

## Quick Reference Guide for Specialists and Consultant Physicians 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 55127- For Repeat serial real time echocardiogram- valvular dysfunction

A serial real time echocardiogram is claimable on Medicare when referred by a **Specialist or a Consultant Physician** for the investigation of known valvular dysfunction.

### New Item 55129- For Repeat serial real time echocardiogram- excluding valvular dysfunction (where valvular dysfunction is the primary condition)

A repeat serial real time echocardiogram excluding valvular dysfunction (where valvular dysfunction is the primary condition) is claimable on Medicare when referred by a **Specialist or a Consultant Physician** 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) aortic, thrombotic, embolic disease or pericardial disease (excluding isolated pericardial effusion or pericarditis); or
- (v) heart tumour; or
- (vi) structural heart disease; or
- (vii) other rare indications.

### New Item 55134- For Repeat serial real time echocardiogram for rare cardiac pathologies

A repeat real time echocardiogram for rare cardiac pathologies is claimable on Medicare when referred by a **Specialist or a Consultant Physician**.



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- Myocardial Perfusion Stress Test
- Echocardiography
- Bone Scan
- Renal Scan
- Thyroid Scan

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