

CACI – Carotid / Vertebral Artery Stenosis Worksheet

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To determine the applicant's eligibility for certification, the AME must review a [current, detailed Clinical Progress Note](#) generated from a clinic visit with the treating physician or specialist **no more than 90 days prior** to the AME exam. If the applicant **meets ALL the acceptable certification criteria** listed below, the AME can issue. Applicants for first- or second- class must provide this information annually; applicants for third-class must provide the information with each required exam.

AME MUST REVIEW	ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATION CRITERIA
A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note from the treating physician performed no more than 90 days prior to AME exam finds:	<input type="checkbox"/> Condition is stable with NO symptoms. AND <input type="checkbox"/> There has been NO clinically significant increase in stenosis that would prompt a change in treatment or surveillance NOTE: History of stroke or TIA, are not CACI. See corresponding page.
Causes	<input type="checkbox"/> Carotid / Vertebral Artery Stenosis OR <input type="checkbox"/> Carotid / Vertebral Artery Stenosis surveillance 2 or more years AFTER surgery to correct stenosis (carotid endarterectomy, stent, etc.)
Imaging Carotid ultrasound, CT Angiogram (CTA), Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), or angiogram	<input type="checkbox"/> 79% or less on both sides (right and left) AND <input type="checkbox"/> performed within the previous ONE YEAR
Medications for condition (any combination of the following)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> ASA (aspirin) <input type="checkbox"/> Plavix or Brilinta (ASA allowed in combination) Note: DOAC/NOAC/coumadin do not qualify for CACI, see Special Issuance guidelines, row C

AME MUST NOTE in Block 60 one of the following:

- ☐ CACI qualified Carotid/Vertebral Artery Stenosis. (Documents do not need to be submitted to the FAA.)
- ☐ Has current OR previous SI/AASI but now CACI qualified Carotid /Vertebral Artery Stenosis.
- ☐ NOT CACI qualified Carotid/Vertebral Artery Stenosis. I have deferred. (Submit supporting documents.)