



# Patient Referral Form

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**Appointment Scheduled For:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>AM</sup>/<sub>PM</sub>

Stat Report:  Yes

Location:  555 North Duke Street - LGH Radiology Entrance

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auth #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

History/Symptoms: \_\_\_\_\_

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ICD-9: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR PROCEDURE ORDERED:

**75571: CT Heart without contrast, with quantitative evaluation of coronary calcium**

**Other**  
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**75572: CT Heart with contrast, cardiac structure and morphology (assessment of cardiac function and evaluation of venous structures).**

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**75573: CT Heart with contrast, cardiac structure and morphology in the setting of Congenial Heart Disease.**

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**75574: CTA, Heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present) with contrast - includes cardiac structure and morphology, (assessment of cardiac function and evaluation of venous structures).**

Bring all Medicare, supplemental insurance, or other health plan forms and data with you. We participate with most major insurance companies and will submit the insurance claims for you.

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call us immediately at one of the phone numbers listed above to let us know and arrange for a convenient time to reschedule.

**NOTE: Billing Information** • All insurance authorizations and precertifications should be obtained under the name MRI Group.

## Cardiac CT Angiogram (CTA)

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States today. Cardiac CT angiography is a new dependable way to non-invasively look at chambers of the heart and vessels that supply the heart. The advanced CT equipment with intravenous contrast dye allows us to see a three-dimensional picture of your heart and its vessels while it's beating. Your doctor will use the cardiac CT to assess your heart muscle, coronary arteries, pulmonary veins, thoracic and abdominal aorta as well as the sac around the heart called the pericardium.



### How to Prepare:

- ♥ Do not drink or eat anything with caffeine the day before and the day of the exam.
- ♥ Do not use Viagra, Levitra or Cialis for at least 72 hours prior to the exam. They will react poorly with the medications you will receive during the procedure.
- ♥ On the day of the exam, do not eat for four hours before your scheduled appointment.
- ♥ You may take your normal medications with water but we ask that you do not take any water pills (diuretics).
- ♥ If you are diabetic, ask your physician how to alter your medication the day of your exam. If you think your blood sugar is low, tell the nurse immediately.
- ♥ If you take Glucophage, avoid taking it the day of the exam and for 48 hours after your scan. You will be asked to have a blood test before restarting Glucophage.
- ♥ If you were ordered or are taking a beta-blocker, please take a dose at bedtime the night before the exam and the morning of the exam. This is needed to lower your heart rate.
- ♥ Tell your technologist and your doctor if you are: pregnant, allergic to iodine and/or shellfish or any medication, or undergoing radiation therapy.
- ♥ You may be asked to have a blood test to evaluate your kidney function before you get any contrast dye.

### What to Expect:

- ♥ You should arrive 1 hour before the exam.
- ♥ You will change into a hospital gown.
- ♥ A nurse will monitor your blood pressure. Sticky electrode patches will be applied to your chest to monitor your heart rhythm (electrical activity) and rate. Men may have their chest partially shaved to help the electrodes stick.
- ♥ A nurse will put an IV line into a vein in your arm to give the contrast dye and/or medications during your exam.
- ♥ You will lie on a special scanning table.
- ♥ As you lie on the table, you will be asked to raise your arms over your head for the entire exam. You will be asked to hold your breath for 10 - 15 seconds several times during the exam.
- ♥ During the exam, you will feel the table move inside a donut-shaped scanner. You will get the contrast dye through your IV to help make the images. It is common to feel a warm sensation as the contrast moves through your body.
- ♥ Once the technologist is sure all the information is collected, the IV will be removed. A nurse will monitor your blood pressure and heart rhythm and rate for about 15 minutes after the exam.

### After the Procedure:

- ♥ We ask that you have someone to take you home after the exam.
- ♥ You may continue all normal activities and eat as usual after the exam.