ENDOVASCULAR NEUROSURGERY

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Procedures Performed

- Interventional Procedures
 - Balloon test occlusions
 - Vessel sacrifice and embolization
 - Tumor and AVM embolization-cranial and spine
 - Aneurysm embolization with and without stents
 - Extracranial angioplasty and stenting
 - Intracranial angioplasty and stenting
 - Sclerotherapy
 - Wada testing
 - Petrosal sinus sampling
 - Thrombolysis (arterial and venous)
 - CBF augmentation (Neuroflo)

TUMOR EMBOLIZATION (VIDEO)

Tumor Embolization





JNA Tumor









Tumor Blush Pre-Embolization





Meningioma Embolization



Tumor Embolization-Glomus Pre Embo Post Embo





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Glomus Vagale Embo











Tumor encased vessels- carotid sacrifice post TBO





INFERIOR PETROSAL SINUS AMPLING FOR CUSHING'S DISEASE (VIDEO)

Embolization For Epistaxis



ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION EMBOLIZATION (VIDEO)

AVM Pre-Operative Embolization



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AVM Embo-PVA/Coils







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• Onyx 18 AVM Embolization





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Distal PCA Sacrifice for Traumatic Aneurysm



Embolization Facial A-V Fistula Post GSW



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Vertebral Artery Sacrifice



Vertebral Sacrifice For Dissection



STROKE THROMBECTOMY (VIDEO)

MCA Embolus UK-Thrombolysis





Cardiogenic ICA Embolus





Cardiogenic ICA Embolus Cross-filling





Cardiogenic ICA Embolus During Thrombolysis



Cardiogenic ICA Embolus Post UK Thrombolysis






Carotid-Cavernous Fistula



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SSS Thrombolysis



ANEURYSM COILING VIDEO







GDC Giant Aneurysm











Acomm Aneurysm - SAH/IVH



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Acomm Aneurysm - GDC Coiling

L Obl. Pre GDC

L Obl. Post GDC



Stenting Pseudoaneurysm





Dural AVF embo with GDC



Trial Balloon Occlusion



Vasospasm Balloon Angioplasty





Vasospasm Angioplasty





Basilar Occlusion/Stenosis

Lateral





Basilar Occlusion Lateral L ICA



Basilar Thrombolysis S/P 550K U urokinase





Basilar Angioplasty/Stent S/P 3 x 13mm ACS Multilink





Basilar Stenosis



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Axial FLAIR MRI

3D TOF MRA



Basilar Angioplasty/Stenting



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Pre-stent

Post AVE gfx 3x8mm





REVASCULARIZATION OCCLUDED CAROTID ARTERY VIDEO

Carotid Stenting



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Carotid Atherosclerotic Disease

- Asymptomatic Disease
 - VA CSP 167 (1992):
 - 50% stenosis or greater
 - Surgery reduced subsequent ipsilateral transient neurological events but not mortality or stoke rate
 - ACAS (1995):
 - 60% stenosis or greater
 - Median F/U 2.7 years
 - 5 year risk for ipsilateral stroke or perioperative stroke or death was 5.1% with surgery and 11.0% for medical therapy if perioperative morbidity and mortality was less than 3%
- NASCET exclusions of high risk patients
 - Age greater than 79
 - Heart, liver, kidney, or lung failure
 - Intracranial lesion more severe than surgically accessible one
 - Cancer likely to cause death within 5 years
 - Cardiac valvular disease or rhythm disorder likely to be associated with cardioembolic stroke
 - Previous ipsilateral CEA
 - Angina or MI, uncontrolled HTN, DM within the previous 6 months
 - Progressive neurologic signs
 - Contralateral CEA within 4 months
 - A major surgical procedure within 30 days

- Symptomatic Disease
 - NASCET (1991)
 - n = 328 surgical cases
 - 70-99% stenosis
 - Benefits within 2 years were:
 - 17% for ipsilateral stroke
 - 15% for all strokes
 - 16.5% for combined outcome of stroke and death
 - 10.6% for major ipsilateral stroke
 - 9.4% for all major strokes
 - 10.1% for major stroke and death

- Indications and risks for CEA in the elderly, infirm, previously operated upon patient are unknown
 - The published mortality rate in NASCET was 0.6% while the mortality rate for Medicare patients undergoing CEA during the same period was 3%
 - Diabetic patients undergoing CEA have greater than 10% postoperative morbidity and mortality rates
 - Risk of stroke or death with combined CEA and CABG is
 7.4 9.4%
 - 14.3% risk or perioperative stroke or death with CEA in the presence of a contralateral carotid artery occlusion (NASCET)

NASCET Complication Rates

- Perioperative morbidity and mortality (30d)
 - Stroke (5.5%)
 - 12 minor (3.6%), 5 major (1.5%), 1 fatal (1.5%)
 - Stroke and death (5.8%)
 - Major stroke and death 2.1% and fatality 0.6%
 - Cranial nerve injury 7.6%
 - Infection 3.4%
 - Hematoma 5.5%
 - MI 0.9%
 - CHF 0.6%

- Restenosis (defined as 50%) rates for CEA as detected by Doppler US was 10% in first year, 3% in second year, and 1% in third year
- Repeat CEA for restenosis has at least a 10% complication rate especially related to lower cranial nerve injury

Carotid stenting

- Diethirch, et al (1996)
 - 110 patients, 117 vessels
 - Greater than 75% stenosis (mean 86.5%)
 - 72% symptomatic
 - 99% technical success
 - 7 strokes (6%) (2 major [2%], 5 reversible [4%])
 - 1 death (0.9%)
 - Clinical success at 30 days (no technical failure, death, conversation to CEA, stroke, occlusion) 89.1%

Endovascular Approach to Carotid Atherosclerotic Disease

- Roubin, et al(1996)
 - 146 procedures with 210 stents in 152 vessels
 - 63% symptomatic
 - Technical success 99%
 - Acute thrombosis 0.4%
 - Death 0.6%
 - Major stroke 1.2%
 - Minor stroke 4.8% with residual weakness in 1.2%
 - 6 month FU in 74 eligible patients
 - TIA 1.4%
 - Restenosis 5%

LONG TERM RESULTS OF STENTING VS. CEA

- NEJM 2/18/2016
- Study showed bioequivalency between the two procedures
- 2500 patients followed for 10 years
 - Post procedural ipsilateral stroke incidence
 - 6.9% stenting group
 - 5.6% CEA group
 - No significant differences in MI
 - No significant differences in death rate

Carotid Angioplasty and Stenting





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Stenting of Pseudoaneurysm



Stenting of ICA Pseudoaneurysm



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GDC Embolization With Stent Rescue



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GDC Embolization With Stent Rescue



Future Directions

- Randomized controlled study comparing carotid stenting to carotid endarterectomy in low and high risk patients of all ages
- Randomized controlled study comparing aneurysm embolization with aneurysm clipping looking at anatomic as well as functional results and long term protection from hemorrhage
- Training standards to ensure that procedures are not being performed by individuals that lack the capability to manager routine procedural complications
- Better access to stroke patients within the first few hours of an ischemic event

"In times of change learners inherit the earth while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists"

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Otolaryngologic Applications

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Post Rt. ECA Embolization



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