

# Endarterectomy

The surgical procedure to remove the atheromatous plaque material, or blockage, in the lining of an artery constricted by the buildup of soft/hardening deposits. It is carried out by separating the plaque from the arterial wall.

**Endarterectomy** was first performed on a superficial **femoral artery** in **1946** by the Portuguese surgeon João Cid dos Santos at the University of **Lisbon**. In **1951**, E. J. Wylie, an American, performed it on the abdominal aorta. The first successful reconstruction of the **carotid artery** was performed by Carrea, Molins, and Murphy in Argentina, later in the same year.

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