

Questions to Ask Your Doctor About the Coronary Calcium Score

The following questions can help you talk to your physician about undergoing a coronary calcium scan. **Print out or write down these questions and take them with you to your appointment.** Taking notes can help you remember your physician's response when you get home.

- Am I a **good candidate** for a coronary calcium score? That is, am I at **moderate risk** of a heart attack based on risk factors?
- What will the coronary calcium score tell us about **my risk for a heart attack**?
- How much **radiation** will I be exposed to during the test?
- **What happens next** if the coronary calcium scan shows something that needs further examination?
- How often is a coronary calcium score incorrect, and what are common reasons for it being incorrect?