

Carotid Endarterectomy Information

A carotid endarterectomy is an operation to remove plaque from your carotid artery. The carotid arteries are the main arteries that supply you brain with blood. Through a process of atherosclerosis (plaque formation) the artery can narrow and reduce blood flow to the brain and cause mini strokes (transient ischaemic attacks or TIA's) or major strokes.

The risk factors for Atherosclerosis include:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes