

High Calcium Score Policy

A master spreadsheet of all patients who have received a scan will be completed by the Health Scan Screening Coordinator. It will include the following: date of service, patient's name, age, medical record number, score/results, percentile ranking, if patient is self-referred, who results were sent to, incidental findings and follow up documentation.

Patient scoring will be highlighted in the following way:

0 Green 1-399 Yellow 400 & above and/or 90% ranking Red

Follow Up Phone Calls - to be done by the Health Scan Screening Coordinator

- A follow-up phone call to any patient scoring above 0 through 399 will be made within a two-week timeframe. This allows adequate time to collect valid data along with confirmed appointments.
- A follow-up phone call to any patient scoring 400 & above and/or 90% ranking will be made to the patient within two business days. A second phone call to the patient and/or provider's office will be made to confirm appointment.

Patients *referred* by their physician scoring 400 & above and/or 90% ranking

In the Primordial software, the Radiologist will request an urgent fax and confirm. This will be completed by the File Room.

The Nurse Practitioner or Radiologist will stress to the patient the importance of follow up with either their provider and/or a Cardiologist.

Self referred definition – Any patient presenting without a written order who had not spoken to or was recommended by their provider. E.g. Patient scheduled screening due to internet, newspaper, friend, etc. *This information is verified in the Heart Scan Patient Medical Information Form and documented on the master spreadsheet.*



Patients self referred but have a preferred provider scoring 400 & above and/or 90% ranking

Prior to the patient leaving our facility we must identify the provider who has agreed to follow up with the patient to manage their risk. While the actual appointment does not need to be set, we need to ensure contact is made and urgency expressed. The Nurse Practitioner or Radiologist will alert the Health Scan Screening Coordinator. The Coordinator will confirm with the patient if there is a preference of who initially follows their care, preferred provider verses Cardiologist. When contacting the preferred provider, we will ask the doctor if he would like to see this patient to manage this risk, or if he would like our help in getting the patient to a Cardiologist quickly. If the patient prefers follow up with Cardiologist we will gladly facilitate this for them. If they do not have one of choice, we will use one from our selected panel.

 If the Health Scan Screening Coordinator is not available, then an appointed member of the CT staff will provide this service and email the Health Scan Screening Coordinator of actions taken.

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Patient is **self-referred** and **does not have a preferred provider**, scoring 400 & above and/or 90% ranking

Prior to the patient leaving our facility the Nurse Practitioner or Radiologist will alert the Health Scan Screening Coordinator. The Coordinator will then reach out to cardiology immediately and put the office in contact with the patient. If the patient does not have a Cardiologist of choice, we will use one from our selected panel. When possible, the appointment with the Cardiologist will be made during this point of contact.

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Incidental findings: reporting to provider's office

The Nurse Practitioner will ask the Radiologist of their protocol in each case.