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PLEASE AFFIX PATIENT LABEL

Cardiac CT Referral

Patient name _____ Date of birth _____
Address _____
Phone number _____

SPECIALISTS ONLY

Please ✓ to confirm indication

- Computed Tomography of the Coronary Arteries (CTCA) includes coronary calcium score Item 57360

MEDICARE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) the request is made by a specialist or consulting physician; and
- (b) one of the following applies to the patient:
 - The patient has stable symptoms consistent with coronary ischaemia
 - The patient is at low to intermediate risk of an acute coronary event, including having no significant cardiac biomarker elevation and no electrocardiogram changes indicating acute ischaemia

NON MEDICARE ELIGIBLE/ GP REFERRER (FEES APPLY)

- CTCA (not qualifying for 57360) (includes Coronary calcium score)
- Calcium score (no CT angiography, no contrast)

Clinical notes _____

Renal Function (most recent eGFR)	Date
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Allergies <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Iodine <input type="radio"/> Other _____ Are there any contraindications to giving the patient Beta Blockers? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Prior MI/history of CAD/CVD <input type="radio"/> Prior coronary stent/angioplasty <input type="radio"/> Coronary Bypass Graft <input type="radio"/> Pacemaker
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Current Medications _____

Referring Doctor _____	Signature _____
Provider number _____	Date _____
Address _____	

CARDIAC CT ANGIOGRAM – PATIENT PREPARATION

- Eat a light meal 4 hours prior to your appointment.
- Take your medication as per normal.
- You must not take any caffeine for 24 hours prior to the examination. This includes tea, coffee, caffeinated soft drinks and chocolate.
- You must not take any stimulants such as Viagra, Cialis or Levitra for 24 hours prior to the examination.
- Do not exercise or smoke on the day of your examination.
- Although the majority of people will feel fine after this study, the short-acting medication you receive during the examination may temporarily affect your ability to drive.
- Arranging for someone to drive you home from the clinic following your procedure is advisable.
- Please bring any previous imaging to your appointment.

CARDIAC CT ANGIOGRAM – HOW LONG DOES THIS TEST TAKE?

- PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR EXAMINATION TIME
- The scan time is less than 15 minutes, but we need to take your medical history and keep your heart rate and blood pressure under observation before and after the test.
- Expect to be in our practice for 1-2 hours.

CARDIAC CT ANGIOGRAM – WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE STUDY

- You will change into a gown and have your blood pressure and heart rate monitored.
- ECG leads will be placed on your chest.
- You will be given GTN (Nitrolingual spray) under the tongue just before the scan to relax your coronary arteries. This may give you a mild headache.
- You may require additional medication (Beta Blocker) to slow your heart rate for the scan. This will be administered by a specialist radiologist.
- You will have a cannula inserted in the vein in the crease of your elbow to administer the IV contrast (containing iodine) required for this examination. You may feel a warm sensation and have a metallic taste during the contrast injection. This is normal.
- You will need to lie flat and still for the examination and hold your breath for the scan duration (~10 seconds).

To Book an Appointment

Please phone our booking staff on 9044 3200 or visit the department.

Department Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00am–5.30pm.

Extended hours and weekends are available for MRI by appointment.

How to Find Us



BUS

No. 389

Stops in Burton St

No's 352, 378, 380

Stops at Oxford St near Victoria St



TRAIN

Kings Cross Station

10 minute walk



PARKING

Available on street, in St Vincent's Clinic via Barcom Ave and St Vincent's Public Hospital Car Park via Victoria St.

St Vincent's Clinic parking is closed weekends and from 8.00pm on weekdays.

