The Hierarchy of Indications for Ordering Tests Based on the ACCF/AHA Multimodality AUC

PREOPERATIVE CARDIAC ASSESSMENT

- Preoperative assessment?
  - **YES** → Noncardiac surgery indications
  - **NO**

PRIOR EVALUATION OR KNOWN CAD

- Prior procedure?
  - **YES** → Cardiac rehab evaluation → PCI or CABG → **YES** → Post-revascularization indications
  - **NO** → PCI or CABG → **YES** → Prior testing or procedure indications
- **NO** → Referral to cardiac rehab indications

NO PRIOR EVALUATION OF CAD

- Symptomatic (ischemic equivalent)?
  - **YES** → Symptomatic indications
  - **NO**

- Other CV conditions?
  - **YES** → Indications for other CV conditions
  - **NO**

- Exercise prescription?
  - **YES** → Indication for exercise prescription
  - **NO**

- Asymptomatic (without ischemic equivalent)?
  - **YES** → Asymptomatic indications

*Refer to the published guidelines for further information on test appropriateness for specific patient indications.

ACCF = American College of Cardiology Foundation; AHA = American Heart Association; AUC = Appropriate Use Criteria; CABG = coronary artery bypass graft; CAD = coronary artery disease; CV = cardiovascular; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention.


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