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TO THE EDITOR: Reperfusion therapies in acute ischaemic stroke have become well recognised in recent years. The article by Campbell¹ summarises current practice and addresses the benefits and challenges of several reperfusion therapies, but it misses one key prevention strategy.

Carotid stenosis is a significant cause of ischaemic stroke — it is present in about 20% of patients with stroke² — and can lead to the formation of thromboembolism or haemodynamic failure from hypoperfusion.³

Multidisciplinary care is vital to the management of acute stroke, and carotid endarterectomy is a safe and effective procedure that significantly reduces the risk of stroke and improves perfusion to the brain.⁴ Carotid endarterectomy plays an important role as reperfusion therapy in acute ischaemic stroke and is integral clinical practice in the management of stroke.⁵

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