Carotid endarterectomy versus carotid artery stenting: what is really the standard of care?

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The main question in treating patients with symptomatic carotid artery stenosis, or asymptomatic but with high-risk unstable plaques or stenosis >70% is dilemma between surgical or interventional approach. Numerous clinical trials have compared carotid endarterectomy (CEA) with an alternative, less invasive treatment: carotid-artery stenting (CAS). The main question is - what is really the standard of care in this issue? According to the latest guidelines, optimal medical treatment is an essential part of the treatment but dilemma between CEA and CAS still remains.

**LITERATURE**
