



Detailed Order Request Checklists for Cardiology

Getting ready to place an order

Knowing what information you'll need for each order saves time. Our cardiology order request checklists can help you identify and collect the information you need to have available when entering an order request. We recommend that you print a copy or save it to your computer to keep it handy when you're preparing to submit an order.

INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED FOR CARDIOLOGY ORDER REQUESTS

For ALL cardiology order requests, you will need:

- Patient first and last name, date of birth, member number
- Ordering provider first and last name
- CPT code or the name of the service being requested
- Diagnostic code (ICD code) or name of your patient's diagnosis
- The name and location of the facility where the exam or service will be performed

For MOST cardiology order requests, you may also need:

- Any previous cardiac exams and testing, the date, and the results
- Reason or indication for ordering this exam
- Physician's plan for the patient.
For example: surgery, pacemaker insertion, ablation, surveillance, etc.
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms. Specific characteristics of chest pain: location, exacerbation, and relief.
- Smoking status
- Race
- Blood pressure (and whether the patient takes blood pressure medications)
- Cholesterol levels (total and HDL)
- Patient's pertinent medical history. For example: coronary artery disease, arrhythmia, heart attack, diabetes, hypertension, stroke, aneurysm, cardiomyopathy (type), congenital heart disease, renal failure, etc.
- Prior cardiac history including any surgeries or procedures. For example: cardiac catheterization reports, PCI or CABG, and valve replacement or repair (type of valve).

Looking for a specific exam?

The following pages list the information that is typically required for specific cardiology exams and associated diagnoses. Not all information is needed for every service, and sometimes additional information is required. However, to be thoroughly prepared, it is suggested to gather this information from, or have access to the patient's chart, prior to starting your order request. Some exams/procedures may require you to upload documentation with supporting clinical information.

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Arterial Ultrasound

DUPLEX ULTRASOUND IMAGING OF THE EXTRACRANIAL ARTERIES

- Diagnosis established or suspected
- *Specific* neurological or extracranial symptoms(new, worsening, or none)
- Results and date of most recent imaging study
- Level of stenosis found in most recent imaging study (%)
- Candidate for revascularization
- History of catheter-based or surgical intervention and date
- Prior imaging since previous intervention
- Other diagnoses (Hollenhorst plaque, subclavian steal syndrome, or carotid dissection)

DUPLEX ULTRASOUND IMAGING OF THE AORTA, INFERIOR VENA CAVA, and ILIAC VESSELS

- *Specific* symptoms (new, worsening, or none)
- *Specific* results and dates of prior imaging exams
- Vessels being imaged
- Screening exam? If yes, first time screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)?
- Established aortic or iliac disease
- Reason for exam
- Family history for AAA
- Prior repair surgeries (open, endograft, or stent)

DUPLEX ULTRASOUND IMAGING OF THE ARTERIES OF THE LOWER EXTREMITIES

- Established peripheral arterial disease (PAD) lower extremities
- *Specific* symptoms (new, worsening, or none)
- *Specific* results and date of most recent ankle brachial index (ABI)
- Reason for exam
- Date of most recent procedure and type of procedure (surgical or catheter-based revascularization)
- Imaging since intervention or surgery

DUPLEX ULTRASOUND IMAGING OF THE ARTERIES OF THE UPPER EXTREMITIES

- Established peripheral arterial disease (PAD) upper extremities
- *Specific* symptoms (new, worsening, or none)
- Reason for exam
- Date of most recent procedure and type of procedure (surgical or catheter-based revascularization)
- Imaging since intervention or surgery
- *Specific* results and date of prior physiologic study (volume plethysmography, transcutaneous oxygen tension, or inconclusive)
- *Specific* results and date of prior Duplex imaging
- Conservative treatment

Cardiac Blood Pool Imaging (MUGA)

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Dates and results of prior cardiac imaging

- Heart attack or chest pain and when
- Plans for cardiac device insertion

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

- What is the patient's congenital disease?
- Reason for exam

LEFT VENTRICULAR (LV) DYSFUNCTION

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Results of left ventricular function testing (~~<55%~~)
- Treatment with cardiotoxic drugs (if applicable for request)
- Cardiomyopathy, family history, and treatment
- Myocarditis or heart transplant
- Cardiac device
- All cardiac imaging and dates
- EKG result

RIGHT VENTRICULAR (RV) DYSFUNCTION

- New or worsening signs or symptoms
- Suspected or confirmed (established) RV dysfunction
- Known medical conditions which may impact RV function, e.g., COPD, OSA

VALVULAR HEART DISEASE

- New or worsening signs or symptoms
- Suspected or confirmed (established) valvular disease
- Severity of any valvular disease on prior TTE
- Preoperative valve replacement

Diagnostic Coronary Angiography

- *Specific* symptoms (new, worsening, or none)
- Dates and results of prior cardiac imaging (MPI or SE [type of defect], TTE, STRESS EKG)
- *Specific* results of CCTA
- Heart attack and date
- Chest pain or type of angina (Class I, II, III, IV, or typical or atypical)
- Reason for cardiac catheterization
- Current cardiac medications

Cardiac CT Structure

AORTIC DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Trauma or TAVI/TAVR (transcatheter valve implantation/replacement)
- Suspected or confirmed (established) aortic aneurysm or dissection
- Date of aortic imaging
- Preoperative or postoperative date

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- History of coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)
- Repeat coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)

CARDIOMYOPATHY

- Suspected arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia (ARVD)
- Results of TEE (transesophageal echocardiogram), TTE (resting echocardiogram), Cardiac MRI, and MUGA (all are needed)

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Complex or non-complex congenital heart disease
- Date and results of resting echocardiogram and cardiac CT/cardiac MRI
- Planning or already had surgery and date
- New diagnosis of complex congenital heart disease

MASSES AND TUMORS

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Type and date of prior cardiac imaging
- Treatment for cardiac mass or tumor

PERICARDIAL DISEASE

- Reason for exam
- Results of resting echocardiogram done in past 60 days

VENOUS ANATOMY

- For ablation to treat atrial fibrillation or flutter
- For pacemaker insertion

VALVULAR DISEASE

- Results of previous cardiac imaging (if performed)

Cardiac MRI

AORTIC DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Trauma or TAVI/TAVR (transaortic valve implantation/replacement)
- Suspected or confirmed (established) aortic aneurysm or dissection
- Date of aortic imaging
- Preoperative or postoperative date

CARDIOMYOPATHY

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Suspected arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia (ARVD)
- Dates and results of other cardiac imaging
- Suspected or confirmed (established) cardiomyopathy
- Type of cardiomyopathy

CONGENITAL CORONARY ANOMALIES

- Suspected or confirmed (established) congenital coronary anomalies

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Complex or non-complex congenital heart disease
- Date and results of resting echocardiogram and cardiac CT/cardiac MRI
- Preoperative or postoperative date
- New diagnosis of complex congenital heart disease

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- Heart attack
- Checking for viability or left ventricular (LV) function
- Resting echocardiogram, MPI, or stress echocardiogram within past 60 days and results
- Other cardiac imaging dates and results

MASSES AND TUMORS

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Type and date of prior cardiac imaging
- Treatment for cardiac mass or tumor

MYOCARDITIS

- Suspected or confirmed (established) myocarditis
- Results of resting echocardiogram done in past 60 days

PERICARDIAL DISEASE

- Reason for exam
- Results of resting echocardiogram done in past 60 days

VALVULAR DISEASE

- Suspected or confirmed (established) valvular disease
- Resting echocardiogram within 60 days and result
- Other cardiac study and result
- Type of valvular disease and degree of disease

VENOUS ANATOMY

- For ablation to treat atrial fibrillation or flutter
- For pacemaker insertion

Cardiac PET

CARDIAC PET METABOLIC

- Confirmed (established) coronary artery disease(CAD)
- Suspected or confirmed (established) sarcoidosis
- Confirmed (established) left ventricular (LV) dysfunction (~~<55%~~)
- Planning coronary bypass grafting (CABG) or revascularization

CARDIAC PET PERFUSION

- BMI
- Confirmed (established) or suspected coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Prior imaging dates and results
- MPI and/or stress echocardiogram within 60 days and results
- Current smoker, BP (and if patient is currently taking BP meds), total cholesterol HDL, Race
- Contraindications to MPI or SE
- Medical history and occupation
- Type of cardiac symptoms, precipitating factors, and relieving factors
- Able to walk on a treadmill (not because of obesity)
- EKG results
- Prior revascularization, type, and date
- Note from percutaneous intervention procedure if applicable
- Onset of arrhythmia, date, and name of cardiac testing
- Name of arrhythmia
- Left ventricular (LV) dysfunction
- Type and date of prior cardiac testing
- Preoperative
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Transplant
- Prior cardiac transplant or awaiting solid organ transplant
- Cardiac symptoms

CT Coronary Arteries (CCTA)

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- MPI and/or stress echocardiogram within 60 days and results
- Diabetes

CONGENITAL CORONARY ANOMALY

- Suspected or confirmed (established) congenital coronary anomalies

LEFT VENTRICULAR (LV) DYSFUNCTION CHF CARDIOMYOPATHY

- Confirmed (established) left ventricular (LV) dysfunction

PRIOR IMAGING

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- MPI and/or stress echocardiogram within 60 days and results
- Diabetes

PRIOR TO NONCORONARY CARDIAC SURGERY

- Diabetes
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Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR)

- Results of recent CCTA
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Implantable Cardiac Devices

IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTERDEFIBRILLATOR (ICD)

- Type of ICD (transvenous, substernal, subcutaneous)
- Heart failure medications(dose and duration)
- Diagnosis
- Reason for ICD placement
- NYHA Class
- Most recent left ventricular ejection fraction
- Most recent EKG
- Electrophysiologic study

CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

- Combined with ICD (CRT-D) or pacemaker (CRT-P)
- Most recent left ventricular ejection fraction
- NYHA Class
- Most recent EKG
- History of AV node ablation

PACEMAKER

- Most recent ambulatory EKG monitoring result
- Type of symptoms (syncope, pre-syncope, etc.)
- Timing and duration of symptoms
- Other established diagnoses such as cardiac infiltrative disease(e.g., sarcoidosis, amyloidosis) and

neuromuscular disease (e.g., myotonic dystrophy, muscular dystrophy, Kearns-Sayre syndrome)

Myocardial Infarct Scan

- Date of heart attack
 - Recent chest trauma, cardioversion, or surgical procedure
 - Any chest pain
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Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)

ARRHYTHMIA

- Onset of arrhythmia, date, and name of cardiac testing
- Name of arrhythmia
- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Diabetes

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Diabetes
- New, stable, or worsening signs of symptoms
- All cardiac testing and dates
- Medical history and occupation
- Type of cardiac symptoms, precipitating factors, and relieving factors
- Able to walk on a treadmill (not because of obesity)
- EKG results
- Prior revascularization, type, and date
- Note from percutaneous intervention procedure if applicable

LEFT VENTRICULAR (LV) DYSFUNCTION

- Type and date of cardiac testing

PREOPERATIVE

- Unstable cardiac condition
- Type of surgery
- Medical history
- Cardiac testing and dates
- Prior revascularization, type, and date

PRIOR CARDIAC TESTING

- Abnormal or inconclusive cardiac testing and dates
- EKG results
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms

TRANSPLANT

- Prior cardiac transplant or awaiting solid organ transplant
- Cardiac symptoms
- Type and date of cardiac testing

VIABILITY

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Confirmed (established) left ventricular (LV) dysfunction
- MPI, stress echocardiogram, or cardiac PET in past 60 days and results

- Planning revascularization or surgery
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Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

- Reason for exam
 - Results and date of noninvasive testing (Duke treadmill score, MPI or SE), vascular bed involvement
 - Left ventricular function %
 - Date and results of fractional flow reserve (FFR) or intravascular ultrasound (IVUS)
 - SYNTAX Score
 - Current treatment (anti-ischemic medication)
 - *Specific* result of most recent cardiac catheterization (affected vessel(s) and percentage of stenosis)
 - Prior history of coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG)
 - Coronary arteriography results post CABG (native vessel[s] or grafted vessel[s])
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Physiologic Testing for Peripheral Arterial Disease of the Upper and Lower Extremities

- Established peripheral arterial disease (PAD) upper or lower extremities
 - *Specific* symptoms (new, or worsening, or none)
 - Reason for exam
 - Date of most recent procedure and type of procedure (surgical or catheter-based revascularization)
 - *Specific* results and date of prior physiologic study
 - Imaging since intervention or surgery
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Stress Echocardiogram

ARRHYTHMIA

- Onset of arrhythmia, date, and name of cardiac testing
- Name of arrhythmia
- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Diabetes

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Diabetes
- New, stable, or worsening signs of symptoms
- All cardiac testing and dates
- Medical history and occupation
- Type of cardiac symptoms, precipitating factors, and relieving factors
- Able to walk on a treadmill (not because of obesity)
- EKG results
- Prior revascularization, type, and date
- Note from percutaneous intervention procedure if applicable

LEFT VENTRICULAR (LV) DYSFUNCTION

- Type and date of cardiac testing

PREOPERATIVE

- Unstable cardiac condition

- Type of surgery
- Medical history
- Cardiac testing and dates
- Prior revascularization, type, and date

PRIOR CARDIAC TESTING

- Abnormal or inconclusive cardiac testing and dates
- EKG results
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms

TRANSPLANT

- Prior cardiac transplant or awaiting solid organ transplant
- Cardiac symptoms
- Type and date of cardiac testing

VIABILITY

- Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Confirmed (established) left ventricular (LV) dysfunction
- MPI, stress echocardiogram, or cardiac PET in past 60 days and results
- Planning revascularization or surgery

HYPERTROPHIC OBSTRUCTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY (HOCM)

- Suspected or confirmed (established) hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Resting left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) gradient

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

- Suspected or confirmed (established) pulmonary hypertension

VALVULAR DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Mitral or aortic stenosis or regurgitation

Transesophageal Echocardiogram

- Reason for exam
- Results of TTE done within 60 days
- Suspected embolus or endocarditis
- Prior history of chest trauma, abnormality, or burns
- Valve replacement
- Post device implantation with fever

Transthoracic Echocardiogram

AORTIC DISEASE

- Suspected or confirmed (established) aortic aneurysm or dissection
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Echocardiogram within past one year
- Suspected or confirmed (established) Marfan syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, or family history

ARRHYTHMIA

- Name of arrhythmia

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)

- Suspected or confirmed (established) Kawasaki disease
- Prior coronary imaging results and dates
- Date of diagnosis
- Atheromatous coronary artery disease:
 - Suspected or confirmed (established) coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Reason for study
- Any acute coronary syndrome and date of onset
- Congestive heart failure
- Plans for cardiac device insertion
- Suspected or confirmed (established) anomalous coronary arteries or coronary fistula

CARDIAC MASS, THROMBUS

- Other imaging study done to diagnose cardiac mass
- Pre or post treatment of cardiac mass
- Suspected or confirmed (established) systemic embolic event

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

- Suspected or confirmed (established) congenital heart disease
- Clinical or genetic suspicion of heart disease
- Complex congenital heart disease or unknown
- Surveillance, surgical planning, surgical date, type of surgery
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Date of last resting echocardiogram and result

ESTABLISHED VALVULAR DISEASE

- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms, evidence of heart failure
- Date of last resting echocardiogram and result
- Degree and type of valvular disease
- Bicuspid aortic valve
- With aortic dilation or normal aorta
- Pregnant
- Prior valve replacement or repair and date
- Mechanical or bioprosthetic and name of valve

LEFT VENTRICULAR (LV) DYSFUNCTION

- Confirmed (established) ventricular dysfunction, cardiomyopathy, or hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM)
- Date of last resting echocardiogram and result
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms, congestive heart failure
- Implanted cardiac device
- Suspected ventricular dysfunction, cardiomyopathy, or hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM)
- Date of last resting echocardiogram date and result
- Family history of cardiomyopathy
- Clinical or genetic HOCM
- Medical history, new onset of hypertension

- Other testing
- Last evaluation of LV function, CXR or B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP)
- EKG result
- Chemotherapy, myocarditis, heart transplant

PERICARDIAL DISEASE

- Suspected or confirmed (established) pericardial disease
- Effusion or other disease
- Stable or unstable

PULMONARY EMBOLUS

- Suspected or confirmed (established) pulmonary embolus
- Resting echocardiogram since diagnosis
- Normal right ventricular function and pulmonary artery pressure on last resting echocardiogram

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

- Suspected or confirmed (established) pulmonary hypertension
- Reason for exam
- New, stable, or worsening signs or symptoms
- Surveillance
- Medical treatment response
- Date of last resting echocardiogram and result

SUSPECTED VALVULAR DISEASE

- Physical exam for murmur
 - Date of last resting echocardiogram and result
 - Signs or symptoms of mitral valve prolapse, prior evaluation
 - Family history of bicuspid aortic valve
 - Prior evaluation for bicuspid aortic valve
-