

CT Ordering & Pre-Certification Guide

BODY PART	REASON FOR EXAM	ORAL CONTRAST	I.V. CONTRAST	EXAM	CPT CODE
Brain	Trauma, CVA, Headache, Stroke/Bleed, Memory Loss, Confusion, Alzheimer's, Shunt Check, Vertigo, Dizziness, Hydrocephalus	No	No	CT Head Without Contrast	70450
	Mass/Tumor, Infection, Metastatic Process, HIV, Melanoma	No	Yes	CT Head With & Without Contrast	70470
Orbit	Trauma, Fracture, Foreign Body	No	No	CT Orbits Without Contrast	70480
	Graves Disease, Mass, Pain	No	Yes	CT Orbits With Contrast	70481
Sinus	Sinusitis, Mass, Pain	No	No	CT Sinus Without Contrast	70486
Face	Trauma, Pain, Fracture	No	No	CT Face Without Contrast	70486
	Tumor, Infection	No	Yes	CT Face With Contrast	70487
Temporal Bones	Hearing Loss, Tinnitus, Trauma, Cholesteatoma	No	No	CT Temporal Bones	70480
Soft Tissue Neck	Mass, Pain, Adenopathy	No	Yes	CT Neck With Contrast	70491
	Parotid Stone	No	Yes	CT Neck With & Without Contrast	70492
Gastrointestinal	Pain, Cancer, Colitis, Abscess, Appendicitis, Hernia, Diverticulitis, Hernia, Obstruction, Mass, Pancreatitis	Yes	Yes	CT Abdomen With Contrast & CT Pelvis With Contrast	74160 72193
	Crohn's, IBD, Iron Deficiency Anemia	Yes, low density oral contrast	Yes	CT Enterography Pre-cert for CT Abdomen With & CT Pelvis With	74160 72193
	Incomplete traditional colonoscopy or for screening only	Yes		CT Colonography Not covered by insurance. Must have physician's referral	
Liver	Post Embolization, Hepatoma, Hepatitis, Cirrhosis, Hemangioma	Yes	Yes	CT Abdomen With & Without IV Contrast	74170
Renal	Stone Study, Hematuria With Pain	No	No	CT Abdomen Without Contrast AND CT Pelvis Without Contrast	74150 72192
	Painless Hematuria, Mass, Tumor, Renal Cancer	Yes	Yes	CT Abdomen With & Without Contrast AND CT Pelvis With Contrast Order CT in place of an IVP exam	74170 72193
Chest	Pain, Cough, Pneumonia, Pulmonary Nodule	No	No	CT Chest Without Contrast	71250
	Mass, Lung Cancer, Adenopathy, Esophageal Cancer	No	Yes	CT Chest With Contrast	71260
Extremities	Pain, Fracture, Fusion, Malunion	No	No	CT Chest Without Contrast Upper Extremity Lower Extremity	73200 73700
	Infection, Tumor, Cancer	No	Yes	CT With Contrast Upper Extremity Lower Extremity	73201 73701
Spine	Pain, Trauma, Fracture, Fusion	No	No	CT Without Contrast	
				CT Cervical Spine	72125
				CT Thoracic Spine	72128
				CT Lumbar Spine	72131
Bony Pelvis, Hips	Pain, Fracture, Trauma	No	No	CT Pelvis Without Contrast	72192

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Abdominal Aorta	Aneurysm, Dissection, Post Stent Grafting, Renal Artery Stenosis Mesenteric Ischemia	No	Yes	CTA Abdomen	74175
Pulmonary Arteries Thoracic Aorta	Aneurysm, Dissection, Chest Pain, Dyspnea, Tachypnea, Hemoptysis, SOB, Pulmonary Hypertension Pulmonary Venous Mapping	No	Yes	CTA Chest	71275
	DVT	No	Yes	CTA Chest AND CTA Abdomen and Runoff	
	Screening Cardiac Calcium Scoring	No	No	See Addendum Below*	None
Lower Extremities	Peripheral Artery Disease	No	Yes	CTA Abdomen and Runoff	75635
Carotid	Stenosis, Bruit, TIA, CVA, Vascular Tumor	No	Yes	CTA Neck	70498
Brain	Aneurysm, TIA/CVA, Intracranial Hemorrhage	No	Yes	CTA Head	70496

Addendum: Fee Change for CT Cardiac Calcium Scoring

- We will submit the fee to the patient's insurer and the patient will be responsible for any fees not covered.
- CPT code for CT Calcium Score is 0144T
- Insurance companies that have paid for this study include:
 - Federal BCBS
(BCBS Out of State plans need to be individually verified, but several have paid.)
 - MediCare
 - OneNet
 - Mamsi Products (with pre-authorization)
 - Informed
- Insurance companies that DO NOT cover this study include:
 - BCBS of Maryland
 - BCBS, Blue Choice
 - Aetna
 - United Healthcare