

<b>Subject: CT Heart Calcium Scoring, (75571)</b>		<b>Original Effective Date:</b> 12/13/17
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**DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE/SERVICE/PHARMACEUTICAL**

MDCT (multi-detector CT) and EBCT (electron beam CT) are ultrafast scans that are each capable of obtaining images during a single heartbeat. EBCT does not spin the x-ray tube around the patient. MDCT or EBCT can be used for detection of calcium deposits in the coronary vessels.

**APPROVAL SUPPORT**

- This is considered investigational for all indications.

**ADDITIONAL CRITICAL INFORMATION**

The above medical necessity recommendations are used to determine the best diagnostic study based on a patient's specific clinical circumstances. The recommendations were developed using evidence based studies and current accepted clinical practices. Medical necessity will be determined using a combination of these recommendations as well as the patient's individual clinical or social circumstances.

- Tests that will not change treatment plans should not be recommended.
- Same or similar tests recently completed need a specific reason for repeat imaging.

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	<b>Description</b>
75571	CT (Computed Tomography) Heart Calcium Scoring, without contrast