

Stenting and surgery in Bulgaria

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- Centers in Bulgaria, actively treating carotid disease:
 - Tokuda Hospital, Sofia
 - St. Marina University Hospital, Varna
 - National Heart Hospital, Sofia
 - City Clinic, Sofia
 - St. Anna, Sofia
 - St. Ekaterina, Sofia

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- National Heart Hospital, Sofia was the only bulgarian center in ACST- 1
- Despite the existing joined concensus, still the neurological society is very conservative in recommending carotid intervention for asymptomatic patients
- Most patients we see are symptomatic

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- A few hospitals can offer both treatment modalities
- Carotid Endarterectomy is well developed in several centers, but carotid stenting is still in its early stages.
- CAS is more expensive, and worse reimbursed by NHIF in Bulgaria, which is a major factor as well

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- We need stronger screening programs to be able to recruit more patients
- Many patients come to us demanding a specific treatment modality, which makes randomization difficult.

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- Bulgarian Society Vascular, Endovascular Surgery and Angiology is pleased to announce the annual meeting in Pamporovo 13 -16th, October, 2016.



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