

CAROTID DOPPLERS BEFORE CARDIAC SURGERY

Carotid Duplex ultrasound of carotid arteries is required if a patient meets any of following criteria:

- Age 75 years or above
- Carotid bruit
- History of TIA/CVA
- Presence of other peripheral vascular disease
- Left main stem coronary artery disease

If carotid duplex is unavailable in the referring hospital, the patient should be referred for CT/MRA imaging of carotid arteries