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ITEM 465

Which of the following statements about carotid endarterectomy is NOT true?

- (A) Patients with asymptomatic critical stenosis benefit from carotid endarterectomy
- (B) The risk of contralateral stroke is reduced after carotid endarterectomy
- (C) Operative mortality is less than 2%
- (D) It prolongs survival when compared with patients treated medically
- (E) It should be accompanied by antiplatelet medication

ITEM 474

The indications for carotid endarterectomy in a patient with a 75% diameter stenosis of the left internal carotid artery are established for all of the following EXCEPT

- (A) history of left amaurosis fugax
- (B) asymptomatic 60-year-old man
- (C) history of stroke with marked residual right arm paresis
- (D) preceding coronary artery bypass for tight stenosis of the left main coronary artery
- (E) history of aphasia lasting 20 minutes

For the question in item 465, select the one answer that is best of the five given, and for the incomplete statement in item 474, select the one completion that is best of the five given.

For the critique of Items 465 and 474 see page 220.

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