

STROKE is a big killer and destroyer of lives in Australia

One stroke occurs every 10 minutes in Australia

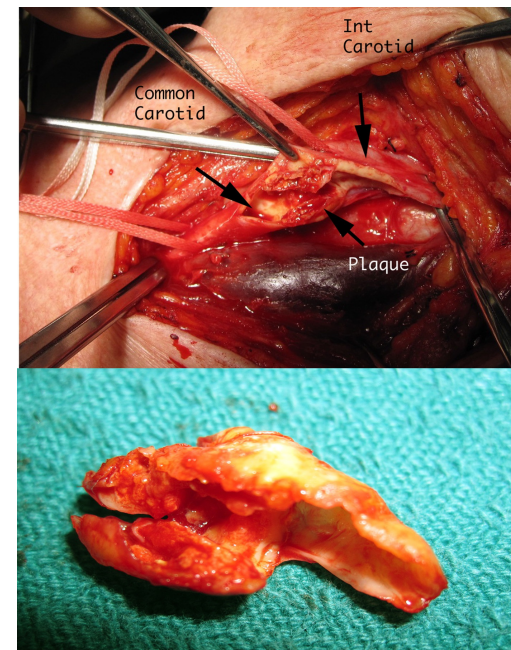
The two most common causes of stroke are an irregular heart rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation) and neck artery blockage. The first cause is treated with blood thinners. The second most common cause of artery narrowing is best treated with neck artery surgery known as Carotid Endarterectomy.

Carotid endarterectomy was first performed in 1952 by Dr Michael DeBakey in Houston Texas. The technique was confirmed as the best treatment for neck artery narrowing by a multinational trial known as NASCET (North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy Trial).

Although stenting of the carotid artery is available it is yet to be shown that it is better surgery after three international trials. You



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