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Re: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr

**Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial-2 (ACST-2): an international randomised trial to compare carotid endarterectomy with carotid artery stenting to prevent stroke.**

Your patient \_\_\_\_\_ has consented to participate in the above multinational, multicentre trial of 5000 patients.

The Primary objectives of the study are to compare:

- 1) peri-procedural risks myocardial infarction (MI), stroke and death within the first month after the allocated CEA or CAS.
- 2) long-term (up to 5 or more years) prevention of stroke, particularly disabling or fatal stroke, in subsequent years.

Patients will be randomized on a 1:1 ratio to either CEA or CAS.

Successful treatment of carotid narrowing will reduce the chance of the patient having a stroke from it in the future, but CEA and CAS themselves carry a relatively small risk of causing an immediate stroke or heart attack.

Patients in this study will be advised to contact their study doctor immediately if they are unable to attend scheduled clinic visits, experience illness or discomfort.

If you are concerned at any time or require additional information regarding this trial, please contact Prof Alison Halliday on 01865 221 290.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Alison Halliday  
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