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Consensus Criteria Permitting a Radiologist to Officially Interpret Cardiac CT (CCT) Studies

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) has established the following criteria for permitting a radiologist to officially interpret Cardiac CT (CCT) studies. Please note that radiologists must **fully satisfy all conditions below**.

In addition, all cardiac CT exams must be performed at an American College of Radiology (ACR) or Intersocietal Accreditation Commission of Computed Tomography Laboratory (IACCTL) accredited facility with which the radiologist is affiliated.

CONDITIONS:

1. At least 50 studies must be officially interpreted by the physician as the primary reader over one (1) year. (coronary artery calcium scoring does not qualify as meeting these requirements)

2. The physician must be able to provide evidence of an **ongoing** quality assurance program such as quarterly review of angiographic correlation in a subset of patients whose images they have interpreted.

3. Blue Cross requires documentation to show that the radiologist meets all criteria for interpreting cardiac CT as specified by current ACR accreditation requirements including initial requirements, continuing experience and continuing medical education requirements.

Geographic access and other exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.