| **First author, Year** | **Study Design** | **N** | **Degree of Stenosis** | **Method of Classification** | **Proportion of Arteries Asymptomatic** | **Mean Age** | **% Men** | **Sensitivity**  **(95% CI)** | **Specificity**  **(95% CI)** | **Quality** |
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| Nowak, 20071;  Jogestrand, 20022 | Prospective | 134 | ≥70%;  PSV=230 cm/s  ≥80%;  PSV=260 cm/s | ECST | NR | 69 y | 66 | 92% (89% to 95%)  88% (85% to 91%) | 91% (87% to 95%)  86% (83% to 89%) | Poor |
| Jahromi, 20053a | SR/MA | 1,716  2,140 | ≥50%;  PSV ≥130 cm/s  ≥70%;  PSV ≥200 cm/s | NASCET | NR | 66 y | 70 | 98% (97% to 100%)  90% (84% to 94%) | 88% (76% to 100%)  94% (88% to 97%) | Good |
| Nederkoorn, 20034a | SR/MA | NR | 70% to 99% | NASCET | NR | NR | NR | 86% (84% to 89%) | 87% (84% to 90%) | Fair |
| Blakely, 19955 | SR/MA | 3,989  2,646 | >50%  >70% | NASCET | NR | 62 y | 65 | 91% (85% to 93%)b  88% (83% to 91%)b | 92% (88% to 93%)b  91% (87% to 94%)b | Good |
| Hwang, 20036 | Cross-sectional | 171 | ≥70% | NASCET  ECST  CC | NR | 68 y | 65 | 96%  91%  92% | 29%  70%  89% | Poor |
| Wolff, 20077;  Wolff, 20078c | SR | NR | 60% to 99% | NR | NR | NR | NR | 94% | 92% | Fair |
| Sabeti, 20049 | Cross-sectional | 1,006 | 70% to 99%; PSV>250 cm/s | NASCET | NR | 70 y | 69 | 97% (95% to 99%) | 66% (63% to 71%) | Fair |

a Used as evidence in the 2007 comparative effectiveness review.

b Values estimated from figure.

c 2007 comparative effectiveness review and associated *Annals* *in Internal Medicine* article.

**Abbreviations:** CC = common carotid; CI = confidence interval; ECST = European Carotid Surgery Trial; KQ = key question; MA = meta-analysis; N = sample size; NASCET = North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy Trial; NR = not reported; PSV = peak systolic velocity; RCT = randomized, controlled trial; SR = systematic review.