

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:	<p><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</p> <p>NOTE: History of stroke or TIA, are not CACI. See corresponding page.</p>
Causes	<p><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.)</p>
Imaging	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 79% or less on both sides (right and left)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> performed within the previous ONE YEAR</p>
Medications for condition (any combination of the following)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> ASA (aspirin) <input type="checkbox"/> Plavix or Brilinta (ASA allowed in combination)</p> <p>Note: DOAC/NOAC/coumadin do not qualify for CACI, see Special Issuance guidelines, row C</p>

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.)