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**Paper:** Winter 2019 CPD Questions

**Personal Reflection:**

This learning focused on 2 carotid papers. The first was an interesting paper looking at the prevalence of internal carotid branches. The Busch paper utilised CDU to identify branches and their anatomical location. This paper reported a higher than previously described incidence of ICA branches. The paper suggests that carotid scanning protocols are written with this information in mind, to ensure that ICA branches are reported where seen.

The Alcalde-Lopez paper focused on carotid stenting of symptomatic disease, looking at both the early and late post-symptomatic time frames. The conclusion from this paper is that the timing of CAS remains controversial. Further studies are required for the validation of CAS safety in this patient cohort.