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Help ensure future packaged payment rates accurately reflect the total cost of nuclear cardiac imaging tests.

Capture the code. Report the use of pharmacologic stress agents when coding for Level III Nuclear Medicine and Related Services (APC 5593).

Current as of June 2020
## 2020 HOPPS Billing and Payment Rate

### CODE DESCRIPTION  
**APC**  
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<td>Myocardial perfusion imaging, tomographic (SPECT); including attenuation correction, qualitative or quantitative wall motion, ejection fraction by first pass or gated technique, additional quantification, when performed; multiple studies at rest and/or stress (exercise or pharmacologic); redistribution; and/or rest reinjection</td>
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