

ANTICOAGULANTS vs. ANTIPLATELETS FOR CAROTID ARTERY DISSECTION

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As carotid dissection is an important cause for stroke, in particular for patients under 50 y-o, understanding its pathogenesis is an important aspect for the choice of the right treatment. As there is no important randomized trial to compare anticoagulants to antiplatelets in these patients, the option for one of these therapeutic alternatives is still a problem to debate. Based on the reported data in the literature of the last years, on particular etiopathogenetic aspects and variants of this vascular disease and on personal clinical experience, the author pleads for antiplatelets as the treatment of choice for carotid artery dissection.