

**WHY I DON'T DO CAS  
IN OCTOGENERIANS ?**

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# QUESTION IS PARTLY PHILOSOPHICAL

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- MY ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WILL BE SOMEWHAT PHILOSOPHICAL
- HIGHLIGHT JUDGEMENT
- ADDRESS THE MOTIVES WHY WE DO Rx PROCEDURES

# QUESTION #1

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**ANSWERING THAT IS  
EASY SO I WILL ALSO  
ADDRESS 2<sup>ND</sup> QUESTION**

**WHEN MAY CAS BE  
JUSTIFIED IN OCTOS ?**

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- ADVERSE EVENT RATES  
ARE HIGH IN OCTOS
- LENNOX HILL, CREST,  
CAPTURE, PITTSBURG,  
ETC, ETC, ETC
- EXCEPTIONS (EXPERTS-WOW,  
USE & ADVISE SELECTIVITY)

# WHY I DON'T DO CAS IN OCTOGENERIANS ?

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- I AM NOT HIGH VOLUME CAS
- I GENERALLY DO NOT TREAT ASYMPTOMATIC EASY PTS
- I CAN DO CEA IN SX OCTOS WITH LOW & LOWER AER
- NOT DOING CAS IN OCTOS  
IS A NO-BRAINER

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**ARE THERE  
EXCEPTIONS ?**

**OF COURSE THERE ARE**

# **#2 WHEN MAY CAS BE JUSTIFIED IN OCTOS?**

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**OF COURSE AGE IS A  
RELATIVE THING  
YOUNG SX OCTO W/ YOUNG ARCH  
PROVIDED SOME CONDITIONS  
EXIST**



# #2 WHEN MAY CAS BE JUSTIFIED IN OCTOS?

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- IF SX PT REALLY NEEDS RX & CAN'T
  - FOR SURG REASONS - HAVE CEA
  - RECURRENT SX, INFECTED NECK TRACHEOSTOMY, HIGH LESION
- OPERATOR HAS GOOD RESULTS IN OCTOGENERIANS
- RARE - Rx NOT ALWAYS NEEDED

# WHEN MAY CAS BE JUSTIFIED IN OCTOS?

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- **CONSIDER CERVICAL APPROACH IF BAD ARCH**
- **INFORM PATIENT OF RISKS**
- **REFER PATIENT**
- **NOT EVERY SX PATIENT NEEDS TREATMENT (75%)**

# PHILOSOPHICAL POINTS

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- **EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SKILLED INTERVENTIONISTS & CAN DO AMAZING THINGS**
- **WE MUST EXERCISE JUDGEMENT**
- **SOME PTS ARE BEST UNTREATED**
- **CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT FIX EVERY LESION IN EVERY PT**
- **APPLIES TO SOME OCTOGENS**

# MOTIVES FOR US TO DO CAS & CEA

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- TO HELP PATIENTS—MAKE PTS BETTER
- GRATIFYING & SATISFYING, NEW EXCIT
- CHALLENGING, FUN WITH TOYS
- ACADEMICALLY REWARDING
- FINANCIALLY REWARDING
- OUR HOSPITAL BENEFITS
- IMPROVE OUR RESULTS
- CREDENTIALING ISSUE
- INCREASE PRACTICE

**URGE ALL OF US INVOLVED IN  
AGGRESSIVELY TREATING  
PATIENTS WITH VASCULAR  
LESIONS TO KEEP IN MIND  
THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF Rx  
TO BENEFIT PATIENTS &  
NOT BE SEDUCED BY THESE  
ATTRACTIVE SECONDARY  
MOTIVES & BENEFITS  
TRUE WITH OCTOS & ASX PTS**

# SUMMARY

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- I & MOST DON'T NEED TO DO CAS IN OCTOS
- THERE ARE USUALLY OTHER GOOD OPTIONS
- EXCEPTIONS-VERY RARE
- KEEP R/B RATIO IN MIND

