

# Balloon angioplasty lowers risk for composite outcome in intracranial artery stenosis

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For patients with symptomatic intracranial atherosclerotic stenosis (sICAS), balloon angioplasty plus aggressive medical management is associated with a lower risk for a composite outcome of any stroke or death, according to a study published online Sept. 5 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Xuan Sun, M.D., from Capital Medical University in Beijing, and colleagues conducted a [randomized clinical trial](#) involving patients aged 35 to 80 years with sICAS, defined as recent transient ischemic attack (

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