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Transthoracic Echocardiography in Adults

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Overview

This Coverage Policy addresses non-stress transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) in an adult age 18 and older.

Coverage Policy

Non-stress transthoracic echocardiography (TTE)

Non-stress transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) is considered medically necessary according to the following American College of Cardiology (ACC) Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) "Appropriate Care" category (scores 7-9):

- Multimodality Imaging in Cardiovascular Evaluation of Patients Undergoing Nonemergent, Noncardiac Surgery (ACC/Doherty, et al., 2024)
- Multimodality Imaging During the Follow-Up Care of Patients With Congenital Heart Disease (Sachdeva, et al., 2020)
- Multimodality Imaging in the Assessment of Cardiac Structure and Function in Nonvalvular Heart Disease (Doherty, et al., 2019)

AND the following ACC/American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines (Class of recommendation I and/or IIa):

- Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (Ommen, et al., 2024)
- Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation (Joglar, et al., 2023)
- Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease (2022)
- Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure (Heidenreich, et al., 2022)
- Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain (Gulati, et al., 2021)
- Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease (Otto, et al., 2021)

Non-stress TTE (with or without three-dimensional [3D]; with contrast as needed) is considered medically necessary for the following indications:

- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) associated with SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection
- Individual taking FINTEPLA® (fenfluramine) for a FDA-approved indication (e.g., Dravet syndrome)
- Individual taking CAMZYOS[™] (mavacamten) for a FDA-approved indication (i.e., adult with symptomatic New York Heart Association [NYHA] class II-III obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy [oHCM])

Non-stress TTE is not covered or reimbursable for all other indications.

Non-stress TTE as a screening study prior to starting Attention-deficit/Hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) drugs (with or without 3D or contrast) is not covered or reimbursable.

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Frequency of non-stress TTE

More than two transthoracic echocardiograms (TTE) submitted within a rolling twelve months are not covered or reimbursable, with the exception of:

- those diagnoses with frequency limits indicated in the policy above, OR
- diagnoses without frequency limits listed in the specified Coding section Table 2 below

Myocardial Strain Imaging (CPT® 93356)

Myocardial strain imaging is considered medically necessary if the primary TTE (CPT® 93303, 93304, 93306, 93307, 93308) on the same date of service is medically necessary AND EITHER of the following criteria are met:

- prior to, during or following exposure to medications/radiation that could result in cardiotoxicity
- to evaluate hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Myocardial strain imaging is not covered or reimbursable for any other indication.

Health Equity Considerations

Health equity is the highest level of health for all people; health inequity is the avoidable difference in health status or distribution of health resources due to the social conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age.

Social determinants of health are the conditions in the environment that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality of life outcomes and risks. Examples include safe housing, transportation, and neighborhoods; racism, discrimination and violence; education, job opportunities and income; access to nutritious foods and physical activity opportunities; access to clean air and water; and language and literacy skills.

General Background

Echocardiography is the most frequently employed cardiac imaging test for evaluation of cardiovascular disease related to a structural, functional or hemodynamic abnormality of the heart or great vessels. Echocardiography allows ultrasonic visualization of cardiac structures in real time from multiple planes, and Doppler and color flow imaging allows a reliable assessment of cardiac hemodynamics and blood flow. A transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) examination begins with real-time two-dimensional (2D) echocardiography, which provides high-resolution images of cardiac structures and their movements. TTE technique has evolved from a simple M-mode tracing to a family of technologies that include 2D imaging, pulsed and continuous wave spectral Doppler, color flow Doppler, tissue Doppler, 3-dimensional (3D) imaging, and myocardial strain imaging using speckle tracking.

Myocardial strain is the deformation produced by the application of a force; myocardial strain represents percent change in myocardial length from relaxed to contractile state. The main limitation remains that strain values vary among methods, modalities and software version. The most prevalent use of myocardial strain imaging evaluated in current literature is for identifying potential cancer therapy-related cardiac dysfunction. Myocardial strain imaging in individuals with exposure to medications/radiation that could result in cardiotoxicity is supported by the American

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College of Cardiology and current peer-reviewed literature (Oikonomou, et al., 2019; Amzulescu, et al., 2019; Thavendiranathan, et al., 2014).

Diagnostic procedures used as alternatives to TTE for cardiac diagnosis and assessment vary, depending on the clinical situation and other factors, and may include electrocardiogram (ECG), chest x-ray, stress TTE, transesophageal echocardiography (TEE), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), computed tomography angiography (CTA), magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), coronary arteriography, and positron emission tomography (PET). In some cases TTE may be the sole diagnostic procedure, while in other situations additional testing is required. Although TTE is technically demanding, the diagnostic accuracy, cost effectiveness, availability, and noninvasive nature of the test have made it a powerful diagnostic tool in cardiology.

Professional society recommendations have been published in an effort to guide appropriate use of this imaging modality for selected patient indications.

Professional Societies/Organizations

As stated above, this Cigna Coverage Policy is primarily based upon American College of Cardiology (ACC) Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) and Guidelines. To be taken to the associated ACC AUC or Guideline, click on the applicable topic.

Noncardiac Surgery
Congenital Heart Disease
Nonvalvular Heart Disease
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
Atrial Fibrillation
Aortic Disease
Heart Failure
Chest Pain
Valvular Heart Disease

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY (ACC) APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA (AUC)

2024 ACC/AHA Appropriate Use Criteria for Multimodality Imaging in Cardiovascular Evaluation of Patients Undergoing Nonemergent, Noncardiac Surgery

The American College of Cardiology Solution Set Oversight Committee, American Heart Association, American Society of Echocardiography, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, Heart Failure Society of America, Heart Rhythm Society, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons published the 2024 Appropriate Use Criteria for Multimodality Imaging in Cardiovascular Evaluation of Patients Undergoing Nonemergent, Noncardiac Surgery (Writing Group Members/Doherty, et al., 2024).

Noteworthy:

- TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent
- Includes 98 separate TTE indications
- The criteria are divided into three primary sections: 1) No Known or Suspected Heart Disease and No Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days; 2) Section 2: Known or Suspected Heart Disease and No Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days; and 3) Section 3: Known or Suspected Heart Disease and Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days

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Section 1: No Known or Suspected Heart Disease and	TTE
No Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days	(score /
	rating*)
TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent	
TABLE 1.1 No New or Worsening Symptoms AND a Functional Status ≥4	
metabolic equivalent of task (METs). Patient undergoing:	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	1/R
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	1/R
High-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Low-risk vascular surgery	2/R
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	3/R
High-risk vascular surgery	4/M
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A
TABLE 1.2 No New or Worsening Symptoms AND	
a Functional Status <4 METs. Patient undergoing:	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	1/R
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	3/R
High-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Low-risk vascular surgery	1/R
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	4/M
High-risk vascular surgery	6/M
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A

Section 2: Known or Suspected Heart Disease and	TTE
No Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days	(score /
	rating*)
TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent	
TABLE 2.1 No New or Worsening Symptoms AND	
a Functional Status ≥4 METs. Patient undergoing:	
Known or Suspected Ischemic Heart Disease	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	1/R
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	5/M
Low-risk vascular surgery	1/R
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	4/M
High-risk vascular surgery	6/M
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A
Known or Suspected VHD or HF	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	2/R
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	5/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	3/R
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	6/M
High-risk vascular surgery	7/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	8/A
TABLE 2.2 New or Worsening Symptoms OR	
a Functional Status <4 METs. Patient undergoing:	
Known or Suspected Ischemic Heart Disease	

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	rating*)
TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent	2 ,
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	8/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	5/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
High-risk vascular surgery	8/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	8/A
Known or Suspected VHD or HF	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	5/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	5/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
High-risk vascular surgery	9/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	8/A

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	Low Risk Ischemic Heart Disease	
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Section 3: Known or Suspected Heart Disease and Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days	TTE (score /
Prior resulting within 90 to 220 days	rating*)
TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent	racing)
High-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
Low-risk vascular surgery	2/R
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	4/M
High-risk vascular surgery	6/M
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A
Abnormal Stress Testing of any Modality Indicating	
at Least Moderate Risk Ischemic Heart Disease	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
Low-risk vascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	6/M
High-risk vascular surgery	7/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A
TABLE 3.2 New or Worsening Symptoms OR	
a Functional Status <4 METs. Patient undergoing:	
Normal Stress Testing in the Setting of	
Initial Suspicion of Ischemic Heart Disease	4 (3.4
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	6/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
High-risk vascular surgery	7/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	7/A
Normal Stress Testing for Ischemia in the Setting of Initial Suspicion of VHD or HF	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
High-risk vascular surgery	8/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only)	8/A
Abnormal Stress Testing in the Setting of	
Initial Suspicion of Ischemic Heart Disease	
Indicating Low-Risk Ischemic Heart Disease	4 / 5 4
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	4/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
High-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	5/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
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Section 3: Known or Suspected Heart Disease and	TTE
Prior Testing Within 90 to 220 Days	(score /
	rating*)
TTE includes With or Without 3D; With or Without Contrast-Enhancing Agent	
Indicating at Least Moderate Ischemic Heart Disease	
Low-risk nonvascular surgery	6/M
Intermediate-risk nonvascular surgery	7/A
High-risk nonvascular surgery	8/A
Low-risk vascular surgery	6/M
Intermediate-risk vascular surgery	7/A
High-risk vascular surgery	9/A
Solid organ transplantation (recipient only) (Doherty, et al., 2024)	9/A

^{*}See Appendix for ACC definitions for Scores / Ratings

2020 American College of Cardiology (ACC) Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for Multimodality Imaging During the Follow-Up Care of Patients With Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) Solution Set Oversight Committee and Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Task Force, American Heart Association (AHA), American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), International Society for Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and Society of Pediatric Echocardiography published the 2020 Appropriate Use Criteria for Multimodality Imaging During the Follow-Up Care of Patients With Congenital Heart Disease (Sachdeva, et al., 2020).

Noteworthy:

- Includes 324 separate TTE indications
- Addresses cardiac imaging in adult and pediatric patients with established Congenital Heart Disease
- Addresses only the follow-up of patients with established CHD using various cardiovascular imaging modalities. It is assumed that a complete anatomic cardiac diagnosis has been established. The initial evaluation by TTE prompted by signs and symptoms suggesting CHD has been addressed in the 2014 AUC for Initial Transthoracic Echocardiography in Outpatient Pediatric Cardiology.

<u>Table 1: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Patent Foramen Ovale, Atrial Septal Defects</u> (ASD) and Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection (PAPVC)

Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)	TTE	TTE with
	(score/rating*)	contrast
		(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance of an asymptomatic patient with a PFO	1/R	1/R
Unrepaired		
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with a small atrial septal defects (ASD) or Partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection (PAPVC) involving a single pulmonary vein	4/M	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient with a small ASD or PAPVC involving a single pulmonary vein	7/A	Not rated

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Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with ≥ moderate ASD or PAPVC involving >1 pulmonary vein	8/A	Not rated
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A	5/M
Evaluation to determine the method of closure of isolated secundum ASD	9/A	4/M
Evaluation prior to planned repair of sinus venosus defect and/or PAPVC	9/A	4/M
Postprocedural: Surgical or catheter-based		
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	5/M
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A	6/M
Routine surveillance within 1 week following device closure of ASD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	3/R
Routine surveillance at 1 month following device closure of ASD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	3/R
Routine surveillance at 3–6 months following device closure of ASD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	3/R
Routine surveillance at 1 year following device closure of ASD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	3/R
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) after the first year following device closure of ASD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	2/R
Routine surveillance within a year following surgical ASD closure or PAPVC repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	2/R
Routine surveillance (annually) after the first year following surgical ASD closure or PAPVC repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	6/M	2/R
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) after the first year following surgical ASD closure or PAPVC repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	2/R
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) following surgical or device closure of ASD in a patient with significant residual shunt, valvular or ventricular dysfunction, arrhythmias, and/or pulmonary hypertension	9/A	4/M
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) following repair of PAPVC in a patient with systemic or pulmonary venous obstruction, valvular or ventricular dysfunction, arrhythmias, and/or pulmonary hypertension	9/A	5/M

Table 2: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Ventricular Septal Defects (VSD)

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Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with a small muscular VSD	3/R
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic child with a small muscular VSD	7/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with a small muscular VSD	7/A

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Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with a small VSD in	7/A
a location other than muscular septum	0/4
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with a small VSD in	8/A
a location other than muscular septum	
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant with ≥ moderate VSD on	9/A
medical management	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance within a year following surgical or device VSD closure in	8/A
an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) after the first year following device closure of	9/A
VSD in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (annually) after the first year following surgical VSD	5/M
closure in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) after the first year following surgical VSD	8/A
closure in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) following surgical or device closure in a	9/A
patient with small residual shunt, ≤ mild valvular dysfunction, no ventricular	
dysfunction, arrhythmias, or pulmonary hypertension	
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) following surgical or device closure in a	9/A
patient with significant residual shunt, valvular or ventricular dysfunction,	•
arrhythmias, and/or pulmonary hypertension	

Table 3: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Atrioventricular Septal Defects

Unrepaired: Partial/Transitional	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child	9/A
Unrepaired: Complete	
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant	9/A
Unrepaired: All Types	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance within a year after atrioventricular septal defects (AVSD) repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 years) after the first year following repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with significant residual shunt, valvular or ventricular dysfunction, left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction, arrhythmias, and/or pulmonary hypertension	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

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Table 4: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)

Unrepaired	TTE
·	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient with a trivial, silent PDA	3/R
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with ≥ moderate PDA	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with a small, audible PDA until closure	7/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an infant or child with a small, audible PDA until closure	8/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an adult with a small PDA	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (annually) within 2 years following PDA closure in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (5 years) after the first 2 years following surgical closure in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	3/R
Routine surveillance (5 years) after the first 2 years following device closure in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	7/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a patient with postprocedural left pulmonary artery stenosis	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a patient with postprocedural aortic obstruction	9/A

Table 5: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous

Connection	
Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant with no or mild	8/A
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with no or mild	8/A
sequelae	

<u>Table 6: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Eisenmenger Syndrome (ES) and Pulmonary</u> Hypertension Associated With CHD

nypertension Associated with CHD	
Eisenmenger Syndrome (ES)	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Initial evaluation with suspicion of ES	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms in a patient with ES	9/A

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Evaluation due to change in pulmonary arterial hypertension-targeted therapy in a patient with ES	9/A
Routine surveillance (3 months) in a stable child with ES	6/M
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a stable child with ES	9/A
Routine surveillance (3 months) in a stable adult with ES	3/R
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a stable adult with ES	9/A
Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Associated With Congenital heart disease (CHD)	
Initial evaluation with suspicion of pulmonary hypertension following CHD	9/A
surgery	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms in a patient with postoperative PH	
Evaluation due to change in pulmonary arterial hypertension-targeted therapy	9/A
in a patient with postoperative PH	
Routine surveillance (3 months) in a stable child with postoperative PH	7/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a stable child with post-operative PH	5/M
Routine surveillance (3 months) in a stable adult with postoperative PH	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a stable adult postoperative PH	9/A

<u>Table 7: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Ebstein Anomaly and Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia</u>

Unrepaired	TTE	TTE with
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	, , , , ,	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic infant or	9/A	Not rated
child with mild tricuspid regurgitation (TR)	,	
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult	9/A	5/M
with mild TR		
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A	Not rated
with ≥ moderate TR without hypoxemia		
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic	9/A	4/M
patient with ≥ moderate TR and previously stable RV size		
and/or function without hypoxemia		
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	7/A
concerning signs and symptoms		
Evaluation of an atrial septal defect (ASD) for device closure	9/A	6/M
in a patient with mild or moderate TR, right ventricle (RV)		
enlargement, and no hypoxemia		
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A	6/M
Postprocedural: Surgical or Cathether-Based		
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	6/M
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	7/A
concerning signs or symptoms		
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A	Not rated
with no or mild sequelae		
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient		Not rated
with no or mild sequelae		
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic child	9/A	Not rated
with valvular or ventricular dysfunction or arrhythmias		
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic adult	9/A	Not rated
with valvular or ventricular dysfunction or arrhythmias		
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with	9/A	Not rated
symptoms of heart failure and/or atrial arrhythmias		

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Table 8: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Pulmonary Stenosis (PS)

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Unrepaired	
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Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant with mild PS	8/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with mild PS	8/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with mild PS	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant with ≥ moderate PS	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child or adult with ≥ moderate PS	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with PS and pulmonary artery dilation	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	,
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic child with moderate or severe sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 years) in an asymptomatic adult with moderate or severe sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

<u>Table 9: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Pulmonary Atresia With Intact Ventricular</u> Septum

<u>Septum</u>	
Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Palliation	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Complete Repair	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to a change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with no or mild	9/A
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) in an asymptomatic adult with no or mild	9/A
sequelae	

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Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic child with ≥ moderate	9/A
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (1–3 years) in an asymptomatic adult with ≥ moderate	9/A
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

Table 10: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Mitral Valve Disease

Table 10: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Mitral Valve Disease	
Unrepaired Congenital Mitral Stenosis (MS)	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–4 weeks) in an infant $<$ 3 months with any degree of MS	8/A
Routine surveillance (3-6 months) in an infant ≥3 months with mild MS	8/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant \geq 3 months with \geq moderate MS	9/A
Routine surveillance (1-2 years) in an asymptomatic child with mild MS	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in an asymptomatic child with ≥ moderate MS	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Unrepaired: Congenital Mitral Regurgitation (MR) including Mitral Valve Prolapse (MVP)	-,
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic infant with mild MR	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an asymptomatic infant with \geq moderate MR	9/A
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) in a child with mild MR, normal LV size and systolic function	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a child with ≥ moderate MR	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with MVP and mild MR	5/M
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic child with MVP and mild MR	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	377.1
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation in an infant or child due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with mild MS or MR, and no LV dysfunction	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant with ≥ moderate MS or MR, dilated LV, and no LV dysfunction	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a child with mild MS or MR, and no LV dysfunction	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a child with ≥ moderate MS or MR, dilated LV, and no LV dysfunction	9/A
Routine surveillance (annually) in a child with normal prosthetic mitral valve function and no LV dysfunction	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a child with prosthetic mitral valve or ventricular dysfunction, and/or arrhythmias	9/A

Table 11: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) lesions

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Unrepaired: Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis (AS)	TTE
()	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant with any degree of subvalvular aortic stenosis (AS) and \leq mild aortic regurgitation (AR)	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a child or adult with mild subvalvular AS and no AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a child or adult with \geq moderate subvalvular AS and/or \leq mild AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with ≥ moderate subvalvular AS	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with \leq mild stenosis and/or AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant with \geq moderate stenosis and/or AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a child or adult with \leq mild stenosis and/or AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a child or adult with ≥ moderate stenosis and/or AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in an adult with heart failure symptoms or ≥ moderate stenosis and/or AR	9/A
Unrepaired: Aortic Valve Stenosis and/or Regurgitation* *This part of the table does not include indications for adults:	
Routine surveillance (1–4 weeks) in an infant (<3 months old) with any degree of AS and/or AR not requiring neonatal surgery	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant (3–12 months old) with mild AS and/or mild AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant (3-12 months old) with \geq moderate AS and/or \geq moderate AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (6 months) in an asymptomatic child with mild AS and/or mild AR without aortic dilation	3/R
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child with mild AS and/or mild AR without aortic dilation	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic child with \geq moderate AS and/or \geq moderate AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in a child with a bicuspid aortic valve with trivial or mild valvular dysfunction with no aortic sinus and/or ascending aortic dilation	9/A
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) in a child with aortic sinus and/or ascending aortic dilation with stable z-scores	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a child with aortic sinus and/or ascending aortic dilation with increasing z-scores	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based* *This part of the table does not include indications for adults:	

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Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant following neonatal intervention	9/A
with ≤ mild AS and/or AR and no LV dysfunction	
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant following neonatal intervention	9/A
with ≥ moderate AS and/or regurgitation, and/or LV dysfunction	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a child with \leq mild AS and/or AR following	9/A
repair or normal prosthetic valve function	
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a child with ≥ moderate AS or AR	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a child with heart failure symptoms	9/A
and/or ventricular dysfunction	
Unrepaired: Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis (AS)	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with any degree of	9/A
supravalvular AS	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child or adult with mild	9/A
supravalvular AS	
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in an asymptomatic child or adult with	9/A
moderate supravalvular AS	
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) in an asymptomatic adult with moderate	
supravalvular AS	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) in a patient with no or mild supravalvular AS	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a patient with \geq moderate supravalvular AS	9/A

<u>Table 12: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Aortic Coarctation and Interrupted Aortic Arch</u>

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Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with mild aortic coarctation in	9/A
the absence of a	
Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a child or adult with mild aortic coarctation	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in a child or adult with mild aortic coarctation	Not rated
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) within the first year following surgical or	Not rated
catheter-based	
intervention in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	

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Routine surveillance (6–12 months) within the first year following catheter-	Not rated
based intervention	
in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (6 months) after the first year following surgical or	9/A
catheter-based	
intervention in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) after the first year following surgical or	9/A
catheter-based	
intervention in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient to evaluate for	Not rated
aortic arch	
aneurysms, in-stent stenosis, stent fracture, or endoleak	
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

Table 13: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Coronary Anomalies

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Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (annually) in an asymptomatic patient with anomalous	3/R
right coronary artery from the left aortic sinus	
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient with anomalous	7/A
right coronary artery from the left aortic sinus	
Routine surveillance (annually) in an asymptomatic patient with small coronary	3/R
fistula	
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient with small	8/A
coronary fistula	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with moderate or	9/A
large coronary fistula	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-Based	
Routine post-procedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation within 1 year after surgery or catheter-based intervention with no	9/A
or mild sequelae	·
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) within the first year following repair	7/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an infant with or without ventricular or	9/A
valvular dysfunction `	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in a child or adult with ventricular or	9/A
valvular dysfunction `	,
Routine surveillance (annually) with no or mild sequelae	7/A
Routine surveillance (2–5 years) with no or mild sequelae	Not rated

Table 14: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)

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Unrepaired	TTE
	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant before complete repair	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant following valvuloplasty, patent	9/A
ductus arteriosus (PDA) and/or right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) stenting,	
or shunt placement before complete repair	

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Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative: Initial Repair	
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Routine surveillance (annually) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae or PR of any severity	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a patient with valvular dysfunction other than pulmonary valve, RVOT obstruction, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, arrhythmias, or presence of a right ventricle to pulmonary artery (RV-to-PA) conduit	9/A
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) in a patient with pulmonary regurgitation (PR) and preserved ventricular function	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned pulmonary valve replacement (percutaneous or surgical)	9/A
Postprocedural: Surgical or Catheter-based Pulmonary Valve Replacement	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation at 1 year following transcatheter or surgical pulmonary valve replacement	9/A
Routine surveillance at 1 and 6 month(s) in an asymptomatic patient following transcatheter pulmonary valve replacement	9/A
Routine surveillance (annually) in an asymptomatic patient following transcatheter pulmonary valve replacement	9/A
Routine surveillance (annually) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a patient with RV-to-PA conduit dysfunction, valvular or ventricular dysfunction, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, or arrhythmias	9/A
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	Not rated
Routine surveillance (2–3 years) in a patient with valvular or ventricular dysfunction, RVOT obstruction, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, arrhythmias, or presence of an RV-to- PA conduit	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

Table 15: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Double Outlet Right Ventricle (DORV)

Unrepaired	TTE
·	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an infant with balanced systemic and	9/A
pulmonary circulation	
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in a child with balanced systemic and	9/A
pulmonary circulation	
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A

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Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (6 months) within a year following repair in an asymptomatic infant or child with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with valvular or ventricular dysfunction, right or left ventricular outflow tract obstruction, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, arrhythmias, or presence of an right ventricle to pulmonary artery (RV-to-PA) conduit	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

<u>Table 16: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), D-Loop Transposition of the Great Arteries</u> (D-Loop TGA)

Unrepaired	TTE (score/rating*)
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative: Arterial Switch Operation	3711
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Evaluation for coronary imaging in an asymptomatic patient	Not rated
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) in an asymptomatic infant with moderate sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in an asymptomatic child or adult with ≥ moderate valvular or ventricular dysfunction, right or left ventricular outflow tract obstruction, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, or arrhythmias	9/A
Routine surveillance $(1-2 \text{ years})$ in an asymptomatic child or adult with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	Not rated
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a patient with dilated neoaortic root with increasing Z scores, or neoaortic regurgitation	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A
Postoperative: Rastelli	
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) within the first year following repair	9/A
Routine surveillance (6 months) after the first year following repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	Not rated

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	0.44
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with ≥ moderate valvular	9/A
dysfunction, LVOT obstruction, presence of an right ventricle to pulmonary	
artery (RV-to-PA) conduit, branch pulmonary artery stenosis, or arrhythmias	
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A
Postoperative: Atrial Switch Operation	
Evaluation due to concerning signs or symptoms and/or change in clinical	9/A
status	
Routine surveillance (6 months) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild	3/R
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild	9/A
sequelae	
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with ≥ moderate systemic AV	9/A
valve regurgitation, systemic RV dysfunction, LVOT obstruction, or arrhythmias	
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

<u>Table 17: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Congenitally Corrected Transposition of the Great Arteries (ccTGA)</u>

Unrepaired	TTE (score/rating*)	TTE with contrast (score/rating*)
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in a patient with < moderate systemic atrioventricular (AV) valve regurgitation	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a patient with ≥ moderate systemic AV valve regurgitation	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A	Not rated
Postoperative: Anatomic Repair		
Routine post-operative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	M (5)
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A	M (5)
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) within a year following repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) after the first year following repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) in a patient with valvular or ventricular dysfunction, right or left ventricular outflow	9/A	Not rated

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tract obstruction, or presence of a right ventricle to pulmonary artery (RV-to-PA) conduit		
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	Not rated	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart	9/A	Not rated
failure symptoms		
Postoperative: Physiological Repair		
With Ventricular septal defect (VSD) Closure		
and/or Left ventricle to Pulmonary artery (LV-to-PA) Conduit		
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	Not rated
concerning signs or symptoms		
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) within a year following	9/A	Not rated
repair in an asymptomatic patient with no or mild sequelae		
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A	Not rated
with no or mild sequelae		
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A	Not rated
with no or mild sequelae		
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with ≥	9/A	Not rated
moderate systemic AV valve regurgitation, systemic RV		
dysfunction, and/or LV-to-PA conduit dysfunction		
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart	9/A	Not rated
failure symptoms		

Table 18: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Truncus Arteriosus

Unrepaired	TTE
· ·	(score/rating*)
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or	9/A
symptoms	
Evaluation prior to planned repair	9/A
Postoperative	
Routine postprocedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new concerning signs or symptoms	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–3 months) within the first year following repair in an asymptomatic patient	9/A
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) after the first year following repair in an asymptomatic child or adult with no or mild sequelae	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic child or adult with no or mild sequelae	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) in an asymptomatic child or adult with ≥ moderate truncal stenosis and/or regurgitation	9/A
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic child or adult with ≥ moderate truncal stenosis and/or regurgitation	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with known residual VSD, presence of an right ventricle to pulmonary artery RV-to-PA conduit, or branch pulmonary artery obstruction	9/A
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart failure symptoms	9/A

Table 19: Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), Single-Ventricle Heart Disease

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Unrepaired	TTE	TTE with
om epanea	(score/rating*)	contrast
	(Secretaring)	(score/rating*)
Routine surveillance (1–4 weeks) in a patient with balanced	9/A	Not rated
systemic and pulmonary circulation not requiring neonatal		
surgery		
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	Not rated
concerning signs or symptoms	,	
Evaluation prior to planned surgical palliation	9/A	Not rated
Postprocedural: Surgical and/or		
Catheter-Based (Stage 1 Palliation)		
Routine post-procedural evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A 9/A	Not rated
concerning signs or symptoms		
Routine surveillance (1–4 weeks) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation prior to planned stage 2 palliation	9/A	Not rated
Postoperative: Stage 2 Palliation		
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	6/M
concerning signs or symptoms		
Routine surveillance (1–6 months) in an asymptomatic infant	9/A	Not rated
or child		
Routine surveillance (1–2 years) in an asymptomatic adult	9/A	Not rated
Evaluation prior to planned stage 3 palliation	9/A	5/M
Postoperative: Stage 3 Palliation		
Routine postoperative evaluation (within 30 days)	9/A	3/R
Evaluation due to change in clinical status and/or new	9/A	6/M
concerning signs or symptoms		
Routine surveillance (3–6 months) within a year following	9/A	Not rated
stage 3 palliation in an asymptomatic patient		
Routine surveillance (6–12 months) after the first year	9/A	Not rated
following stage 3 palliation in an asymptomatic patient		
Routine surveillance (3–5 years) in an asymptomatic patient	9/A	Not rated
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with valvular	9/A	Not rated
or ventricular dysfunction, arrhythmias, or other cardiac		
complications		
Routine surveillance (3–12 months) in a patient with heart	9/A	Not rated
failure symptoms (Sachdeva, et al., 2020)		

^{*}See Appendix for ACC definitions for Scores / Ratings

2019 American College of Cardiology (ACC) Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for Multimodality Imaging in the Assessment of Cardiac Structure and Function in Nonvalvular Heart Disease

The American College of Cardiology Appropriate Use Criteria Task Force, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American Heart Association, American Society of Echocardiography, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, Heart Rhythm Society, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons published the 2019 Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for Multimodality Imaging in the Assessment of Cardiac Structure and Function in Nonvalvular Heart Disease (Doherty, et al., 2019). Noteworthy:

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- Includes 103 separate TTE indications
- Where appropriate, the scenarios were developed on the basis of the most current American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Clinical Practice Guidelines.

Table 1: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Initial Evaluation of an Asymptomatic Patient

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(With or	Strain/Strain
hout 3D;	Rate Imaging
n Contrast	by Speckle or
Needed)	Tissue Doppler
re/rating*)	(score/rating*)
9/A	5/M
9/A	4/M
9/A	7/A
8/A	1/R
8/A	1/R
3/R	1/R
9/A	4/M
9/A	2/R
	hout 3D; Contrast Needed) Pe/rating*) 9/A 9/A 9/A 8/A 3/R

<u>Table 2: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Initial Evaluation of a Patient With Clinical Signs</u> and/or Symptoms of Heart Disease

	TTE (With or Without 3D; With Contrast as Needed) (score/rating*)	Strain/Strain Rate Imaging by Speckle or Tissue Doppler (score/rating*)
Initial evaluation when symptoms or signs suggest heart	9/A	5/M
disease		
Arrhythmias or Conduction Disorders		
Newly diagnosed left bundle branch block (LBBB)	7/A	4/M
Newly diagnosed right bundle branch block (RBBB)	5/M	2/R
Frequent ventricular premature contractions (VPCs) without	7/A	2/R
other evidence of heart disease		
Nonsustained ventricular tachycardia (VT)	8/A	4/M
Sustained VT or ventricular fibrillation (VF)	9/A	3/R

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	TTE () A ()	
	TTE (With or	Strain/Strain
	Without 3D;	Rate Imaging
	With Contrast	by Speckle or
	as Needed)	Tissue Doppler
	(score/rating*)	(score/rating*)
Evaluation of the patient with episodes of supraventricular	6/M	1/R
tachycardia (SVT) without other evidence of heart disease		
Atrial fibrillation/flutter (not for purposes of Precardioversion	8/A	3/R
evaluation)		
Palpitations/Presyncope/Syncope		
Clinical symptoms or signs consistent with a cardiac	9/A	4/M
diagnosis known to cause presyncope/syncope (including but		
not limited to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and heart failure		
[HF])		
Palpitations without other symptoms or signs of	6/M	2/R
cardiovascular disease		
Presyncope without other symptoms or signs of	7/A	2/R
cardiovascular disease		
Syncope without other symptoms or signs of cardiovascular	8/A	2/R
disease		
Hypotension or Hemodynamic Instability		
Hypotension or hemodynamic instability of uncertain or	8/A	1/R
suspected cardiac etiology		
Assessment of volume status in a critically ill patient	7/A	1/R
Hypertensive Heart Disease		
Initial evaluation of suspected hypertensive heart disease	8/A	3/R
Routine evaluation of systemic hypertension without	5/M	1/R
symptoms or signs of hypertensive heart disease		
Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)		
Evaluation of left ventricular (LV) function during initial	8/A	1/R
presentation with acute coronary syndrome		
Suspected complication of myocardial ischemia/ infarction,	9/A	1/R
including but not limited to acute mitral regurgitation,		
ventricular septal defect, free-wall rupture/tamponade,		
shock, right ventricular involvement, HF, or intraventricular		
thrombus		
Respiratory Failure/Exertional Shortness of Breath	- / -	
Exertional shortness of breath/dyspnea or hypoxemia of	8/A	4/M
uncertain etiology		
Exertional shortness of breath /dyspnea or hypoxemia when	4/M	1/R
a noncardiac etiology of dyspnea has been established		
Heart Failure/Cardiomyopathy		
Initial evaluation of known or suspected HF (systolic or	9/A	6/M
diastolic) based on symptoms, signs, or abnormal test		
results to assess systolic or diastolic function and to assess		
for possible etiology (coronary artery disease [CAD], valvular		
disease)		
Suspected inherited or acquired cardiomyopathy (e.g.,	9/A	6/M
restrictive, infiltrative, dilated, hypertrophic)		
Evaluation of LV function in patients who are scheduled for	9/A	6/M
or who have received chemotherapy		
Pulmonary Hypertension		

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	TTE (With or Without 3D; With Contrast as Needed) (score/rating*)	Strain/Strain Rate Imaging by Speckle or Tissue Doppler (score/rating*)
Evaluation of suspected pulmonary hypertension including evaluation of right ventricular function and estimated pulmonary artery pressure	9/A	3/R
Device Therapy		
Evaluation after appropriate time interval following revascularization and/or optimal medical therapy to determine candidacy for implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)/ cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) and/or to determine optimal choice of device	9/A	2/R
Initial evaluation for CRT device optimization after implantation	7/A	3/R
Known implanted pacing/ ICD/CRT device with symptoms possibly due to suboptimal device settings	8/A	4/M
To determine candidacy for ventricular assist device	9/A	1/R
Optimization of ventricular assist device settings	8/A	1/R
Cardiac Transplantation		
Monitoring for rejection or coronary arteriopathy in a cardiac transplant recipient	8/A	4/M
Cardiac structure and function evaluation in a potential heart donor	9/A	1/R
Other		
Suspected pericardial diseases	9/A	5/M
Initial evaluation of cardiac mass, suspected tumor or thrombus, or potential cardiac source of emboli	9/A	1/R
Suspected acute aortic pathology including acute aortic syndrome	7/A	1/R

<u>Table 3: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Sequential or Follow-Up Testing to Clarify Initial</u>
Diagnostic Testing

<u>Diagnostic Testing</u>		
	TTE (With or	Strain/Strain
	Without 3D;	Rate Imaging
	With Contrast	by Speckle or
	as Needed)	Tissue Doppler
	(score/rating*)	(score/rating*)
Comprehensive further evaluation of undefined	Not rated	5/M
cardiomyopathy		
Evaluation of suspected cardiac amyloidosis	Not rated	6/M
Evaluation of suspected hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	Not rated	7/A
Further anatomic characterization of anomalous coronary	2/R	1/R
arteries identified by invasive coronary angiography		

<u>Table 4: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Sequential or Follow-Up Testing: Asymptomatic or Stable Symptoms</u>

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	TTE (\\/\!\there	Ctrain/Ctrain
	TTE (With or	Strain/Strain
	Without 3D; With Contrast	Rate Imaging by Speckle or
	as Needed)	
	,	Tissue Doppler
Do ovaluation (<1 v) in a nation tat violation has at failure	(score/rating*)	(score/rating*)
Re-evaluation (<1 y) in a patient at risk for heart failure	2/R	1/R
(HF) without structural heart disease on prior TTE and no		
change in clinical status or cardiac examination (stage A)	2/0	1 /D
Re-evaluation of known hypertensive heart disease without a	2/R	1/R
change in clinical status or cardiac examination (stage A)		
(<1 y)	2/0	1 /D
Re-evaluation (<1 y) of HF (systolic or diastolic)	2/R	1/R
cardiomyopathy or HF without a change in clinical status or		
cardiac examination	7/1	7//
Re-evaluation (<1 y) in a patient previously or currently	7/A	7/A
undergoing therapy with potentially cardiotoxic agents	2/0	1 /D
Re-evaluation (<1 y) of known aortic dilatation at baseline study to assess changes in rate of expansion or size in	3/R	1/R
patient without bicuspid aortic valve		
	2/0	1 /D
Re-evaluation (<1 y) of the size and morphology of the aortic sinuses and ascending aorta in patients with a bicuspid	2/R	1/R
aortic sinuses and ascending aorta in patients with a bicuspid aortic valve and an aortic diameter >4 cm without		
characteristics mentioned in the indication below		
Re-evaluation (<1 y) of the size and morphology of the	3/R	1/R
aortic sinuses and ascending aorta in patients with a bicuspid	3/K	1/10
aortic valve and an aortic diameter >4 cm with one of the		
following: Aortic dilatation >4.5 cm; Rapid rate of change in		
aortic diameter; Family history of aortic dissection		
Re-evaluation (<1 y) of known moderate or greater	4/M	1/R
pulmonary hypertension without change in clinical status or	1,11	1/10
cardiac examination		
Re-evaluation (≥1 y) of known moderate or greater	7/A	1/R
pulmonary hypertension without change in clinical status or	,,,,	2/10
cardiac examination		
Re-evaluation of chronic asymptomatic pericardial effusion	7/A	1/R
when findings would potentially alter therapy	,,,,	_,
Further clarification of suspected pericardial constriction	1/R	1/R
when findings of TTE including tissue Doppler is unclear	,	,
Re-evaluation of intracardiac mass when findings would	8/A	1/R
potentially alter therapy	,	,
Re-evaluation of prior TEE findings for interval change (e.g.,	1/R	1/R
resolution of atrial thrombus after anticoagulation) when no		-
change in therapy is anticipated.		
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<u>Table 5: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Sequential or Follow-Up Testing: New or Worsening Symptoms or to Guide Therapy</u>

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	TTE (With or Without 3D; With Contrast as Needed) (score/rating*)	Strain/Strain Rate Imaging by Speckle or Tissue Doppler (score/rating*)
Re-evaluation of known structural heart disease with change in clinical status or cardiac examination or to guide therapy (assume ischemic work-up has been performed and remains valid)	8/A	4/M
Re-evaluation of prior TEE findings for interval change (e.g., reduction or resolution of atrial thrombus after anticoagulation or intracardiac evaluation of cardiac mass when a change in therapy is anticipated	5/M	1/R
Re-evaluation of known cardiomyopathy with a change in clinical status or cardiac examination or to guide therapy (assume ischemic work-up has been done, performed, and remains valid)	8/A	5/M
Re-evaluation of known HF (systolic or diastolic) with a change in clinical status or cardiac examination without a clear precipitating change in medication or diet	8/A	4/M
Re-evaluation of known HF (systolic or diastolic) with a change in clinical status or cardiac examination with a clear precipitating change in medication or diet	4/M	1/R
Periodic re-evaluation in a patient undergoing therapy with cardiotoxic agents and worsening symptoms	9/A	7/A
Re-evaluation after revascularization and/or optimal medical therapy to determine candidacy for device therapy and/ or to determine optimal choice of device	8/A	1/R
Re-evaluation for CRT device optimization in a patient with worsening HF (*Gated-SPECT for this indication only)	8/A	4/M
Re-evaluation for ventricular assist device-related complication or infection is suspected (*FDG PET in this indication is for infection detection)	8/A	1/R
Re-evaluation for progression of pericardial effusion size or development of tamponade	9/A	1/R
Re-evaluation for progression of pericardial constriction	8/A	1/R
Evaluation of patient with pericardial mass and symptoms suggestive of expansion	8/A	1/R
Re-evaluation of known ascending aortic dilatation or history of aortic dissection with a change in clinical status (excluding acute coronary syndrome) or cardiac examination or when findings may alter management or therapy	8/A	1/R
Re-evaluation of known pulmonary hypertension with change in clinical status or cardiac examination or to guide therapy	8/A	1/R

<u>Table 6: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Intervention,</u> Imaging for the Evaluation of transient ischemic attack (TIA) or Ischemic Stroke

<u>linaging for the Evaluation of transferit ischemic attack (TTA) or 1</u>	ISCHEIIIC SUOKE
	TTE (with agitated
	saline injection; with or
	without 3D; with
	contrast as needed)
	(score/rating*)

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Initial evaluation of patient to exclude cardiac origin of TIA or ischemic stroke: (Intracardiac masses (thrombus, vegetation); Valvular pathology	8/A
Provocative maneuvers (Valsalva, cough) to assess for the presence of: Right-to-left intracardiac shunt	8/A

<u>Table 7A: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Patent Foramen</u>
<u>Ovale or Atrial Septal Defect, Preprocedural Evaluation for Closure of PFO or Atrial</u>
Septal Defect

Septai Beleet	
	TTE (with agitated
	saline injection; with or
	without 3D; with
	contrast as needed)
	(score/rating*)
Preprocedure assessment for PFO: Atrial appendage thrombus;	7/A
Spontaneous echo contrast (slow blood flow); Aortic atheroma;	
Cardiac masses; Vegetations	
Preprocedure assessment for: Atrial septum anatomy; Atrial septum	7/A
aneurysm; Suitability for percutaneous device closure	

<u>Table 7B: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Patent Foramen</u>
Ovale or Atrial Septal Defect, Intra-Procedural Guidance for Closure of PFO or ASD

Ovale of Atrial Septal Defect, Intra-Procedural Guidance for Closure of PFO of ASD		
	TTE (with agitated	
	saline injection; with or	
	without 3D; with	
	contrast as needed)	
	(score/rating*)	
Intraprocedural guidance in patient with either: ASD of simple	3/R	
anatomy; No aneurysmal atrial septum; PFO with short tunnel		
Intraprocedural guidance in patient with either: ASD with complex	3/R	
anatomy; Aneurysmal interatrial septum; PFO with long tunnel		

<u>Table 7C: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Patent Foramen</u>
<u>Ovale or Atrial Septal Defect, Assessment Following Closure of PFO or ASD</u>

Ovale of Atrial Septal Defect, Assessment I offowing closure of F	O OI AOD
	TTE (with agitated
	saline injection; with or
	without 3D; with
	contrast as needed)
	(score/rating*)
6-month routine scheduled follow-up ASD/PFO device closure for	7/A
position of device and integrity of device; PFO patency; Thrombus	
formation	
Nonroutine follow up of ASD/PFO device closure and clinical concern	8/A
for infection, malposition, embolization or persistent shunt.	

Table 8A: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Left Atrial
Appendage (LAA) Occlusion Device, Pre-Procedural Evaluation for LAA Occlusion

Appendage (LAA) Occidsion Device, Fie-Frocedural Evaluation for	LAA OCCIUSIOII
	TTE (with or without
	3D; with contrast as
	needed)
	(score/rating*)

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Evaluate for: All cardiac chambers; LV function; Interatrial septum;	8/A
Valve function	
Evaluate for: LA/LAA thrombus; Spontaneous echo contrast/slow	5/M
blood flow	
Assess: LAA morphology; Baseline LAA dimensions; Ostial	6/M
morphology and dimension; Maximum length of dominant lobe	

Table 8B: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) Occlusion Device, Intraprocedural Guidance for LAA Occlusion

Appendage (EMM) Occidation Device, Intraprocedurar Galdanice to	<u> </u>
	TTE (with or without
	3D; with contrast as
	needed)
	(score/rating*)
Screen for procedural complications	7/A

Table 8C: Nonvalvular Heart Disease, Imaging for the Evaluation of Left Atrial
Appendage (LAA) Occlusion Device, Assessment Following LAA Occlusion

Appendage (LAA) Occidsion Device, Assessment I onowing LAA Occidsion	
	TTE (with or without 3D) (score/rating*)
Prior to discharge to assess: Device position; Presence of pericardial effusion; Presence of thrombus around the device; Mitral valve function; LV function	6/M
Surveillance at 45 days or FDA guidance/guidelines for follow-up: Assess device stability; Exclude migration, displacement, or erosion; Assess device leak	4/M
Long-term follow-up (assume device integrity) (Doherty, et al., 2019)	5/M

^{*}See Appendix for ACC definitions for Scores / Ratings

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AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (Ommen, et al., 2024)

Note: For children, the diagnostic criteria are confounded by needing to adjust for body size and growth. Ommen at al. states "We propose that the diagnosis of HCM in children should therefore consider the circumstances of screening and the pretest probability of disease: a threshold of a z-score >2.5 may be appropriate to identify early HCM in asymptomatic children with no family history, whereas for children with a definitive family history or a positive genetic test, a threshold of a z-score >2 may suffice for early diagnosis."

2024 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) (Ommen, et al., 2024)	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
6.2 Echocardiography	

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2024 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Hypertrophic	Class of Recommendation
Cardiomyopathy (HCM) (Ommen, et al., 2024)	(COR) and Level of
caraising opacity (trong) (orininelly at any 2021)	Evidence (LOE)*
In patients with suspected HCM, a transthoracic echocardiogram	COR:1; LOE: B-NR*
(TTE) is recommended in the initial evaluation.	·
In patients with HCM who have no change in clinical status or events,	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
repeat TTE is recommended every 1 to 2 years to assess the degree	(children)
of myocardial hypertrophy, dynamic left ventricular outflow tract	COR:1; LOE: C-LD
obstruction (LVOTO), mitral regurgitation (MR), and myocardial	(adults)
function.	, ,
For patients with HCM who experience a change in clinical status or a	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
new clinical event, repeat TTE is recommended.	ŕ
For patients with HCM and resting peak left ventricular outflow tract	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
(LVOT) gradient <50 mm Hg, a TTE with provocative maneuvers is	,
recommended.	
For symptomatic patients with HCM who do not have a resting or	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
provocable outflow tract peak gradient ≥50 mm Hg on TTE, exercise	,
TTE is recommended for the detection and quantification of dynamic	
LVOTO.	
For patients with HCM who are undergoing surgical septal myectomy,	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
intraoperative transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) is	66K17 2621 B 14K
recommended to assess mitral valve anatomy and function and	
adequacy of septal myectomy.	
For patients with HCM who are undergoing alcohol septal ablation,	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
TTE or intraoperative TEE with intracoronary ultrasound-enhancing	COR.1, LOL. B NR
contrast injection of the candidate's septal perforator(s) is	
recommended.	
For patients with HCM who have undergone septal reduction therapy	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
(SRT), TTE within 3 to 6 months after the procedure is recommended	COR.1, LOL. D NR
to evaluate the procedural results.	
Screening: In first-degree relatives of patients with HCM, a TTE is	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
recommended as part of initial family screening and periodic follow-	COR.1, LOL. B-NK
up. Screening: In individuals who are genotype-positive, phenotype-	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
negative, echocardiography is recommended at periodic intervals	COR.1, LOL. B-NR
depending on age (1-2 years in children and adolescents, 3-5 years	
in adults) and change in clinical status.	
For patients with HCM, TEE can be useful if TTE is inconclusive in	COR:2a; LOE: C-LD
clinical decision-making regarding medical therapy, and in situations	COR.Za, LUE. C-LD
such as planning for myectomy, exclusion of subaortic membrane or	
MR secondary to structural abnormalities of the mitral valve	
apparatus, or in the assessment of the feasibility of alcohol septal	
ablation.	
For patients with HCM in whom the diagnosis of apical HCM, apical	COR:2a; LOE: B-NR
aneurysm, or atypical patterns of hypertrophy is inconclusive on TTE,	COR.Za, LUE: D-INK
the use of an intravenous ultrasound-enhancing agent is reasonable,	
particularly if other imaging modalities such as CMR are not readily available or are contraindicated.	
	COD: 22: 1 OE: C 1 D
For asymptomatic patients with HCM who do not have a resting or	COR:2a; LOE: C-LD
provocable outflow tract peak gradient ≥50 mm Hg on standard TTE,	

2024 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) (Ommen, et al., 2024)	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
exercise TTE is reasonable for the detection and quantification of	
dynamic LVOTO.	
6.7. Exercise Stress Testing	
For symptomatic patients with HCM who do not have resting or provocable outflow tract peak gradient ≥ 50 mm Hg on TTE, exercise TTE is recommended for the detection and quantification of dynamic LVOTO.	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
For asymptomatic patients with HCM who do not have a resting or provocable outflow tract peak gradient ≥50 mm Hg on standard TTE, exercise TTE is reasonable for the detection and quantification of dynamic LVOTO (Ommen, et al., 2024).	COR:2a; LOE: C-LD

^{*}See Appendix for ACC/AHA Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence

ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation (2023)

2023 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
In patients with newly diagnosed AF, a transthoracic echocardiogram to assess cardiac structure (Joglar, et al., 2023).	COR:1; LOE: B-NR*

^{*}See Appendix for ACC/AHA Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence

ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease (2022)

2022 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
6.1.2.1. Heritable thoracic aortic disease (HTAD): Genetic Testing and Screening of Family Members for thoracic aortic disease (TAD) Recommendations for HTAD: Genetic Testing and Screening of Family Members for TAD:	
 In patients with TAD who have a pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant, genetic testing of at-risk biological relatives (ie, cascade testing) is recommended. In family members who are found by genetic screening to have inherited the pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant, aortic imaging with TTE (if aortic root and ascending aorta are adequately visualized, otherwise with CT or MRI) is recommended. 	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
6.1.2.2.1. Diagnostic and Surveillance Aortic Imaging in Marfan Syndrome	
Initial Diagnosis and Surveillance Imaging	

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2022 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
Recommendations for Diagnostic and Surveillance Aortic Imaging in Marfan Syndrome:	
 In patients with Marfan syndrome, a TTE is recommended at the time of initial diagnosis, to determine the diameters of the aortic root and ascending aorta, and 6 months thereafter, to determine the rate of aortic growth; if the aortic diameters are stable, an annual surveillance TTE is recommended. If the aortic root, ascending aorta, or both are not adequately visualized on TTE, a CT or MRI of the thoracic aorta is recommended. 	COR:1; LOE: C-EO
6.1.2.3.1. Imaging in Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Recommendations for Imaging in Loeys-Dietz Syndrome:	
In patients with Loeys-Dietz syndrome, a baseline TTE is recommended to determine the diameters of the aortic root and ascending aorta, and 6 months thereafter to determine the rate of aortic growth; if the aortic diameters are stable, annual surveillance TTE is recommended.	COR:1; LOE: C-EO
6.1.2.5. Turner Syndrome Recommendations for Diagnostic Testing, Surveillance, and Surgical Intervention for Aortic Dilation in Turner Syndrome:	
 In patients with Turner syndrome, TTE and cardiac MRI are recommended at the time of diagnosis to evaluate for bicuspid aortic valve (BAV), aortic root and ascending aortic dilation, aortic coarctation, and other congenital heart defects. 	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
 In patients with Turner syndrome without risk factors for aortic dissection, surveillance imaging with TTE or MRI to evaluate the aorta is recommended every 5 years in children and every 10 years in adults, as well as before planning a pregnancy. 	COR:1; LOE: C-LD
6.1.3. Bicuspid aortic valve (BAV) Aortopathy Recommendations for BAV Aortopathy:	
 In patients with a BAV, TTE is indicated to evaluate valve morphology and function, to evaluate the diameter of the aortic root and ascending aorta, and to evaluate for aortic coarctation and other associated cardiovascular defects. 	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
 In patients with a BAV and a dilated aortic root or ascending aorta, screening of all first-degree relatives by TTE is recommended to evaluate for the presence of a BAV, dilation of the aortic root and ascending aorta, or both; if the diameter and morphology of the aortic root, ascending aorta, or both cannot be assessed accurately or completely by TTE, a cardiac gated CT or MRI of the thoracic aorta is indicated. 	COR:1; LOE: C-LD

	Class of
2022 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease	Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
 In patients with a BAV, screening of all first-degree relatives by TTE is reasonable to evaluate for the presence of a BAV, dilation of the aortic root and ascending aorta, or both. 	COR:2a; LOE: B-NR
6.1.3.1. Routine Follow-Up of BAV Disease Aortopathy Recommendations for Routine Follow-Up of BAV Disease Aortopathy:	
 In patients with a BAV who have undergone previous aortic valve repair or replacement and have a diameter of the aortic root, ascending aortic, or both of ≥4.0 cm, lifelong surveillance imaging of the aortic root and ascending aorta by TTE, CT, or MRI is recommended at an interval dependent on aortic diameter and rate of growth. 	COR:1; LOE: B-NR
 In patients with a BAV and a diameter of the aortic root, ascending aorta, or both of ≥4.0 cm, lifelong surveillance imaging of the aortic root and ascending aorta by TTE, CT, or MRI is recommended at an interval dependent on aortic diameter and rate of growth. 	COR:1; LOE: C-LD
6.4.3.1. Surveillance of Thoracic Aortic Dilation and Aneurysm Recommendations for Surveillance of Thoracic Aortic Dilation and Aneurysm:	
 In patients with a dilated thoracic aorta, a TTE is recommended at the time of diagnosis to assess aortic valve anatomy, aortic valve function, and thoracic aortic diameters. 	COR:1; LOE: C-LD
 In patients with a dilated thoracic aorta, follow-up imaging (with TTE, CT, or MRI, as appropriate based on individual anatomy) in 6 to 12 months is reasonable to determine the rate of aortic enlargement; if stable, surveillance imaging every 6 to 24 months (depending on aortic diameter) is reasonable. 	COR:2a; LOE: C-LD
8.1. Counseling and Management of Aortic Disease in Pregnancy and Postpartum Recommendations for Counseling and Management of Aortic Disease in Pregnancy and Postpartum:	
 Pre-pregnancy: In patients with syndromic and nonsyndromic heritable thoracic aortic disease (nsHTAD), Turner syndrome, BAV with aortic dilation, and other aortopathy conditions, aortic imaging (with TTE, MRI or CT, or both as appropriate) before pregnancy is recommended to determine aortic diameters. 	COR:1; LOE: C-LD
During Pregnancy: In pregnant patients with an aortopathic condition or a dilated aortic root or ascending aorta, surveillance TTE to monitor aortic diameters and aortic valve	COR:1; LOE: C-LD

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	Evidence (LOE)*
function is recommended each trimester and again several	
weeks postpartum, although imaging may be more frequent	
depending on aortic diameter, aortic growth rate, and	
underlying condition (ACC, 2022).	

^{*}See Appendix for ACC/AHA Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence

AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure (Heidenreich, et al., 2022)

2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
4.4. Evaluation With Cardiac Imaging Recommendations for Evaluation With Cardiac Imaging	
Recommendation: In patients with suspected or newly diagnosed heart failure, transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) should be performed during initial evaluation to assess cardiac structure and function (Heidenreich, et al., 2022).	COR: 1; LOE: C-LD

^{*}See Appendix for ACC/AHA Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence definitions

2021 American Heart Association (AHA)/ American College of Cardiology (ACC) Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain (Gulati, et al., 2021)

2021 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
4.1.2. Intermediate-Risk Patients With Acute Chest Pain	
For intermediate-risk patients with acute chest pain, TTE is recommended as a rapid, bedside test to establish baseline ventricular and valvular function, evaluate for wall motion abnormalities, and to assess for pericardial effusion.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
4.2. Evaluation of Acute Chest Pain With Nonischemic Cardiac Pathologies	
In patients with acute chest pain in whom other potentially life- threatening nonischemic cardiac conditions are suspected (e.g., aortic pathology, pericardial effusion, endocarditis), TTE is recommended for diagnosis.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
4.2.3. Acute Chest Pain With Suspected Myopericarditis	

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2021 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
In patients with acute chest pain and suspected myopericarditis, TTE is effective to determine the presence of ventricular wall motion abnormalities, pericardial effusion, valvular abnormalities, or restrictive physiology.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
4.2.4. Acute Chest Pain With Valvular Heart Disease (VHD)	
In patients presenting with acute chest pain with suspected or known history of VHD, TTE is useful in determining the presence, severity, and cause of VHD.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
In patients presenting with acute chest pain with suspected or known VHD in whom TTE diagnostic quality is inadequate, TEE (with 3D imaging if available) is useful in determining the severity and cause of VHD.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
In patients presenting with acute chest pain with known or suspected VHD, CMR imaging is reasonable as an alternative to TTE and/or TEE is nondiagnostic.	COR: 2a; LOE: C-EO
5.1.3. Intermediate-High Risk Patients With Stable Chest Pain and No Known CAD	
Assessment of Left Ventricular Function: In intermediate-high risk patients with stable chest pain who have pathological Q waves, symptoms or signs suggestive of heart failure, complex ventricular arrhythmias, or a heart murmur with unclear diagnosis, use of TTE is effective for diagnosis of resting left ventricular systolic and diastolic ventricular function and detection of myocardial, valvular, and pericardial abnormalities (Gulati, et al., 2021)	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR

^{*}See Appendix for ACC/AHA Class of Recommendation and Level of Evidence definitions

2020 American College of Cardiology (ACC) / American Heart Association (AHA) Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease (Otto, et al., 2021)

Note: TTE is the standard initial diagnostic test in the initial evaluation of patients with known or suspected VHD.

2021 AHA/ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
2.7.4. Periodic Imaging After Valve Intervention	
In asymptomatic patients with any type of valve intervention, a baseline postprocedural TTF followed by periodic monitoring with TTF	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO

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2021 AHA/ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
is recommended, depending on type of intervention, length of time after intervention, ventricular function, and concurrent cardiac conditions.	
3.2.1.1. Diagnostic Testing: Initial Diagnosis of Aortic Stenosis (AS)	
In patients with signs or symptoms of AS or a bicuspid aortic valves (BAV), TTE is indicated for accurate diagnosis of the cause of AS, assessment of hemodynamic severity, measurement of LV size and systolic function, and determination of prognosis and timing of valve intervention.	COR: 1; LOE: A
In patients with suspected low-flow, low-gradient severe AS with normal LVEF (Stage D3), optimization of blood pressure control is recommended before measurement of AS severity by TTE, TEE, cardiac catheterization, or CMR	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
4.3.1. Diagnosis of Chronic Aortic Regurgitation (AR)	
In patients with signs or symptoms of AR, TTE is indicated for assessment of the cause and severity of regurgitation, LV size and systolic function, prognosis, and timing of valve intervention	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
In patients with a BAV or with known dilation of the aortic sinuses or ascending aorta, TTE is indicated to evaluate the presence and severity of AR.	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
In patients with moderate or severe AR and suboptimal TTE images or a discrepancy between clinical and TTE findings, TEE, CMR, or cardiac catheterization is indicated for the assessment of LV systolic function, systolic and diastolic volumes, aortic size, and AR severity	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
5.1.1.1. Diagnostic Testing: Initial Diagnosis of BAV	
In patients with a known BAV, TTE is indicated to evaluate valve morphology, measure severity of AS and AR, assess the shape and diameter of the aortic sinuses and ascending aorta, and evaluate for the presence of aortic coarctation for prediction of clinical outcome and to determine timing of intervention	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
In first-degree relatives of patients with a known BAV, a screening TTE might be considered to look for the presence of a BAV or asymptomatic dilation of the aortic sinuses and ascending aorta.	COR: 2b; LOE: B-NR
6.2.1.1. Diagnostic Testing: Initial Diagnosis of Rheumatic MS	
In patients with signs or symptoms of rheumatic MS, TTE is indicated to establish the diagnosis, quantify hemodynamic severity, assess concomitant valvular lesions, and demonstrate valve morphology (to determine suitability for mitral commissurotomy)	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
7.2.2.1. Diagnostic Testing: Initial Diagnosis of Chronic MR	

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2021 AHA/ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease	Class of Recommendation (COR) and Level of Evidence (LOE)*
In patients with known or suspected primary MR, TTE is indicated for baseline evaluation of LV size and function, RV function, LA size, pulmonary artery pressure, and the mechanism and severity of primary MR (Stages A to D)	(COR: 1; LOE: B-NR)
In patients with primary MR, when TTE provides insufficient or discordant information, TEE is indicated for evaluation of the severity of MR, mechanism of MR, and status of LV function (Stages B to D).	COR: 1;LOE: C-EO
7.2.2.2 Diagnostic Testing: Changing Signs or Symptoms in Patients With Primary MR	
In patients with primary MR (Stages B to D) and new-onset or changing symptoms, TTE is indicated to evaluate the mitral valve apparatus and LV function	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
7.2.2.3. Diagnostic Testing: Routine Follow-Up for Chronic Primary MR	
For asymptomatic patients with severe primary MR (Stages B and C1), TTE is indicated every 6 to 12 months for surveillance of LV function (estimated by LVEF, LVEDD, and LVESD) and assessment of pulmonary artery pressure	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
7.3.2. Diagnosis of Chronic Secondary MR	
In patients with chronic secondary MR (Stages B to D), TTE is useful to establish the etiology and to assess the extent of regional and global LV remodeling and systolic dysfunction, severity of MR, and magnitude of pulmonary hypertension.	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
8.2.1. Diagnosis of Tricuspid Regurgitation (TR)	
In patients with TR, TTE is indicated to evaluate the presence and severity of TR, determine the etiology, measure the sizes of the right-sided chambers and inferior vena cava, assess RV systolic function, estimate pulmonary artery systolic pressure, and characterize any associated left-sided heart disease	COR: 1; LOE: C-LD
10.1. Diagnosis of Mixed VHD	
For patients with mixed valve disease, TTE is recommended to assess the etiology, severity, and pathophysiological impact.	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO
11.1.1. Diagnosis and Follow-Up of Prosthetic Valves	
In patients with a surgical or transcatheter prosthetic valve and in patients who have had valve repair, an initial postprocedural TTE study is recommended for evaluation of valve hemodynamics and ventricular function	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
	COR: 1; LOE: C-EO

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In patients with a prosthetic valve or prior valve repair and a change in clinical symptoms or signs suggesting valve dysfunction, repeat TTE is recommended.	
11.1.1. Diagnosis and Follow-Up of Prosthetic Valves	
In patients with a bioprosthetic surgical valve, TTE at 5 and 10 years and then annually after implantation is reasonable, even in the absence of a change in clinical status.	COR: 2a; LOE: C-LD
In patients with a bioprosthetic TAVI, TTE annually is reasonable.	COR: 2a; LOE: C-LD
11.6.1. Diagnosis of Acute Mechanical Valve Thrombosis	,
In patients with suspected mechanical prosthetic valve thrombosis, urgent evaluation with TTE, TEE, fluoroscopy, and/or multidetector CT imaging is indicated to assess valve function, leaflet motion, and the presence and extent of thrombus	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
11.8.1. Diagnosis of Prosthetic Valve Stenosis	
In patients with suspected mechanical or bioprosthetic valve stenosis, TTE and TEE are recommended to diagnosis the cause and severity of valve obstruction, assess ventricular function, and estimate pulmonaryartery systolic pressure	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
11.9.1. Diagnosis of Prosthetic Valve Regurgitation	
In patients with suspected mechanical or bioprosthetic valve regurgitation, TTE and TEE are recommended to determine the cause and severity of the leak, assess ventricular function, and estimate pulmonary artery systolic pressure	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
12.2. Diagnosis of IE	
In patients with suspected IE, TTE is recommended to identify vegetations, characterize the hemodynamic severity of valvular lesions, assess ventricular function and pulmonary pressures, and detect complications	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
In patients with IE who have a change in clinical signs or symptoms (eg, new murmur, embolism, persistent fever, HF, abscess, or atrioventricular heart block) and in patients at high risk of complications (eg, extensive infected tissue, large vegetation on initial echocardiogram, or staphylococcal, enterococcal, or fungal infections), TTE and/or TEE are recommended for reevaluation 13.1. Initial Management of Women With VHD Before and During	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
Pregnancy Women with suspected valve disease who are considering pregnancy should undergo a clinical evaluation and TTE before pregnancy (Otto, et al., 2021).	COR: 1; LOE: B-NR
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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

2022 American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) Recommendations for Multimodality Cardiovascular Imaging of Patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (Nagueh, et al., 2022):

ASE Recommendations for Multimodality Cardiovascular Imaging of Patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Assessment of Left Ventricular Systolic Function:

• Assessment of global longitudinal strain adds important prognostic data and may be performed in centers with experience and expertise with using strain echocardiography.

2022 American Society of Echocardiography (ASE): Non-Invasive Imaging in Coronary Syndromes (Edvardsen, et al., 2022):

ASE Non-Invasive Imaging in Coronary Syndromes

Left Ventricular Function Assessment

• TTE should be used as the initial imaging modality for the assessment of LV systolic function. If initial echocardiographic images are of limited quality (two or more contiguous segments cannot be properly seen), an ultrasound enhancing agents (UEA) should be used for better endocardial delineation.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

The AAP Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in Children and Adolescents (Wolraich, et al., 2019) states the following:

- Stimulant medications, on average, increase patient heart rate (HR) and blood pressure (BP) to a mild and clinically insignificant degree. However, because stimulants have been linked to more substantial increases in HR and BP in a subset of individuals (5%–15%), clinicians are encouraged to monitor these vital signs in patients receiving stimulant treatment. Although concerns have been raised about sudden cardiac death among children and adolescents using stimulant and medications, it is an extremely rare occurrence. In fact, stimulant medications have not been shown to increase the risk of sudden death beyond that observed in children who are not receiving stimulants. Nevertheless, before initiating therapy with stimulant medications, it is important to obtain the child or adolescent's history of specific cardiac symptoms in addition to the family history of sudden death, cardiovascular symptoms, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and long QT syndrome. If any of these risk factors are present, clinicians should obtain additional evaluation to ascertain and address potential safety concerns of stimulant medication use by the child or adolescent.
- Among nonstimulants, the risk of serious cardiovascular events is extremely low, as it is for stimulants.
 - Clinicians are recommended to not only obtain the personal and family cardiac history, as detailed above, but also to perform additional evaluation if risk factors are present before

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starting nonstimulant medications (ie, perform an electrocardiogram [ECG] and possibly refer to a pediatric cardiologist if the ECG is not normal).

Medicare Coverage Determinations

	Contractor	Determination Name/Number	Revision Effective Date
NCD		No National Coverage Determination found	
LCD		numerous	

Note: Please review the current Medicare Policy for the most up-to-date information. (NCD = National Coverage Determination; LCD = Local Coverage Determination)

Appendix

The Class (Strength) of Recommendation (COR) indicates the strength of recommendation, encompassing the estimated magnitude and certainty of benefit in proportion to risk.

Class I – Strong (is recommended)

Class 2a - Moderate (is reasonable)

Class 2b - Weak (may/might be reasonable)

Class 3 – No benefit (Moderate) (is not recommended)

Class 3 – Harm (Strong) (potentially harmful)

The Level (Quality) of Evidence (LOE) rates the quality of scientific evidence supporting the intervention on the basis of the type, quantity, and consistency of data from clinical trials and other sources.

Level A – High quality evidence from more than one randomized clinical trial, Metaanalyses of high-quality randomized clinical trials, One or more randomized clinical trials corroborated by high-quality registry.

Level B-R – Randomized. Moderate quality evidence from one or more randomized clinical trials, Meta-analyses of moderate-quality randomized clinical trials.

Level B-NR – Non-randomized. Moderate quality evidence from one or more well-designed, well-executed nonrandomized studies, observational studies, or registry studies, Meta-analyses of such studies.

Level C-LD – Limited data. Randomized or nonrandomized observational or registry studies with limitations of design or execution, Meta-analyses of such studies, Physiological or mechanistic studies of human subjects.

Level C-EO – Expert Opinion. Consensus expert opinion based on the clinical experience

Scores / Ratings:

- A = Appropriate. Median Score 7 to 9: Appropriate test for specific indication (test is generally acceptable and is a reasonable approach for the indication).
- M = May be appropriate. Median Score 4 to 6: May Be Appropriate test for specific indication (test may be generally acceptable and may be a reasonable approach for the indication). May Be Appropriate also implies that more research and/or patient information is needed to classify the indication definitively.
- R = Rarely appropriate. Median Score 1 to 3: Rarely Appropriate test for specific indication (test is not generally acceptable and is not a reasonable approach for the indication).

Coding Information

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Notes:

- 1. This list of codes may not be all-inclusive since the American Medical Association (AMA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) code updates may occur more frequently than policy updates.
- 2. Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:

CPT®*	Description
Codes	
93303	Transthoracic echocardiography for congenital cardiac anomalies; complete
93304	Transthoracic echocardiography for congenital cardiac anomalies; follow-up or limited study
93306	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, with spectral Doppler echocardiography, and with color flow Doppler echocardiography
93307	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, without spectral or color Doppler echocardiography
93308	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, follow-up or limited study
93319	3D echocardiographic imaging and postprocessing during transesophageal echocardiography, or during transthoracic echocardiography for congenital cardiac anomalies, for the assessment of cardiac structure(s) (eg, cardiac chambers and valves, left atrial appendage, interatrial septum, interventricular septum) and function, when performed (List separately in addition to code for echocardiographic imaging)
93320	Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging); complete
93321	Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging); follow-up or limited study (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging)
93325	Doppler echocardiography color flow velocity mapping (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiography)

HCPCS Codes	Description
C8921	Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, for congenital cardiac anomalies; complete
C8922	Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, for congenital cardiac anomalies; follow-up or limited study
C8923	Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, without spectral or color doppler echocardiography
C8924	Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording when performed, follow-up or limited study

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HCPCS	Description
Codes	
C8929	Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, with spectral doppler echocardiography, and with color flow doppler echocardiography

A transthoracic echocardiogram may be Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met and when billed with a diagnosis code from Table 1.

Table 1: Covered ICD-10-CM Diagnosis codes

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
A18.84	Tuberculosis of heart
A36.81	Diphtheritic cardiomyopathy
A39.50	Meningococcal carditis, unspecified
A39.51	Meningococcal endocarditis
A39.52	Meningococcal myocarditis
A39.53	Meningococcal pericarditis
A40.0	Sepsis due to streptococcus, group A
A40.1	Sepsis due to streptococcus, group B
A40.3	Sepsis due to Streptococcus pneumoniae
A40.8	Other streptococcal sepsis
A40.9	Streptococcal sepsis, unspecified
A41.01-	Other sepsis
A41.9	
A42.7	Actinomycotic sepsis
A52.00	Cardiovascular syphilis, unspecified
A52.01	Syphilitic aneurysm of aorta
A52.02	Syphilitic aortitis
A52.03	Syphilitic endocarditis
A52.06	Other syphilitic heart involvement
A54.83	Gonococcal heart infection
B00.7	Disseminated herpesviral disease
B33.20-	Viral carditis
B33.24	
B37.6	Candidal endocarditis
B37.7	Candidal sepsis
B57.0	Acute Chagas' disease with heart involvement
B57.2	Chagas' disease (chronic) with heart involvement
B58.81	Toxoplasma myocarditis
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea
C34.01- C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung
C37	Malignant neoplasm of thymus
C38.0-C38.8	Malignant neoplasm of heart, mediastinum and pleura

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
C39.0-C39.9	Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites in the respiratory system and intrathoracic organs
C45.2	Mesothelioma of pericardium
C50.011-	Malignant neoplasm of breast
C50.922	
C81.00-	Hodgkin lymphoma
C81.9A	
C82.00-	Follicular lymphoma
C82.9A	
C83.00- C83.9A	Non-follicular lymphoma
C84.60- C84.6A	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive
C84.70- C84.7B	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative
C85.10- C85.9A	Other specified and unspecified types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
C86.00-	Other specified types of T/NK-cell lymphoma
C86.61	
C88.00-	Malignant immunoproliferative diseases and certain other B-cell lymphomas
C88.91	
D15.1	Benign neoplasm of heart
D86.85	Sarcoid myocarditis
E34.00-	Carcinoid syndrome
E34.09	
E83.110	Hereditary hemochromatosis
E83.111	Hemochromatosis due to repeated red blood cell transfusions
E83.118	Other hemochromatosis
E83.119	Hemochromatosis, unspecified
G06.0	Intracranial abscess and granuloma
G06.1	Intraspinal abscess and granuloma
G40.811-	Lennox-Gastaut syndrome
G40.814	Drayet syndrome
G40.833- G40.834	Dravet syndrome
G40.841-	KCNQ2-related epilepsy
G40.844	Nonga related epilepsy
G45.0-G45.9	Transient cerebral ischemic attacks and related syndromes
G71.01	Duchene or Becker muscular dystrophy
G90.A	Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome [POTS]
I01.0-I01.9	Rheumatic fever with heart involvement
102.0	Rheumatic chorea with heart involvement
I05.0-I09.9	Chronic rheumatic heart diseases
I10	Hypertension
I11.0-I11.9	Hypertensive heart disease
I13.0-I13.2	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease
I20.0-I20.9	Angina pectoris

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
I21.01- I21.A9	Acute myocardial infarction
I22.0-I22.9	Subsequent ST elevation (STEMI) and non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction
I23.0-I23.8	Certain current complications following ST elevation (STEMI) and non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction (within the 28 day period)
I24.0-I24.9	Other acute ischemic heart diseases
I25.10- I25.119	Atherosclerotic heart disease of native coronary artery
I25.2	Old myocardial infarction
I25.3	Aneurysm of heart
I25.41	Coronary artery aneurysm
I25.42	Coronary artery dissection
I25.5	Ischemic cardiomyopathy
I25.6	Silent myocardial ischemia
I25.700- I25.799	Atherosclerosis of coronary artery bypass graft(s) and coronary artery of transplanted heart with angina pectoris
I25.810	Atherosclerosis of coronary artery bypass graft(s) without angina pectoris
I25.811	Atherosclerosis of native coronary artery of transplanted heart without angina pectoris
I25.812	Atherosclerosis of bypass graft of coronary artery of transplanted heart without angina pectoris
I25.84	Coronary atherosclerosis due to calcified coronary lesion
I25.89	Other forms of chronic ischemic heart disease
I26.01- I26.99	Pulmonary embolism
I27.0-I27.9	Other pulmonary heart diseases
I28.0	Arteriovenous fistula of pulmonary vessels
I30.0-I30.9	Acute pericarditis
I31.0-I31.9	Other diseases of pericardium
I32	Pericarditis in diseases classified elsewhere
I33.0-I33.9	Acute and subacute endocarditis
I34.0-I34.9	Nonrheumatic mitral valve disorders
I35.0-I35.9	Nonrheumatic aortic valve disorders
I36.0-I36.9	Nonrheumatic tricuspid valve disorders
I37.0-I37.9	Nonrheumatic pulmonary valve disorders
I38	Endocarditis, valve unspecified
I39	Endocarditis and heart valve disorders in diseases classified elsewhere
I40.0-I40.9	Acute myocarditis
I41	Myocarditis in diseases classified elsewhere
I42.0-I42.9	Cardiomyopathy
I43	Cardiomyopathy in diseases classified elsewhere
I44.2	Atrioventricular block, complete
I44.30	Unspecified atrioventricular block
I44.39	Other atrioventricular block
I44.7	Left bundle-branch block, unspecified
I45.0	Right fascicular block
I45.10	Unspecified right bundle-branch block

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis	Description
Codes	
I45.19	Other right bundle-branch block
I45.2	Bifascicular block
I45.3	Trifascicular block
I45.4	Nonspecific intraventricular block
I45.5	Other specified heart block
I45.6	Pre-excitation syndrome
I45.81	Long QT syndrome
I45.89	Other specified conduction disorders
I46.2-I46.9	Cardiac arrest
I47.0-I47.9	Paroxysmal tachycardia
I48.0-I48.92	Atrial fibrillation and flutter
I49.01-I49.9	Other cardiac arrhythmias
I50.1-I50.9	Heart failure
I51.0	Cardiac septal defect, acquired
I51.1	Rupture of chordae tendineae, not elsewhere classified
I51.2	Rupture of papillary muscle, not elsewhere classified
I51.3	Intracardiac thrombosis, not elsewhere classified
I51.4	Myocarditis, unspecified
I51.5	Myocardial degeneration
I51.7	Cardiomegaly
I51.81	Takotsubo syndrome
I51.89	Other ill-defined heart diseases
I5A	Non-ischemic myocardial injury (non-traumatic)
I63.00-	Cerebral Infarction
I63.9	
I66.01-I66.9	Occlusion and stenosis of cerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction
I71.010-	Dissection of thoracic aorta
I71.019	
I71.03	Dissection of thoracoabdominal aorta
I71.10-	Thoracic aortic aneurysm, ruptured
I71.13	, , ,
I71.20-	Thoracic aortic aneurysm, without rupture
I71.23	
I71.50-	Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm, ruptured
I71.52	
I71.60-	Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm, without rupture
I71.62	
I71.8	Aortic aneurysm of unspecified site, ruptured
I71.9	Aortic aneurysm of unspecified site, without mention of rupture
I74.01-I74.9	Arterial embolism and thrombosis
I75.011-	Atheroembolism of upper extremity
I75.013	
I75.021-	Atheroembolism of lower extremity
175.023	
I75.81	Atheroembolism of kidney
I75.89	Atheroembolism of other site
I76	Septic arterial embolism
I77.810	Thoracic aortic ectasia

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
I77.812	Thoracoabdominal aortic ectasia
I77.82	Antineutrophilic cytoplasmic antibody [ANCA] vasculitis
I95.0	Idiopathic hypotension
I95.1	Orthostatic hypotension
I95.3	Hypotension of hemodialysis
I95.81	Postprocedural hypotension
I97.0	Postcardiotomy syndrome
I97.110- I97.191	Other postprocedural cardiac functional disturbances
I97.410-	Intraoperative hemorrhage and hematoma of a circulatory system organ or
I97.418	structure complicating a circulatory system procedure
I97.42	Intraoperative hemorrhage and hematoma of a circulatory system organ or structure complicating other procedure
I97.610- I97.618	Postprocedural hemorrhage of a circulatory system organ or structure following a circulatory system procedure
197.620	Postprocedural hemorrhage of a circulatory system organ or structure following other procedure
I97.710	Intraoperative cardiac arrest during cardiac surgery
I97.711	Intraoperative cardiac arrest during other surgery
I97.790	Other intraoperative cardiac functional disturbances during cardiac surgery
I97.791	Other intraoperative cardiac functional disturbances during other surgery
I97.88	Other intraoperative complications of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified
I97.89	Other postprocedural complications and disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified
J80	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
J95.1	Acute pulmonary insufficiency following thoracic surgery
J95.2	Acute pulmonary insufficiency following nonthoracic surgery
J95.3	Chronic pulmonary insufficiency following surgery start here
J95.821	Acute postprocedural respiratory failure
J95.822	Acute and chronic postprocedural respiratory failure
J96.00- J96.02	Acute respiratory failure
J96.20- J96.22	Acute and chronic respiratory failure
J96.90- J96.92	Respiratory failure, unspecified
M30.3	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome [Kawasaki]
M31.4	Aortic arch syndrome [Takayasu]
M32.11	Endocarditis in systemic lupus erythematosus
M32.12	Pericarditis in systemic lupus erythematosus
M34.0- M34.9	Systemic sclerosis [scleroderma]
M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS)
M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue
090.3	Peripartum cardiomyopathy
Q20.0-	Congenital malformations of cardiac chambers and connections
Q20.9	

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis	Description
Codes	
Q21.0-	Congenital malformations of cardiac septa
Q21.9	Consenited wealfawasticas of autoconsum and twicosmid values
Q22.0-	Congenital malformations of pulmonary and tricuspid valves
Q22.9	Congenital malformations of aortic and mitral valves
Q23.0- Q23.9	Congenical manormations of adrice and micral valves
Q24.0-	Other congenital malformations of heart
Q24.0	Other Congenital manormations of heart
Q25.0-	Congenital malformations of great arteries
Q25.9	Congenital manormations of great afteries
Q26.0	Congenital stenosis of vena cava
Q26.1	Persistent left superior vena cava
Q26.2	Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection
Q26.3	Partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection
Q26.4	Anomalous pulmonary venous connection, unspecified
Q26.8	Other congenital malformations of great veins
Q26.9	Congenital malformation of great vein, unspecified
Q67.6	Pectus excavatum
Q67.7	Pectus carinatum
Q87.40-	Marfan's syndrome
Q87.43	
Q89.3	Situs inversus
Q89.7	Multiple congenital malformations, not elsewhere classified
Q89.9	Congenital malformation, unspecified
Q90.0	Trisomy 21, nonmosaicism (meiotic nondisjunction)
Q90.1	Trisomy 21, mosaicism (mitotic nondisjunction)
Q90.2	Trisomy 21, translocation
Q90.9	Down syndrome, unspecified
Q96.0- Q96.9	Turner's syndrome
R00.0	Tachycardia, unspecified
R00.1	Generalized edema
R00.2	Palpitations
R01.1	Cardiac murmur, unspecified
R06.00	Dyspnea, unspecified
R06.01	Orthopnea
R06.02	Shortness of breath
R06.03	Acute respiratory distress
R06.09	Other forms of dyspnea
R06.3	Periodic breathing
R07.2	Precordial pain
R07.82	Intercostal pain
R07.89	Other chest pain
R07.9	Chest pain, unspecified
R09.01	Asphyxia
R09.02	Hypoxemia
R09.2	Respiratory arrest
R42	Dizziness and giddiness

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
R55	Syncope and collapse
R57.0-R57.9	Shock, not elsewhere classified
R60.0	Localized edema
R60.9	Edema, unspecified
R65.20	Severe sepsis without septic shock
R65.21	Severe sepsis with septic shock
R78.81	Bacteremia
R93.1	Abnormal findings on diagnostic imaging of heart and coronary circulation
R94.31	Abnormal electrocardiogram [ECG] [EKG]
S21.301A- S21.359S	Open wound of front wall of thorax with penetration into thoracic cavity
S22.5XXA	Flail chest, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.5XXB	Flail chest, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.5XXG	Flail chest, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S22.5XXK	Flail chest, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S22.5XXS	Flail chest, sequela
S25.00XA-	Injury of thoracic aorta
S25.09XS	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
S25,20XA-	Injury of superior vena cava
S25.29XS	3. / · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
S25.401A-	Injury of pulmonary blood vessels
S25.499S	
S26.00XA-	Injury of heart
S26.99XS	
S27.9XXA-	Injury of unspecified intrathoracic organ
S27.9XXS	
T45.1X5A-	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs
T45.1X5S	
T79.4XXA-	Traumatic shock
T79.4XXS	
T80.218A-	Other infection due to central venous catheter
T80.218S	
T80.219A- T80.219S	Unspecified infection due to central venous catheter
T81.10XA-	Postprocedural shock
T81.19XS	
T81.44XA-	Sepsis following a procedure
T81.44XS	
T82.01XA-	Mechanical complication of heart valve prosthesis
T82.09XS	
T82.110A-	Mechanical complication of cardiac electronic device
T82.199S	
T82.211A-	Mechanical complication of coronary artery bypass graft and biological heart
T82.228S	valve graft
T82.310A-	Mechanical complication of other vascular grafts
T82.399S	
T82.41XA-	Mechanical complication of vascular dialysis catheter
T82.49XS	

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
T82.510A- T82.599S	Mechanical complication of other cardiac and vascular devices and implants
T82.6XXA- T82.6XXS	Infection and inflammatory reaction due to cardiac valve prosthesis
T82.7XXA- T82.7XXS	Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other cardiac and vascular devices, implants and grafts
T82.817A- T82.818S	Embolism due to cardiac and vascular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.827A- T82.827S	Fibrosis due to cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.837A- T82.837S	Hemorrhage due to cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.847A- T82.847S	Pain due to cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.855A- T82.855S	Stenosis of coronary artery stent
T82.857A- T82.857S	Stenosis of other cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.867A- T82.867S	Thrombosis due to cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.897A- T82.897S	Other specified complication of cardiac prosthetic devices, implants and grafts
T82.9XXA- T82.9XXS	Unspecified complication of cardiac and vascular prosthetic device, implant and graft
T85.730A- T85.738S	Infection and inflammatory reaction due to nervous system devices, implants and graft
T86.20- T86.298	Complications of heart transplant
T86.30- T86.39	Complications of heart-lung transplant
Z01.810 Z01.811	Encounter for preprocedural cardiovascular examination
Z01.812	Encounter for preprocedural respiratory examination Encounter for preprocedural laboratory examination
Z01.818 Z08	Encounter for other preprocedural examination Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for malignant neoplasm
Z48.21	Encounter for aftercare following heart transplant
Z48.24 Z48.280	Encounter for aftercare following lung transplant Encounter for aftercare following heart-lung transplant
Z51.0	Encounter for antineoplastic radiation therapy
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.12	Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy
Z51.81	Encounter for therapeutic drug level monitoring
Z79.01- Z79.899	Long term (current) drug therapy
Z82.41 Z82.49	Family history of sudden cardiac death Family history of ischemic heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory
	system

ICD-10-CM	Description
Diagnosis	
Codes	
Z82.79	Family history of other congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal
	abnormalities
Z86.003	Personal history of in-situ neoplasm of oral cavity, esophagus and stomach
Z86.005	Personal history of in-situ neoplasm of middle ear and respiratory system
Z86.73	Personal history of transient ischemic attack (TIA), and cerebral infarction
	without residual deficits
Z86.74	Personal history of sudden cardiac arrest
Z92.21	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z92.22	Personal history of monoclonal drug therapy
Z92.25	Personal history of immunosuppression therapy
Z92.3	Personal history of irradiation
Z92.850	Personal history of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy
Z92.858	Personal history of other cellular therapy
Z92.859	Personal history of cellular therapy, unspecified
Z92.86	Personal history of gene therapy
Z94.1	Heart transplant status
Z94.2	Lung transplant status
Z94.3	Heart and lungs transplant status
Z95.0	Presence of cardiac pacemaker
Z95.2	Presence of prosthetic heart valve
Z95.3	Presence of xenogenic heart valve
Z95.4	Presence of other heart-valve replacement
Z95.811	Presence of heart assist device
Z95.812	Presence of fully implantable artificial heart
Z95.818	Presence of other cardiac implants and grafts
Z98.85	Transplanted organ removal status

Not Covered or Reimbursable:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
	All other codes

Frequency of TTE

More than two transthoracic echocardiograms within a rolling twelve months may be considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements are met and when billed with a covered diagnosis code from Table 1 and a covered diagnosis from Table 2.

Table 2 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
A36.81	Diphtheritic cardiomyopathy
A39.51	Meningococcal endocarditis

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
A39.52	Meningococcal myocarditis
A39.53	Meningococcal pericarditis
A52.03	Syphilitic endocarditis
B33.21	Viral endocarditis
B33.22	Viral myocarditis
B33.23	Viral pericarditis
B33.24	Viral cardiomyopathy
B37.6	Candidal endocarditis
B58.81	Toxoplasma myocarditis
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea
C34.00- C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung
C37	Malignant neoplasm of thymus
C38.0-C38.8	Malignant neoplasm of heart, mediastinum and pleura
C39.0-C39.9	Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites in the respiratory system and
	intrathoracic organs
C45.2	Mesothelioma of pericardium
C50.011- C50.929	Malignant neoplasm of breast
C81.00-	Hodgkin lymphoma
C81.99	
C82.00-	Follicular lymphoma
C82.99	
C83.00-	Non-follicular lymphoma
C83.99	A L II L ALIZ III
C84.60-	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive
C84.69 C84.70-	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative
C84.7A	Anapiastic large cen lymphoma, ALK-negative
C85.10-	Other specified and unspecified types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
C85.99	Street specimed and anopeamed types of non-rioughtin tymphoma
C86.0-C86.6	Other specified types of T/NK-cell lymphoma
C88.0-C88.9	Malignant immunoproliferative diseases and certain other B-cell lymphomas
D86.85	Sarcoid myocarditis
E34.0	Carcinoid Syndrome
G40.811-	Lennox-Gastaut syndrome
G40.814	
G40.833-	Dravet syndrome
G40.834	
I01.0	Acute rheumatic pericarditis
I01.1	Acute rheumatic endocarditis
I01.2	Acute rheumatic myocarditis
106.0	Rheumatic aortic stenosis
I06.2	Rheumatic aortic stenosis with insufficiency
109.0	Rheumatic myocarditis
I09.2	Chronic rheumatic pericarditis

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
I25.5	Ischemic cardiomyopathy
I25.750-	Atherosclerosis of native coronary artery of transplanted heart with angina
I25.759	pectoris
I25.760-	Atherosclerosis of bypass graft of coronary artery of transplanted heart with
I25.769	angina pectoris
I25.811	Atherosclerosis of native coronary artery of transplanted heart without angina pectoris
I25.812	Atherosclerosis of bypass graft of coronary artery of transplanted heart without angina pectoris
I30.0-I30.9	Acute pericarditis
I31.0	Chronic adhesive pericarditis
I31.1	Chronic constrictive pericarditis
I31.2	Hemopericardium, not elsewhere classified
I31.31	Malignant pericardial effusion in diseases classified elsewhere
I31.39	Other pericardial effusion (noninflammatory)
I32	Pericarditis in diseases classified elsewhere
I33.0-I33.9	Acute and subacute endocarditis
I35.0	Nonrheumatic aortic (valve) stenosis
I35.2	Nonrheumatic aortic (valve) stenosis with insufficiency
I38	Endocarditis, valve unspecified
I39	Endocarditis and heart valve disorders in diseases classified elsewhere
I40.0-I40.9	Acute myocarditis
I41	Myocarditis in diseases classified elsewhere
I42.0	Dilated cardiomyopathy
I42.1	Obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
I42.2	Other hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
I42.5	Other restrictive cardiomyopathy
I42.6	Alcoholic cardiomyopathy
I42.7	Cardiomyopathy due to drug and external agent
I42.8	Other cardiomyopathies
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I42.9 I43	Cardiomyopathy, unspecified Cardiomyopathy in diseases classified elsewhere
	Myocarditis, unspecified
I51.4	
I5A	Non-ischemic myocardial injury (non-traumatic)
I71.20- I71.23	Thoracic aortic aneurysm, without rupture
M32.11	Endocarditis in systemic lupus erythematosus
M32.12	Pericarditis in systemic lupus erythematosus
M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome
M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue
090.3	Peripartum cardiomyopathy
Q20.0-	Congenital malformations of cardiac chambers and connections
Q20.9	
Q21.3	Tetralogy of Fallot
Q22.5	Ebstein's anomaly

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
Q22.6	Hypoplastic right heart syndrome
Q23.4	Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
Q24.2	Cor triatriatum
Q24.4	Congenital subaortic stenosis
Q25.3	Supravalvular aortic stenosis
Q25.43	Congenital aneurysm of aorta
Q25.44	Congenital dilation of aorta
Q87.40	Marfan's syndrome, unspecified
Q87.410	Marfan's syndrome with aortic dilation
Q87.418	Marfan's syndrome with other cardiovascular manifestations
Q87.42	Marfan's syndrome with ocular manifestations
Q87.43	Marfan's syndrome with skeletal manifestation
Q96.0- Q96.9	Turner's syndrome
T45.1X5A- T45.1X5S	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs
T86.20	Unspecified complication of heart transplant
T86.21	Heart transplant rejection
T86.22	Heart transplant failure
T86.23	Heart transplant infection
T86.298	Other complications of heart transplant
T86.30-	Complications of heart-lung transplant
T86.39	
Z08	Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for malignant neoplasm
Z48.21	Encounter for aftercare following heart transplant
Z48.280	Encounter for aftercare following heart-lung transplant
Z51.0	Encounter for antineoplastic radiation therapy
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.12	Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy
Z92.21	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z92.22	Personal history of monoclonal drug therapy
Z92.25	Personal history of immunosuppression therapy
Z92.3	Personal history of irradiation
Z92.850	Personal history of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy
Z92.858	Personal history of other cellular therapy
Z92.859	Personal history of cellular therapy, unspecified
Z92.86	Personal history of gene therapy
Z94.1	Heart transplant status
Z94.2	Lung transplant status
Z94.3	Heart and lungs transplant status
Z95.811	Presence of heart assist device
Z95.812	Presence of fully implantable artificial heart

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
	All other codes

Myocardial Strain Imaging (CPT® 93356)

CPT code 93356 is Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met and when billed with one or more of these diagnoses:

CPT®* Codes	Description
93356	Myocardial strain imaging using speckle tracking-derived assessment of myocardial mechanics (List separately in addition to codes for echocardiography imaging)

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea
C34.01- C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung
C37	Malignant neoplasm of thymus
C38.0-C38.8	Malignant neoplasm of heart, mediastinum and pleura
C39.0-C39.9	Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites in the respiratory system and intrathoracic organs
C45.2	Mesothelioma of pericardium
C50.011- C50.922	Malignant neoplasm of breast
C81.00- C81.9A	Hodgkin lymphoma
C82.00- C82.9A	Follicular lymphoma
C83.00- C83.9A	Non-follicular lymphoma
C84.60- C84.6A	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive
C84.70- C84.7B	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative
C85.10- C85.9A	Other specified and unspecified types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
C86.00- C86.61	Other specified types of T/NK-cell lymphoma
C88.00- C88.91	Malignant immunoproliferative diseases and certain other B-cell lymphomas
I42.1	Obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
Z08	Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for malignant neoplasm
Z17.0	Estrogen receptor positive status [ER+]
Z51.0	Encounter for antineoplastic radiation therapy

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.12	Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy
Z51.81	Encounter for therapeutic drug level monitoring
Z79.899	Other long term (current) drug therapy
Z92.21	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z92.22	Personal history of monoclonal drug therapy
Z92.25	Personal history of immunosuppression therapy
Z92.3	Personal history of irradiation
Z92.850	Personal history of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy
Z92.858	Personal history of other cellular therapy
Z92.859	Personal history of cellular therapy, unspecified
Z92.86	Personal history of gene therapy

Not Covered or Reimbursable:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	Description
	All other codes

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Revision Details

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Date
Annual Review	 Revised policy statement to include individuals undergoing nonemergent, noncardiac surgery, and to include the diagnosis and management of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy Removed the 2017 Multimodality Imaging in Valvular Heart Disease Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) from the policy statement. 	02/15/2025
Annual Review	 Added policy statement for CAMZYOS™ (mavacamten) Reformatted Coverage Policy section 	02/15/2024

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