

## **Anyone Can Have a Stroke**



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Who wants a stroke?

800,000 stroke per year in US

There are hundreds of causes of stroke

Strokes don't kill they disable

Leading cause of disability

# What is a stroke?

#### Damaged brain



#### Do you take an aspirin if you are having symptoms of a stroke?



Are stroke and TIA the same thing?

- T Transient
- I Ischemic
- A Attack

12 to 25 % of people with TIAs will go on to have stroke within 90 days

Most strokes occur within first 7 days after TIA

TIAs are a neurological emergency and should be evaluated within 24 to 48 hours

50% TIAs are not TIAs

**Thrombosis** 



Thrombosis *Embolus* 





MCA 3 mm

Thrombosis Embolus *Dissection* 





Thrombosis Embolus Dissection <u>Vasospasm</u>



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Thrombosis Embolus Dissection Vasospasm Luminal narrowing *Vessel rupture* 



# **Phases of stroke**

Prevention

Acute treatment

Subacute treatment

Chronic treatment

What costs the most?

Depends on who is paying....

Society – Chronic treatment (Billions per year) Disability costs – lost productivity, therapies

Insurance – Prevention

Where are most resources and attention focused?

Acute treatment

Acute symptoms:

## FAST

- F Face weakness
- A Arm weakness
- S speech changes
- T Time (get to expert ASAP)





#### Triage – front of line

#### If you didn't get to front of line tell me

#### If you didn't get considered for treatment tell me

CT head



#### Neurological Exam

### Symptoms less than 4.5 hours















#### Figure 3: Frequency of good clinical outcome by time, as predicted by unadjusted analysis

The reperfusion cohort was divided into groups of about 20 on the basis of time to reperfusion. The red circles show the protection with good outcome and mean time to reperfusion in each group, and the dashed lines depict the range of time scluded in that group. The solid line shows the model results from the logistic regression analysis, with 95% CIs shown in the shaded area. Good clinical outcome was defined as a modified Rankin Scale score of  $\leq 2$ .

But...

Lets discuss prevention

Smoking

Diabetes

Hypertension

Poor habits

Genetics

What is the most important factor in determining functional outcome from a stroke?

Collaterals !!!





# **Previous studies**





Every 30 minute delay in reperfusion is associated with a 0.5% relative reduction in probability of good clinical outcome (mRS 0-2).

Courtesy of Dr. B Menon

Do you know your collaterals?

Who has had a carotid ultrasound exam?

If that is all you had then you don't know your collaterals?






Father



## NASCET : Carotid artery stenosis > 70% (1994)

Surgery group: 3% stroke per year

Medical group \*\*\*: 12% stroke per year

\*\*\* -- Before "maximal medical therapy"

Lowering cholesterol Controlling blood pressure Controlling blood sugars Anti inflammatory diet Exercise



So now every one and their hamster does carotid ultrasound:

Vascular surgeons Cardiologists Primary Care doctors Hospitals Mobile businesses



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	Risks	Costs	Convenience	Info
MRA	++	+++	+++	static
CTA	+++	++	++	static
Angiogram	++++	++++	++++	flow/real time
Ultrasound	+	+	+	flow/real time

Veritas: Static measurements unrelated to distal flow when blockage > 50% BP control can actually cause a stroke





25% poor or no collaterals

25% good collaterals

50% moderate collaterals and depends on artery affected

Worsened collaterals:

Hypertension Diabetes Inflammation Age Trauma Genetics Cholesterol? Improves collaterals:

BP control BS control Anti-inflammation Fountain of youth

> Statin? Exercise



Internal carotid artery External carotid artery Common carotid artery







### Don't you want to know your collaterals?

# **Previous studies**





"I'm learning how to relax, doctor—but I want to relax better and faster! I WANT TO BE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF RELAXATION!"

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Vertebral Artery (VA):	1.5 to 5.0 mm
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Posterior Cerebral Artery (PCA):	2.5 to 2.7 mm
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PCA 2.5 mm



MCA M2 posterior branch 1.4 to 2.3 mm



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#### **Balloon Cerebral Angioplasty and Stenting**














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