Cerebrovascular surgery seeks to preserve blood flow in intracranial vessels or augment flow to cerebral territories during:

- **Aneurysm Obliteration Surgery:**
  Quantitative flow data guides clip placement for full preservation of flow in parent vessels and distal branches.

- **Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Resection Surgery:**
  Flow data guide surgical resection by clarifying ICG-VA visualization; discriminating between deep small arterial feeders and venous drainages, and identifying transit arteries and residual nidus.

- **Spinal Dural Arteriovenous Fistula (SDAVF) Surgery:**
  Flowmetry assesses the value and direction of flow thereby aiding fistula localization and confirming its disconnection.

- **Revascularization (EC-IC Bypass) Surgery for Occlusive Disease:**
  Flow measurement quantifies an increase in cerebral flow after revascularization. Intraoperative volume flow measurements assure the integrity of cerebral flows or alert the surgeon to dangerous flow deficits while decreasing the need for disruptive intraoperative angiography. Measurements also provide documentation of flow for the patient’s record.

**Intracranial Flowprobe**

![Fig. 1: The Charbel Micro-Flowprobe® is designed for deep intracranial surgery. Their long bayonet handle permits use under a surgical microscope. A flexible neck segment permits the Flowprobe neck to be bent, as needed, to optimally position the probe around a vessel.](image1)

![Fig. 2: Charbel Micro-Flowprobes® are available in 1.5, 2 and 3 mm sizes.](image2)

**Table: Intracranial Probe Specifications**

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Charbel Extracranial Micro-Flowprobes®

A shorter bayonet handle MB-S and MB-R Micro Flowprobes are designed to be used under the microscope for extracranial vessels such as the superficial temporal artery during STA-MCA bypass surgery.

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