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