

Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for Myocardial
Perfusion and Stress Test


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- Mitral/Aortic Disorders
- MI – Current/Old
- Angina
- ASHD
- Ventricular Tach, Fib, Flutter
- Atherosclerosis Aorta
- PVD
- Syncope – (Dizziness, Hypertension, Fatigue, Shortness of breath - not payable)
- Chest Pain
- Abnormal EKG
- Transplant Status/Aftercare
- Status – CABG/PTCA
- Follow-up- Surgery/ Completion high risk meds

Chest X-ray LCD

Routine, screening, pre-operative, or periodic examinations in the absence of symptoms, signs, or disease will not be reimbursed.

Common diagnoses and symptoms that are covered for a chest x-ray are:

- ❖ All respiratory diagnoses
 - ❖ Follow-up examinations
 - ❖ Personal history of malignancies
 - ❖ Cardiac devices in-situ - pacemakers, ICDs
 - ❖ History of CABG
 - ❖ Symptoms such as:
 - Abdominal pain
 - Chest pain
 - Respiratory symptoms
 - Cardiovascular symptoms
 - Syncope
 - Dizziness
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Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for Carotid Ultrasound

- Retinal Vascular occlusions (includes Amaurosis Fugax)
- Retinal Ischemia
- Sudden or Transient Visual Loss
- Visual Field Defects
- TIA – (Headache/Hypertension do not meet medical necessity)
- Syncope – (Dizziness does not meet medical necessity)
- Bruit
- Abnormal Gait/lack of coordination
- Speech disturbance; aphasia, dysarthria
- History of TIA/Stroke
- History of Surgery to Heart/Great Vessels
- Aftercare following Surgery of Circulatory System (Carotid endarterectomy/Clip)

Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for Arterial Doppler

- Diabetes Mellitus/Secondary with PVD (due to diabetes)
- Subclavian Steal Syndrome
- Atherosclerosis of aorta/ extremities with claudication/rest pain (Atherosclerosis extremities unspecified – not payable)
- Aneurysm aorta/extremities
- Embolism/Thrombosis aorta/other arteries
- Pressure Ulcer – Elbow – Ankle – Heel (must include stage of ulcer)
- Pain in limb
- Ulcer of Lower Limb
- Gangrene
- Complications of vascular surgery
- Kidney replaced by transplant
- Aftercare following transplant/other surgery

Abdominal Vascular Duplex Scan LCD

Common diagnoses and symptoms that are covered for an abdominal vascular duplex scan are:

- ❖ Hypertension (malignant)
- ❖ Malignant neoplasm prostate & neoplasms of unspecified nature
- ❖ Aftercare for transjugular intrahepatic portocaval shunt (TIPS)
- ❖ Stenosis of visceral artery or vein
- ❖ Aneurysm of visceral artery
- ❖ Thrombosis of vein
- ❖ Disorders of male genital organs
- ❖ Complication of internal device, implant and graft
- ❖ Organ replaced by transplant with or without complication
- ❖ Awaiting transplant
- ❖ Symptoms such as:
 - Abdominal pain
 - Ascites

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Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for Venous Doppler

- ❖ Pain in limb
- ❖ Swelling in limb
- ❖ Edema
- ❖ Gangrene
- ❖ Shortness of breath (not dyspnea)
- ❖ Hemoptysis
- ❖ Painful respiration
- ❖ Chest pain
- ❖ Pulmonary embolism
- ❖ Acute/chronic embolism/thrombosis extremities
- ❖ Varicose veins with ulcer/inflammation/other complications
- ❖ Venous insufficiency
- ❖ Ulcer of lower limb
- ❖ Complication of vascular surgery
- ❖ Popliteal cyst
- ❖ History of venous thrombosis/embolism/thrombophlebitis
- ❖ History CABG
- ❖ Renal dialysis status
- ❖ Abnormal results of pulmonary function study

Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for CT of the Thorax

- ❖ Malignant Neoplasms
- ❖ History of Malignant Neoplasms
- ❖ Chest Pain
- ❖ Pericarditis/Myocarditis
- ❖ Arteriosclerosis of Aorta
- ❖ Respiratory disorders/symptoms (Dyspnea is excluded)
- ❖ Esophageal disorders
- ❖ Congenital anomalies
- ❖ Trauma to Thorax
- ❖ Surgical complications
- ❖ Tuberculosis
- ❖ Sarcoidosis
- ❖ Cystic Fibrosis

Diagnoses that meet Medical Necessity for MRI of the Brain

- ❖ Malignant/Benign Neoplasms of Brain/Nervous System
- ❖ Malignant/Benign Neoplasms of Breast and Lung
- ❖ Leukemia/Lymphoma
- ❖ Dementia
- ❖ Meningitis/Encephalitis/Brain Abscess
- ❖ Headache (except Tension)
- ❖ Multiple Sclerosis
- ❖ Epilepsy/Seizures
- ❖ Hemorrhage, Occlusion, Thrombosis of Brain
- ❖ TIA
- ❖ Congenital Anomalies
- ❖ Trauma to brain
- ❖ Syncope/Dizziness
- ❖ Memory Loss
- ❖ Aphasia
- ❖ Abnormal Gait

Magnetic Resonance Angiography – Head and Neck

MRA is performed for conditions of the head and neck for which surgery is anticipated and may be found appropriate based on the MRA.

The MRA report must contain a definitive diagnosis in order to meet the criteria for medical necessity. The ordering physician's diagnosis of a stroke, if current, meets medical necessity; however, a previous stroke does not meet medical necessity.

Common covered diagnoses:

- ❖ Malignant or benign neoplasm of brain/meninges
- ❖ Hemorrhage (subarachnoid, intracerebral)
- ❖ Occlusion of basilar or precerebral vessel
- ❖ TIA/CVA – current
- ❖ Disorder of optic nerve/visual pathways
- ❖ Mass of head/neck
- ❖ Transient paralysis of limb
- ❖ Vertigo of central origin
- ❖ Transient or sudden visual loss
- ❖ Tinnitus (unspecified)

Common symptoms that are not covered for an MRA of head and neck:

- ❖ Headache
- ❖ Syncope
- ❖ Dizziness
- ❖ Vertigo (unless of central origin)
- ❖ Visual Loss (unless documented as sudden or transient)