

# Neurological Survey prior to Cardiac Surgery

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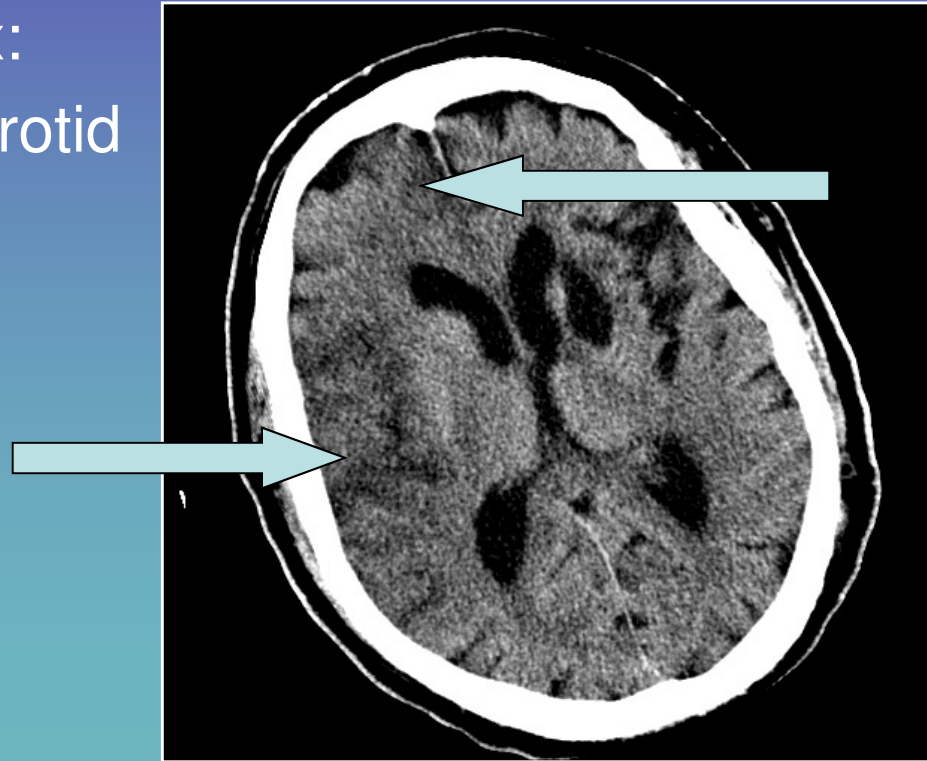
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# An index IC patient with a post operative Delirium/Stroke

- Presurgery Stroke & Delirium risk score were low.
- Post surgery duplex: bilateral subtotal carotid artery stenosis
- Post surgery CT: ischemic lesion of right hemisphere
- Outcome: poor.



# Conflict of interest

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Keunen develops medical software for  
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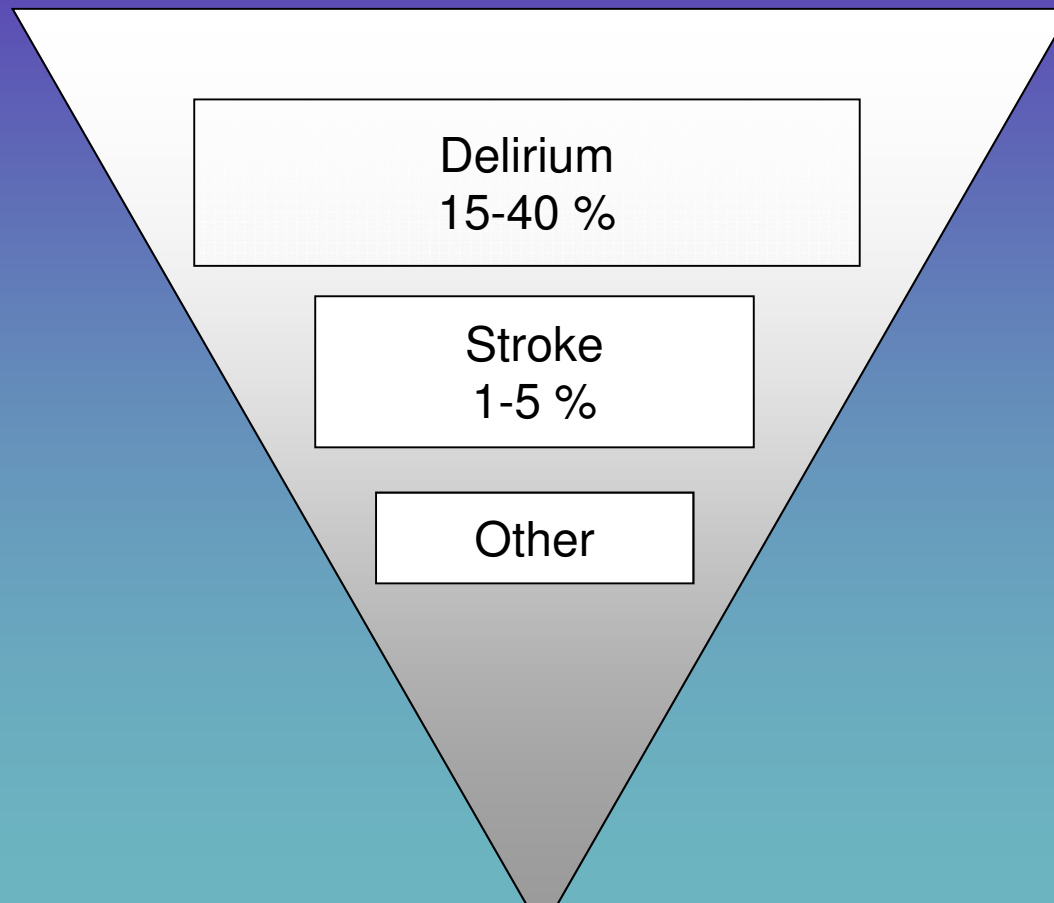
# Schedule of presentation

- What are the major neurological complications after cardiac surgery?
- The Haga Braincare Strategy.
- Flowcharts and documentation of pre-operative neurological work-up of patients.
- Systematic assesment of perioperative neurological complications.





# Neurological complications of CABG surgery



# The burden of Post Operative Delirium

**Table 3:** Comparison of baseline demographics and clinical parameters of patients included in 2009 and 2010 with and without POD

Factors	No POD (n = 581)	POD (n = 61)	P-value
Age	67.79 ± 9.8	75.31 ± 9.7	<0.001
Sex (male/female)	69.9%/30.1%	75.4%/24.6%	0.520
Type of surgery (CABG/CABG plus)	79.9%/20.1%	54.1%/45.9%	<0.001
Preoperative risk of POD	0.74 ± 1.3	1.92 ± 2.1	<0.001
Preoperative mRS	2.10 ± 0.369	2.20 ± 0.5	0.043
Mean length of ICU stay	1.65 ± 2.3	4.64 ± 6.0	<0.001
Mean length of hospital stay	6.56 ± 4.1	13.51 ± 14.1	<0.001
Stroke	0.9%	6.6%	<0.001
Postoperative mRS	2.52 ± 0.8	2.82 ± 0.9	0.002
Mortality	1.2%	1.6%	0.640



# Long term disability after POD

## Optimised Anaesthesia to Reduce Post Operative Cognitive Decline (POCD) in Older Patients Undergoing Elective Surgery, a Randomised Controlled Trial

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### Discussion

The cohort study confirms that there is a significant increased frequency of cognitive impairment in people over the age of 60 undergoing major non-cardiac surgery, and highlights that a greater level of cognitive impairment is still evident after 52 weeks in comparison to age-matched controls. These results emphasise the clinical importance of POCD and its long term impact on cognition in this patient group.

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# Delirium

- Definition: DSM-IV criteria
  - Fluctuation in attention and/or consciousness
  - Altered awareness
- Diagnosis:
  - Bedside testing
    - DOS score (25 items), CAM, MDAS (10 items).
  - Extended Neuropsychological testing
    - Delirium symptom interview (107 items)

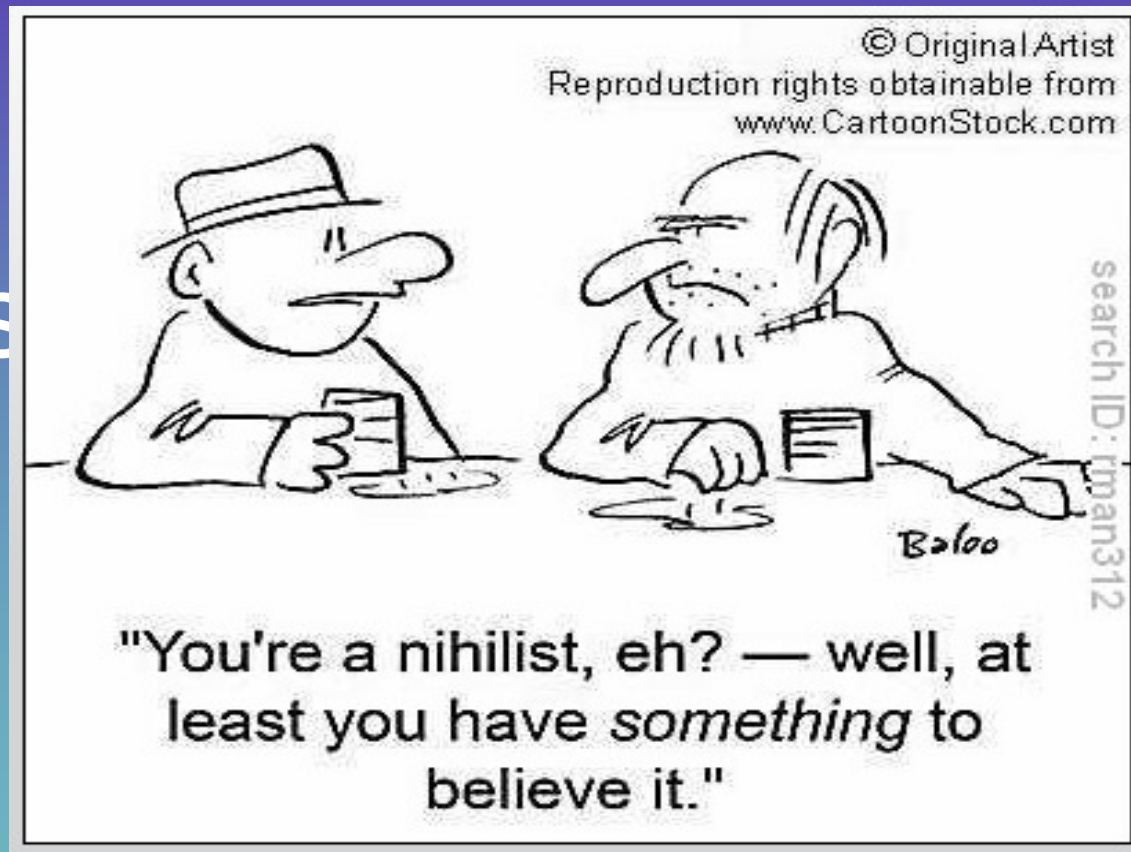
Adamis D, et al. Delirium scales: a review of current evidence. *Ment Health* 2010;14:543–55.

# Risk factors for post CABG delirium

- pre-existing mild cognitive impairment
- a history of dementia and/or delirium
- age > 75 yrs.
- use of opiates, tranquilizers, narcotics ect.
- > 4 drinks of alcohol each day.
- low pre-operative cerebral saturation

Pre-operative Delirium Outcome Scores  
can reliably predict patients who will experience  
a post-operative delirium after major surgery

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# Paradigma Shift



# The concept of the post surgery 'ischemic delirium'

## Cerebral Oxygen Desaturation Predicts Cognitive Decline and Longer Hospital Stay After Cardiac Surgery

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## Monitoring Brain Oxygen Saturation During Coronary Bypass Surgery: A Randomized, Prospective Study

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BACKGROUND: Cerebral deoxygenation is associated with various adverse systemic outcomes. We hypothesized, by using the brain as an index organ, that intervention would have systemic benefits in cardiac

Schoen et al. *Critical Care* 2011, 15:R218  
<http://ccforum.com/content/15/5/R218>



RESEARCH

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Preoperative regional cerebral oxygen saturation is a predictor of postoperative delirium in on-pump cardiac surgery patients: a prospective observational trial

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Coronary artery bypass patients were randomized to either regional cerebral oxygen saturation (rSO<sub>2</sub>) monitoring with active perfusion protocol (intervention,  $n = 100$ ), or underwent standard care ( $n = 100$ ). Predefined clinical outcomes were

Patients in the control group demonstrated prolonged duration in the intensive care unit ( $P = 0.048$ ). There was no difference in overall incidence of postoperative delirium. Significantly more control patients had major organ dysfunction ( $P < 0.05$ ), including renal dysfunction, stroke, myocardial infarction, and prolonged ventilation ( $P = 0.048$ ). Patients in the intervention group had lower baseline and mean rSO<sub>2</sub> and longer lengths of stay in the intensive care unit ( $P = 0.048$ ), than patients without such complications. There was a negative correlation between intraoperative rSO<sub>2</sub> and postoperative hospitalization in patients requiring  $\geq 10$  days

Monitoring rSO<sub>2</sub> in coronary artery bypass patients avoids postoperative delirium, which is associated with significantly fewer inci-





# Risk Factors for post CABG strokes

- Age > 65 yrs
- Carotid bruits
- History of a Stroke or TIA
- Bilateral carotid artery occlusions/subtotal stenosis
- smoking
- Peri-operative manipulation/cannulation of the cardiovascular systems
- Peri-operative atrial fibrillation

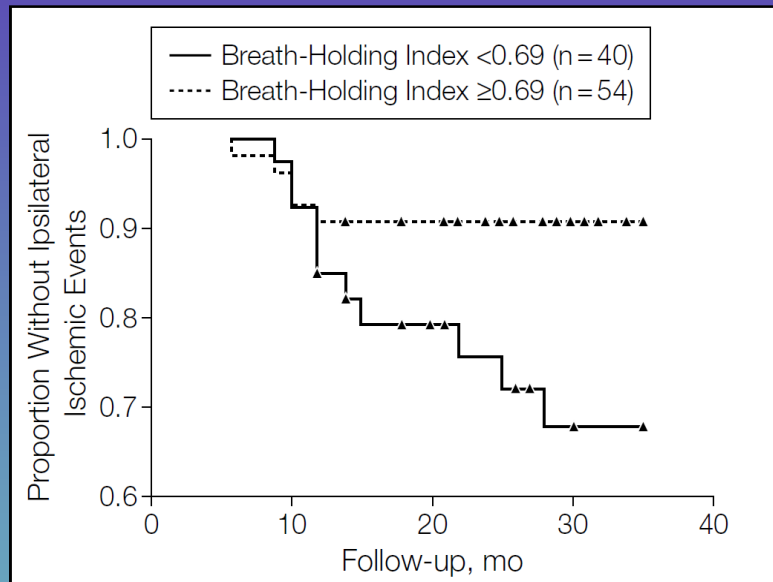
Post operative stroke are generally difficult to predictor prior to surgery because most of these strokes are embolic in nature

# Hemodynamic Stroke Incidence (results Cardiac Surgery 2009-2011\*)

- No CA stenoses
  - N= 165 **1.4 %**
- Asympt. unilateral CA (70 %-100 %) **5.7 %**
  - N = 35 (2/35)
- Asympt. bilateral CA (70-100%) **9.1 %**
  - N =11 (1/11)

•Data of 211 patients who underwent a duplex or CTA exam prior to surgery

# Poor collaterals and Stroke Risk in high grade carotid artery stenosis



Study or Subgroup	Impaired		Sufficient		Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
<b>Previous</b>							
Gur 1996	2	21	0	23	20.8%	6.03 [0.27, 133.11]	
Markus 2001	1	3	0	56	17.5%	67.80 [2.17, 2119.05]	
Silvestrini 2000	8	40	4	54	61.7%	3.13 [0.87, 11.24]	
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>6.14 [1.27, 29.75]</b>	
Total events	11		4				
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.63; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 2.75, df = 2 (P = 0.25); I <sup>2</sup> = 27%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.25 (P = 0.02)							
<b>ACES</b>							
ACES 2010	0	32	0	74		Not estimable	
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>74</b>		<b>Not estimable</b>	
Total events	0		0				
Heterogeneity: Not applicable							
Test for overall effect: Not applicable							
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>96</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.14 [1.27, 29.75]</b>	
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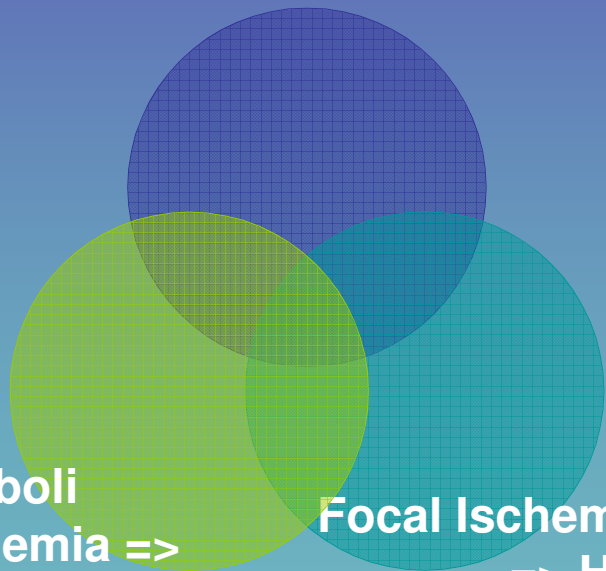
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# *Ischemia* is the final common path of neuronal damage after CABG

Global ischemic hypoperfusion =>  
Delirium

Air and/or solid emboli  
induced multifocal ischemia =>  
Embolic strokes

Focal Ischemia distal to an occluded ICA  
=> Hemodynamic Stroke









# Pivotal Questions

‘If ischemia is the central cause of neurological complications after cardiac surgery why don’t we:

a. pro-actively identify high risk patients prior to surgery and try to restore abnormal hemodynamics?

and why don’t we

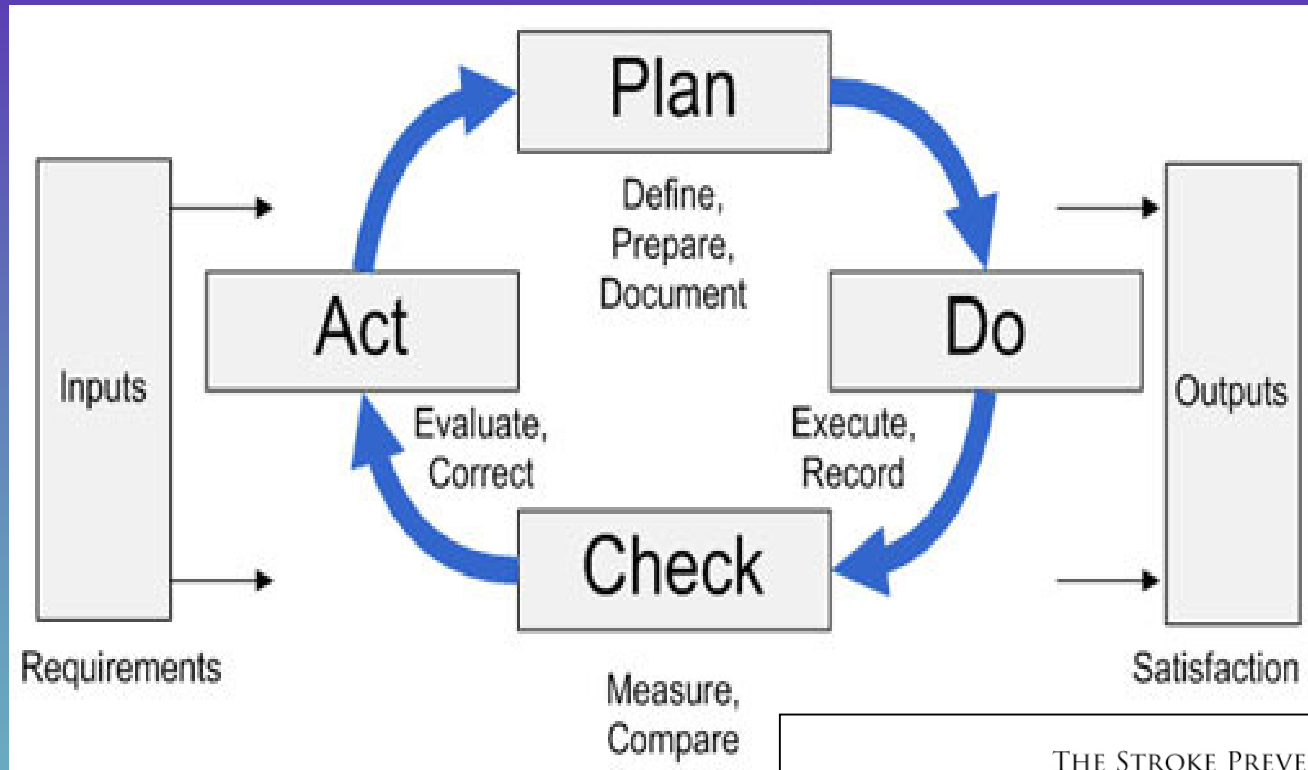
b. closely monitor cerebral oxygenation peri-operatively?’

# The Haga Braincare Strategy

## - mission statement -

- A joint initiative of the cardiovascular surgeons, neurologist and cardio anaesthesiologist to reduce the burden of ischemic neurological complications after CABG
- The Strategy is an integral part of the regular work-up of every patients scheduled for CABG
- The Haga Braincare Strategy includes a quality control model for on-line monitoring of neurological complications after cardiac surgery.

# Quality management



THE STROKE PREVENTION INITIATIVE  
ADJUSTING CLINICAL EXPERTISE AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

## DATABASE REDUCTION OF NEUROLOGICAL MORBIDITY AFTER CARDIOTHORACIC INTERVENTIONS

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### register patient data

#### patient data

sex  female  male  
initials   
middle name   
surname   
date of birth   
patient number



### neurological complications after cardiothoracic intervention.

report date: 2011-05-12/22:40:58

#### demographics

number of patients:	671
male/female ratio:	2.12
average age:	67.3 yrs
average Modified Rankin Score pre intervention:	1.71 0-6
average Modified Rankin Score post intervention:	0.45 0-6
average risk profile score delirium:	0.87 0-10
average number of grafts	2.71 0-8

# Haga Brain Care Strategy

## - vision -

- Every patients should be evaluate about the adequacy of cerebral hemodymains by TCD, and if this is not possible they should duplex CTA
- Every patients with uni- or bilatteral CAS should be carefully monitoried by bilateral cerebral oximetry
- Every patient with preoperative poor hemodynamics in combined with high grade ICA should be underwent revascularar procedudres (selective angioplasthy)

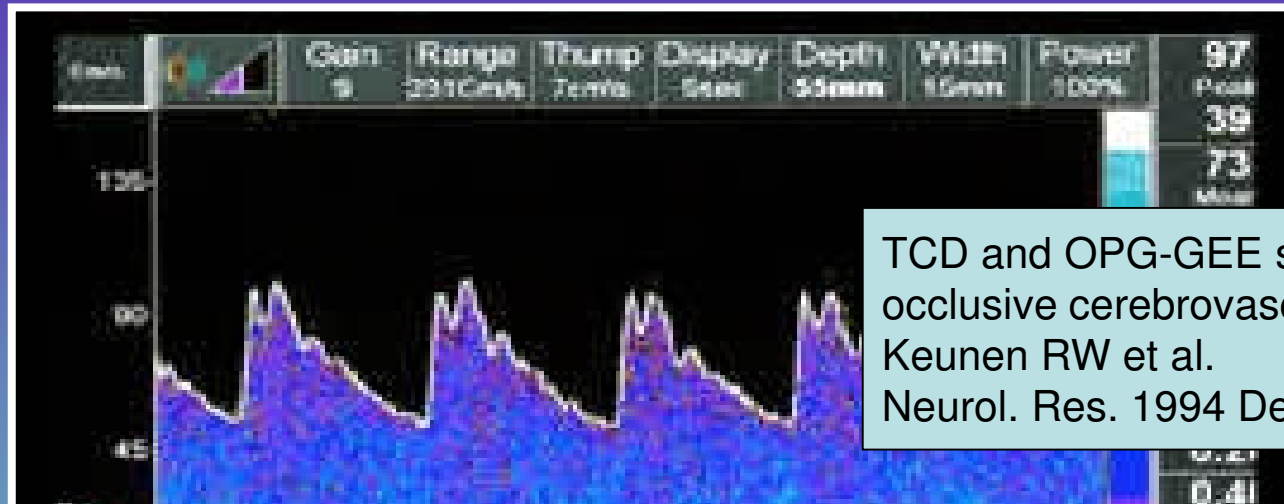
# The Haga Braincare Strategy

## - technology aspects -

- pre-operative evaluation of cerebral hemodynamics with transcranial Doppler (TCD) in the front-end of the vascular work-up.
- Per-operative cerebral oximetry.
- Post-operative cerebral oximetry.



# The importance of normal MCA bloodflow velocities

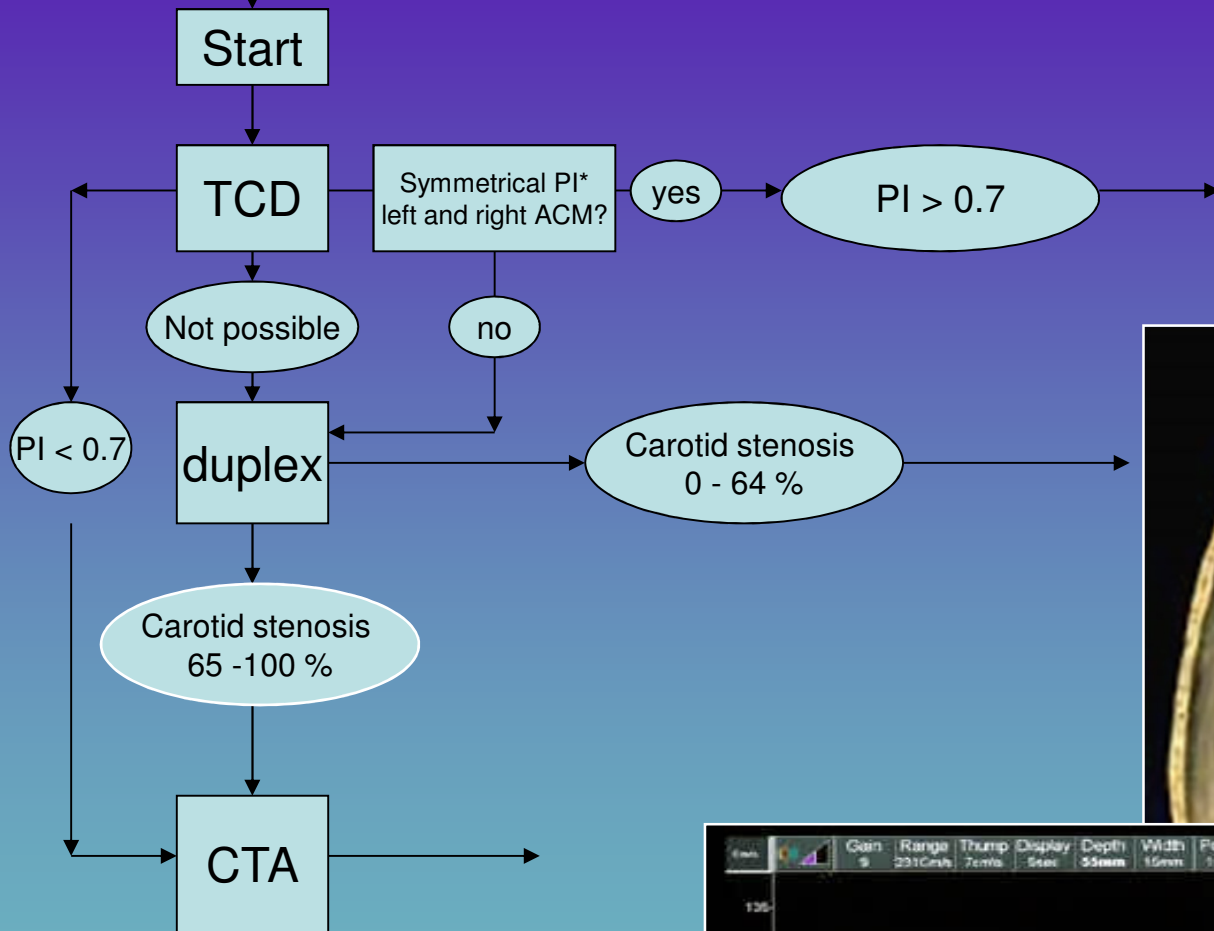


TCD and OPG-GEE studies in  
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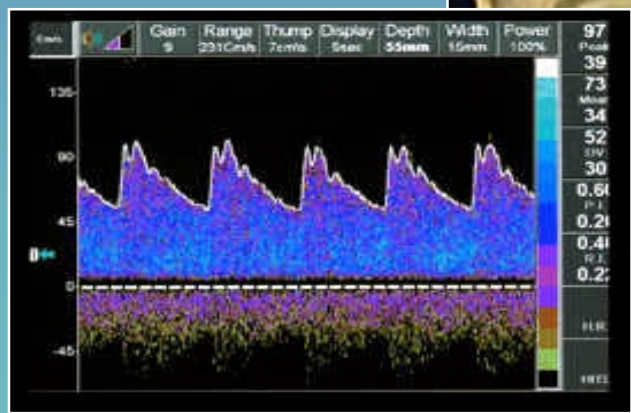
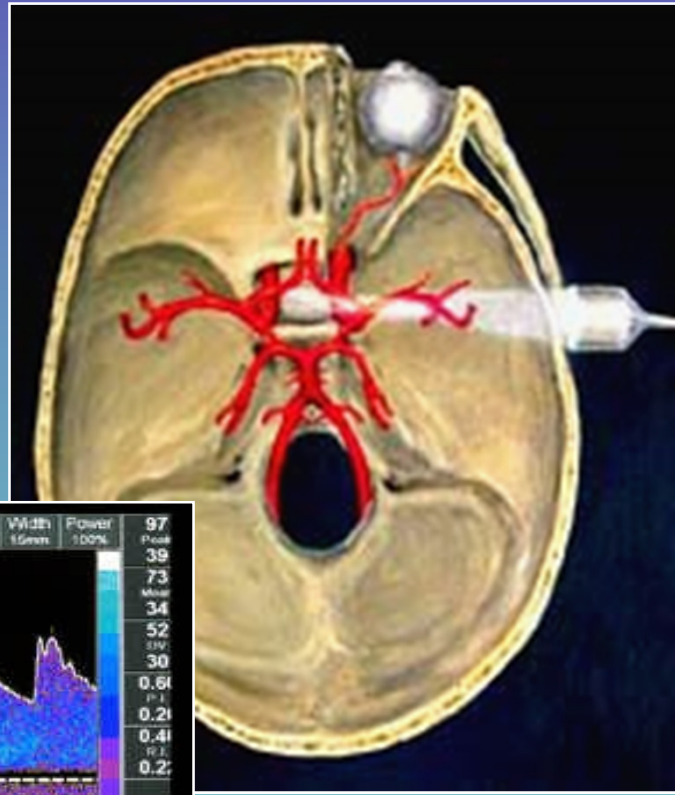
Statement 1: firm pulsatile MCA bloodflow velocities are the result of either patent carotid arteries or ***occluded carotid arteries in combination with good collaterals*** at the base of the brain.

Statement 2: patients with firm pulsatile MCA bloodflow velocities will therefore ***be able to resist per-operative hypoxic/ischemic events much better than patients with a reduced cerebral flow pulsatility.***

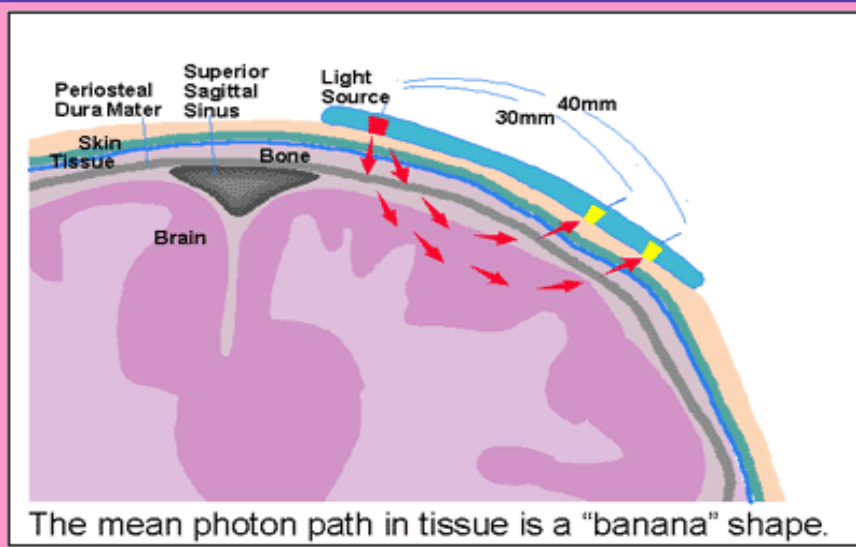
# Vascular work-up



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# Peri-operative oximetry



## Monitoring Brain Oxygen Saturation During Coronary Bypass Surgery: A Randomized, Prospective Study

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Cerebral oximetry is used from the induction of anaesthesia until the patient is awake and hemodynamically stable at the recovery or ICU.

Ivan Iglesias, MD\* 0.029) versus intervention patients. There was no difference in overall incidence of adverse complications, but significantly more control patients had major organ morbidity or mortality (death, ventilation >48 h, stroke, myocardial infarction,  $P = 0.014$ ).  
Andrew Cleland, RRT†





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**Scarlata**

# Haga Braincare Strategy

## - initial evaluation -

- Study Design: retrospective follow-up study
- Data-management: electronical CRF developed by Mediweb Design.
- Delirium established by the Delirium Observation Screening Scale
- Cerebral Oximetry by INVOS 5100; COVIDIEN, Boulder, CO, USA
- TCD by 2-MHz pulsed bidirectional TCD, Delica 9-series, Delicate Manufacturer, Shenzhen, China.

# Results Haga Brain Care Strategy

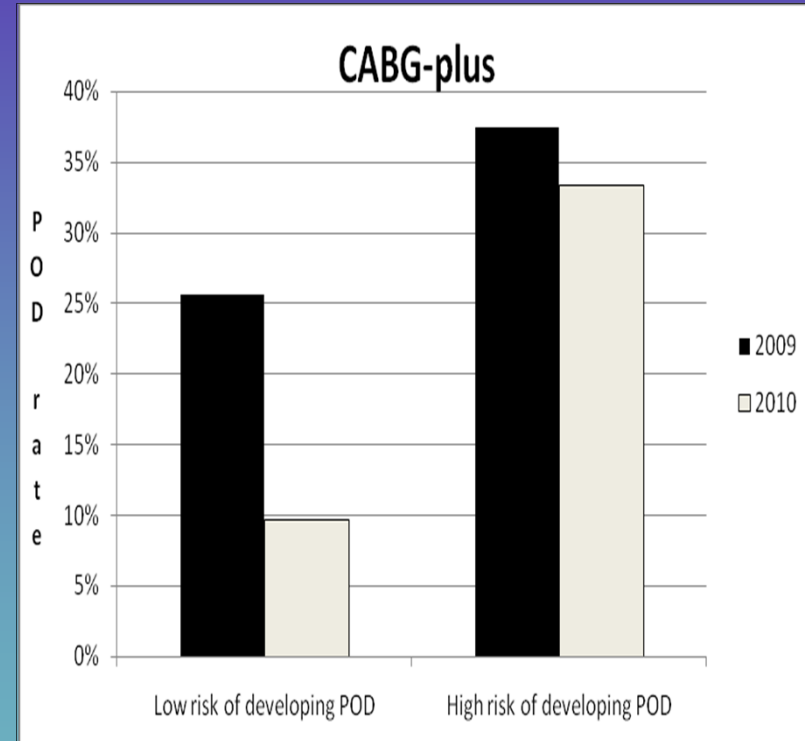
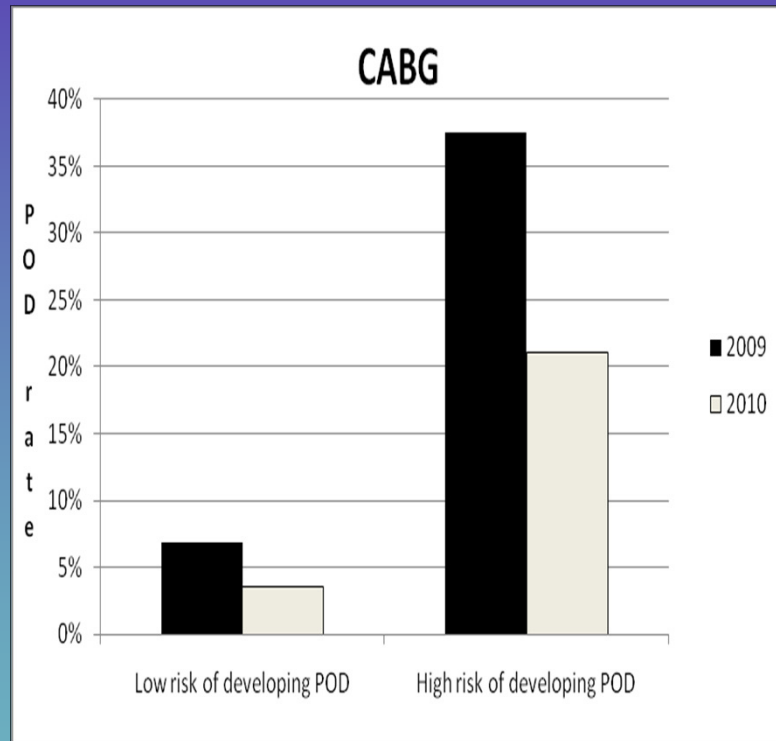
## Retrospective Follow-up Study

**Table 1:** Comparison of baseline demographics and preoperative clinical parameters of patients included in 2009 and 2010

Factors	2009 (n = 233)	2010 (n = 409)	P-value
Age	68.21 ± 10.1	68.68 ± 10.0	0.568
Sex (male/female)	74.2%/25.8%	68.2%/31.8%	0.128
Type of surgery (CABG/CABG plus)	80.3%/19.7%	75.8%/24.2%	0.229
Preoperative delirium risk score	0.71 ± 1.3	0.94 ± 1.5	0.055
Preoperative mRS	2.08 ± 0.3	2.13 ± 0.4	0.094
TCD examination	9.0%	64.1%	
Cerebral oximetry (NIRS)	1.7%	49.1%	
HBCS (TCD + NIRS)	1.7%	34.0%	
Duplex examination	13.3%	13.0%	



# Incidence Post operative Delirium 2009 versus 2010

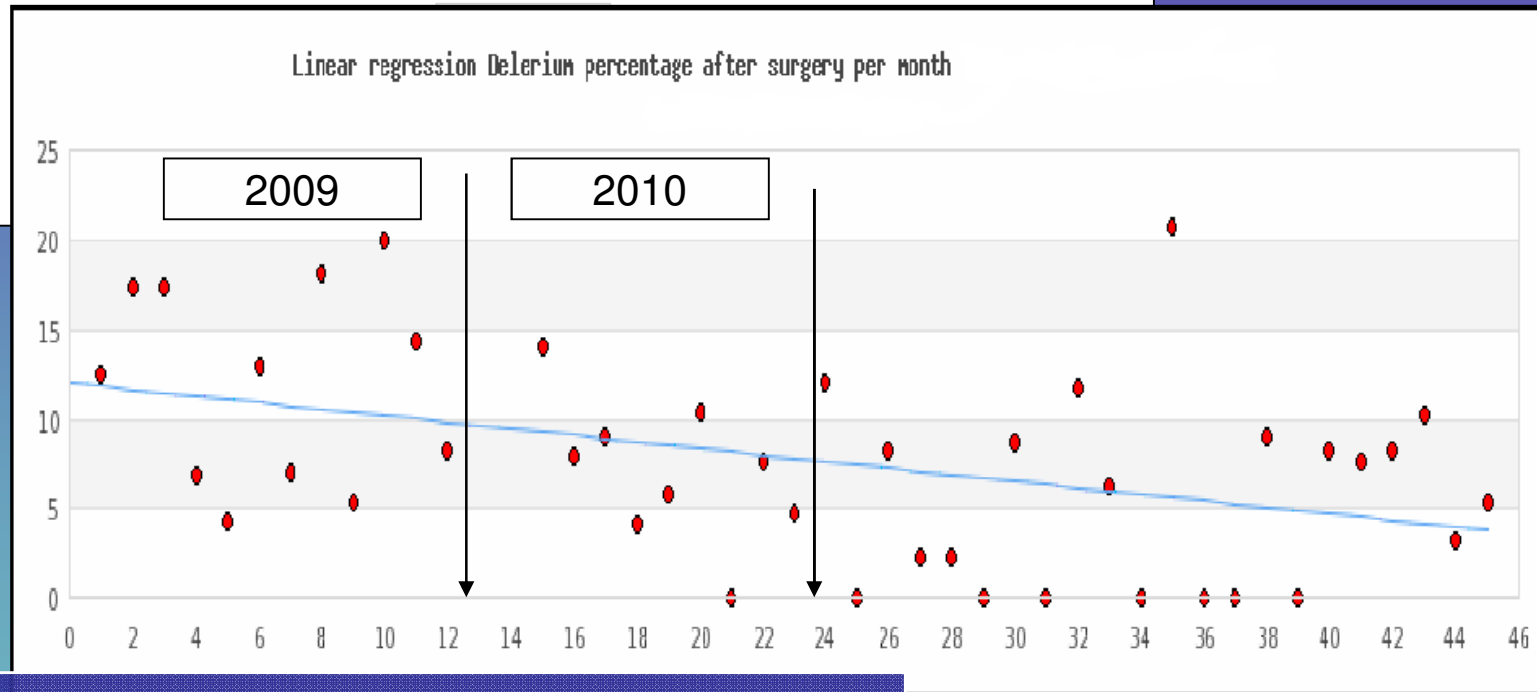


# Results

**Table 2:** Comparison of postoperative clinical parameters of patients included in 2009 and 2010

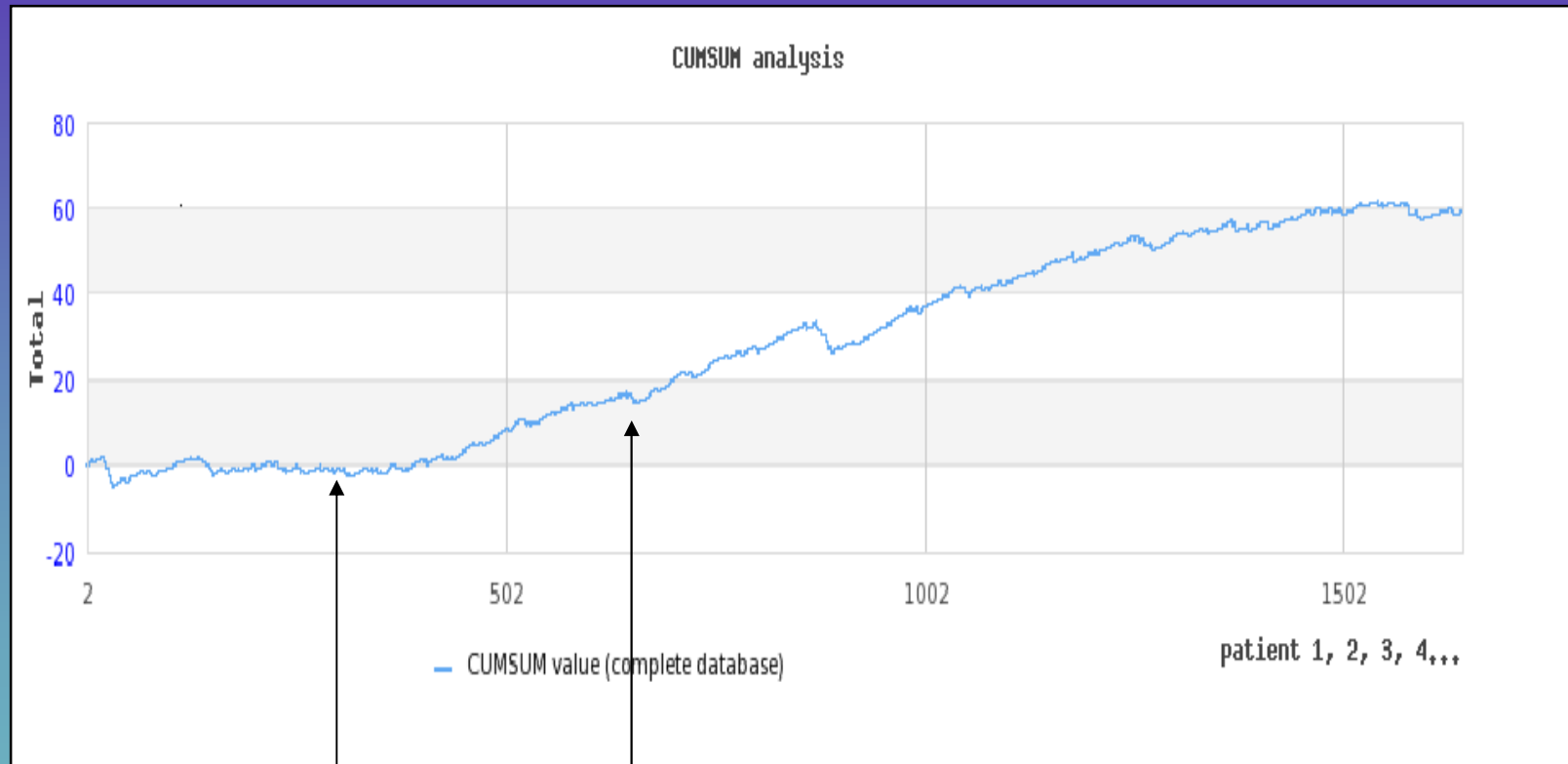
Factors	2009 (n = 233)	2010 (n = 409)	P-value
Length of ICU stay			
Mean	2.11 ± 3.0	1.83 ± 2.9	0.228
1 day	70.0%	79.2%	
>1 day	30.0%	20.8%	0.011
Mean length of hospital stay	7.15 ± 6.3	7.27 ± 6.1	0.441
Neurological complications			
POD	13.3%	7.3%	0.019
Stroke	1.3%	1.5%	1.000
Postoperative mRS	2.52 ± 0.7	2.56 ± 0.8	0.537
Mortality	1.3%	1.2%	1.000

## DATABASE REDUCTION OF NEUROLOGICAL MORBIDITY AFTER CARDIOTHORACIC INTERVENTIONS



The advantage of using an electronic CRF is that we use this online database after the study for continuous quality control ([www.strokeprevention.nl](http://www.strokeprevention.nl))

# CUM SUM Analysis



2009

2010

Delirium prevented 2010-2013: n=68

# The burden of neurological complications after CABG surgery in the early days '2006-2009'

- Stroke Rate 1.7 %<sup>1</sup>
  - Stroke Severity rate (NIHSS >10) 59 %
  - Mortality Stroke 27 %
  - Hemodynamical Strokes Rate 18 %
- Delirium 12 %<sup>2</sup>
- Mortality rate 2.0 %<sup>3</sup>

Ref. 1. retrospective data 2006/7 Sonderen van A, et al. Cerebrovasc. Dis. 2011 31(suppl 1): 57  
2. prospective follow-up data 2009 Palmbergen et.al.  
3. prospective follow-up data Mirador & NICE databases HagaZiekenhuis

# Stroke epidemiology

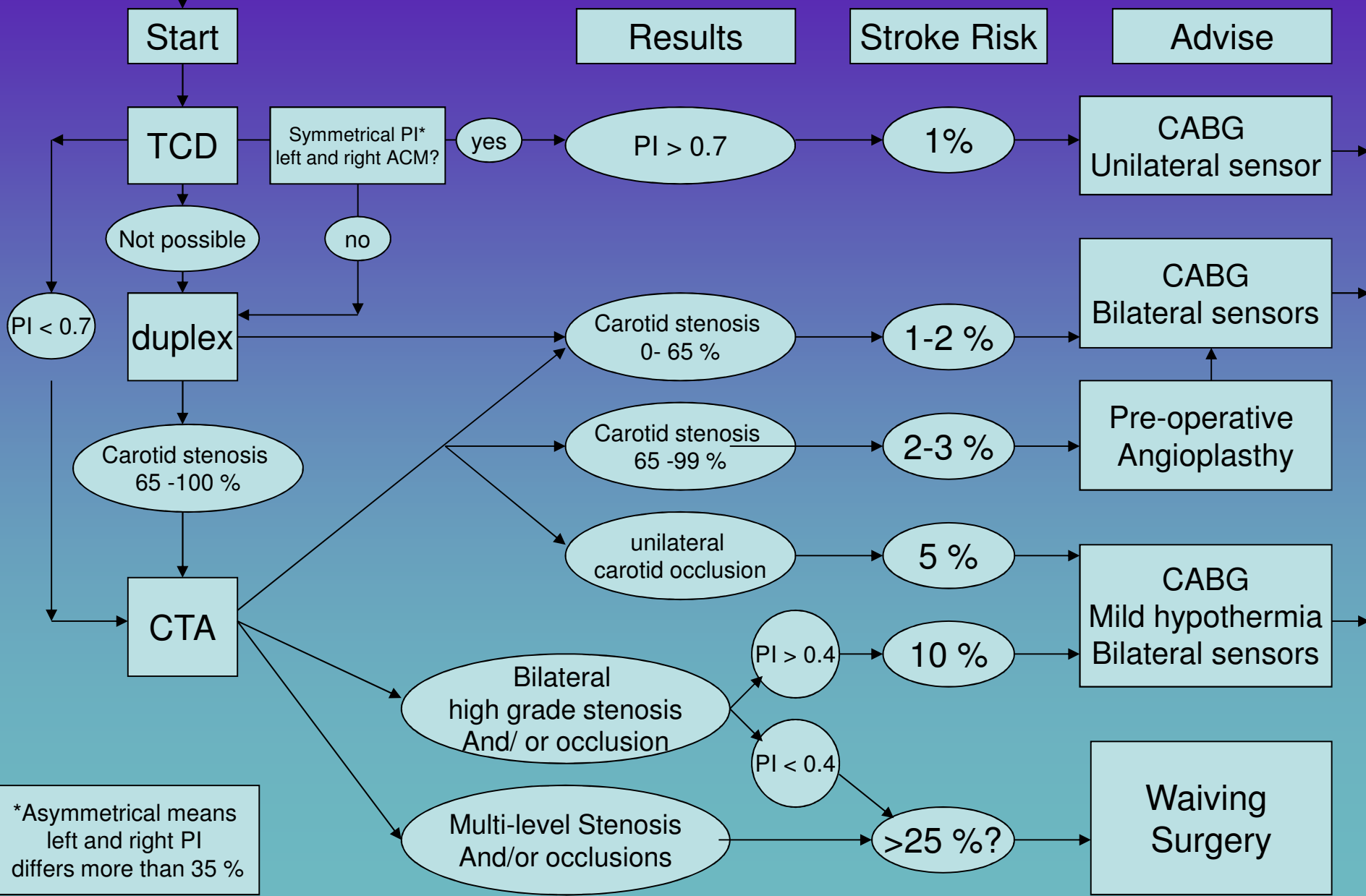
results CABG 2008-2011 (2006/7)

- Overall Stroke Rate 1.4 % (1.7 %)
  - Stroke Severity rate (NIHSS >10) 15 % (59 %)
  - Mortality Stroke 4 % (27 %)
  - Hemodynamical Strokes Rate 4 % (18 %)





# Hemodynamic Stroke Prevention in CABG

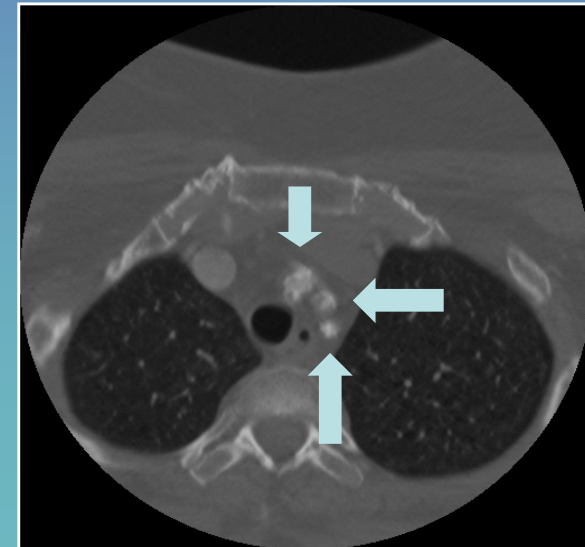
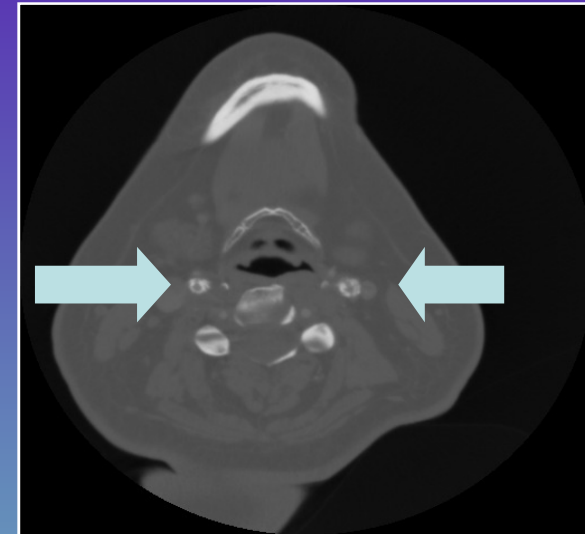


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# Index Patient refused for CABG

- Pre-operative analysis

- Female 52 yrs, AP, dyspneu d'effort, paroxymal vertigo, *no carotid bruits, no history of strokes.*
- TCD: reduced pulsatility in both middle cerebral arteries with reduced bloodflow velocities.
- Duplex: bilateral high grade internal carotid artery stenosis.
- CTA: occlusion both anonyma & left subclavian artery with subtotal stenosis of origo of left common carotid artery.
- Advice: do not perform cardiac surgery in this patient because she will experience a stroke during the induction of anaesthesia even before the cardiac surgeon has opened the chest.







# Summary

- Ischemia is an important causative factor of the neurological burden after CABG surgery.
- The Haga Braincare Strategy has been introduced to counterbalance perioperative cerebral ischemia.
- In this retrospective follow-up study the HBCS reduces the ischemic neurological complications in CABG patients.

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### Clinical Resources and Innovative Software for Stroke Prevention

The Stroke Prevention Initiative exists to inform neurologists, cardiovascular surgeons and others about the strategies and software that have been developed at the Haga Teaching Hospitals and Technical University of Delft (The Netherlands) to reduce stroke patients and to reduce and post-operative delirium. The software includes electronic CRF's and EDS are available.

Electronic CRF's are available

- a. NIRS technology following TIA
- b. Embolus detection in TIA

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