

Eligibility criteria for CT coronary angiogram (CTCA)

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of a CT coronary angiogram under a member's policy when at least **one** of the following criteria below is met for that member.

1. The member is considered to be low or intermediate risk of coronary artery disease, with symptoms that could be due to coronary ischemia where the member cannot exercise **and** where pharmacological testing is unlikely to be helpful (reason to be documented in clinical notes).
2. The member is considered to be low or intermediate risk of coronary artery disease, with symptoms that could be due to coronary ischaemia where the results of a stress test is abnormal, due to being positive or equivocal (ECG or ECHO).
3. The result of the exercise treadmill test is unequivocally negative but ongoing symptoms (documented) are strongly suggestive of ischaemia.
4. The member is considered intermediate or high risk for cardiovascular disease and requires a preoperative assessment of the coronary arteries prior to undergoing elective major surgery or as required for cardiac intervention.
5. There is echocardiographic evidence of suspected cardiac mass, or other morphologic abnormality of the heart, pericardium, or great vessels.
6. To determine the cause of new onset heart failure or dilated cardiomyopathy when CT coronary angiogram is performed instead of a coronary angiogram after echocardiography.
7. For the purposes of planning the most appropriate definitive approach for treatment of a coronary chronic total occlusion (CTO), eg either stenting, medical treatment or surgery.
8. The member has become symptomatic (ischaemia equivalent), or demonstrates evidence of silent ischaemia, following CABG or angioplasty.

The cost of a coronary CT angiogram will not be reimbursed in the following circumstances:

- where there are no symptoms and no evidence from diagnostic tests suggestive of coronary artery disease
- for screening based on risk factors where there are no symptoms
- where the symptoms are of acute coronary syndrome (ACS)
- where an exercise treadmill test is unequivocally positive and there is intermediate or high probability of coronary artery disease
- for assessment post coronary artery bypass graft surgery in the absence of cardiac symptoms
- where a coronary calcium score is greater than 1700 Agatston units at a prior scan.

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Please also ensure you are familiar with all **policy exclusions**, including:

- Acute care
- Congenital conditions
- Cosmetic treatment/procedures
- Health screening
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health
- Unapproved healthcare services.

Refer to the relevant policy document for specific conditions and exceptions that apply to these exclusions.