

Quick Reference Guide for GP'S referring

Plain Echocardiograms

New item 55126 – For initial real time Echocardiogram

An initial real time Echocardiogram is claimable on Medicare **once every 2 years** when referred by a medical practitioner for the investigation of any of the following:

- (i) symptoms or signs of cardiac failure; or
- (ii) suspected or known ventricular hypertrophy or dysfunction; or
- (iii) pulmonary hypertension; or
- (iv) valvular, aortic, pericardial, thrombotic or embolic disease; or
- (v) heart tumour; or
- (vi) symptoms or signs of congenital heart disease;
- (vii) other rare indications.

New item 55133 – for frequent repetition serial real time Echocardiogram.

A frequent repetition serial real time Echocardiogram is claimable on Medicare for the investigation of a patient:

- (i) with isolated pericardial effusion or pericarditis; or
- (ii) who has commenced medication for non-cardiac purposes that have cardiotoxic side effects, and if the patient has a normal baseline study which requires echocardiograms to comply with the requirements of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (Herceptin, Clozapine)

Echocardiogram Medicare Eligibility Checklist

1. Has the patient had a GP referred Echocardiogram since 1/8/2020? No
2. Has the clinical indication been identified on request for service? Yes
3. Fax or email referral to QLD Nuclear Imaging. Yes



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- All services Bulk Billed
- Myocardial Perfusion Stress Test
- Echocardiography • Bone Scan
- Renal Scan • Thyroid Scan

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