



CT – Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring

To schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about your procedure: (319) 398-6050

This is a screening exam to evaluate Coronary Arteries for Calcium. This service is not covered by most payor's. A requirement of most insurances is that the patient is informed that this is a non-covered service when they arrive so you will be asked to sign a waiver acknowledging the cost when you arrive. Wellmark of Iowa requires a specific waiver.

Effective Date 10/1/21

Mercy's prepay cost is \$99 for performing the exam. RCI will bill you \$55 for reading the results.

***If scheduled at the Mercy Imaging Center - Hiawatha or the Plumb Heart Center, you will receive a bill as this location is not set up for payment processing yet.

***If scheduled at Mercy Medical Center - HOSPITAL, Please go to the cashier office prior to your appointment. The department hours are 8am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday to prepay. Any appointments before 8am, please stop at the cashier after your appointment to pay. If your appointment is after 4:30 you will be billed for the test.

Payment options:

1. You may prepay on MyChart. If you do not have MyChart, call 319 398-6161 option 1 for a link to sign up.
2. Call the Financial Advocate to prepay at 319 369-4505 between 7:30-5pm M-F.

What is a CT Scan?

A Computed Tomography (CT) scan – sometimes called CAT scan – is a non-invasive, painless medical test that helps providers diagnose and treat medical conditions.

CT imaging uses special X-ray equipment to produce multiple images or pictures of the inside of the body. A computer joins them together in cross-sectional views of the area being studied. The images can then be examined and interpreted from the computer.

CT scans of internal organs, bone, soft tissues and blood vessels provide greater clarity than conventional X-ray exams.

A CT Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring exam is performed to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries of your heart.

A CT Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring exam usually takes between 15-30 minutes.

Preparation:

Your CT scan will require no preparation, you may eat and drink normally prior to and after your CT exam. Medications can be taken as prescribed. Cardiac leads will be placed on your chest prior to the scan, the heart rate will be used to assist in reducing heart motion during the scan.

There are no special instructions after your CT scan. You will be able to eat and drink after the scan unless your provider has indicated otherwise.

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PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:
A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY
A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Procedure Results:

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to the provider who ordered your exam. Your provider will discuss the results with you. Results will typically be available for your provider within two business days of the exam. Results will also be sent to your MyChart account.

Parking:

Mercy Hospital:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Avenue SE. Proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to “Radiology (X-Ray),” also located on **Ground (G)** level.

Mercy Imaging Center - Hiawatha:

Located at 1195 Boyson Rd. in Hiawatha. This location is particularly convenient for patients coming from the north side of Cedar Rapids, Marion or Hiawatha. Park directly outside the “Imaging” door along N. 12th Ave.

Plumb Heart Center:

Located on the ground floor at 846 9th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. This is located across from Mercy Medical Center. Parking located outside of the Plumb Heart Center main entrance along 8th St SE.