, Alpert JS, White HD, et al. (Circulation 2007). Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction. ESC/ACCF/AHA/WHF expert consensus document. *AHA Journals*, 140(13), 2634-53. <https://ahajournals.org/journal/circ>

**Required:**

Yes

**Peak post-operative troponin value****Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate the peak post-operative troponin value and type of troponin drawn within 30 days post procedure.

**Selections:**

Peak post-operative troponin

- o Yes
  - o troponin I
    - o Yes
      - o Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - o Pick unit of lab value from list
        - o ng/dL
        - o ng/mL
        - o ng/L
        - o pg/mL
    - o No
  - o troponin T
    - o Yes

- Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
  - troponin I HS
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
  - troponin T HS
    - Yes
      - Enter lab value \_\_\_\_\_
      - Pick unit of lab value from list
        - ng/dL
        - ng/mL
        - ng/L
        - pg/mL
    - No
- ♦ Not Drawn

**Required:**

Yes

**Suffix:**

ng/dL, ng/mL, ng/L, pg/mL

## Persistent Hypotension

**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient experienced persistent hypotension for >24 hours post procedure requiring parenteral drug treatment. Hypotension is defined as a systolic blood pressure (SBP) <90 mm Hg or the need for IV vasopressors and/or atropine to maintain SBP ≥ 90 mm Hg.

**Selections:**

- ♦ Yes
- ♦ No

**Required:**

Yes

## Reperfusion Symptoms

**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient had an incidence of hyperperfusion syndrome. Clinical diagnosis should be made by knowledgeable provider, familiar with this syndrome.

**Selections:**

- ♦ Yes
  - Seizure
  - Hemorrhage
  - Non specific
- ♦ No

**Supporting Definitions:**

Seizures are associated with headache, or hemorrhage on CT/MRI.

**Required:**

Yes

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## Return to OR

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the patient had to return to the Operating Room, post procedure, for an event related to the Carotid Endarterectomy. If yes, indicate reason(s).

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Bleeding
  - Neurologic event
  - Technical defect requiring revision
- No

**Required:**

Yes

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## Was the LOS >2 days after CEA?

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**Data Abstraction Instructions:**

Indicate if the length of stay (LOS) for the CEA procedure was >2 days and the reason the patient was in the hospital >2 days. If Yes is entered, select all reasons that apply.

**Selections:**

- Yes
  - Hypertension
  - Lack of transportation
  - No caregiver/support at home
  - COPD
  - Urinary retention
  - Other

No

**Supporting Definitions:**

**Hypertension** = Indicate if the patient experienced hypertension for >24 hours post procedure requiring parenteral drug treatment. Hypertension is defined as a systolic blood pressure (SBP) > 160 mmHg and the need for IV antihypertensives, ACE inhibitors, calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, or diuretics to maintain a SBP <160 mmHg.

**COPD** = Indicate if the patient developed an exacerbation of COPD after procedure through discharge.

**Urinary retention** = Patient is unable to void (urinate) requiring catheterization within 24 hours postoperatively or >6 hours after the removal of a preoperatively placed Foley catheter.

**Other** = The reason the patient was in the hospital > 2 days is not on the list.

**Required:**

Yes