

Cardiovascular Disease Screening Tests - Medicare

Medicare cardiovascular screening is composed of the following tests.

82465	CHOLESTEROL, serum or whole blood, total
63718	LIPOPROTEIN, direct measurement, HDL cholesterol
84478	TRIGLYCERIDES
80061	LIPID PANEL (total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and triglycerides)

The tests may be ordered individually or as a lipid panel. **Frequency is limited to one of each individual test or one lipid panel every 5 years.**

When ordering use the following ICD-9 codes for a lipid panel (80061), total cholesterol (82465), HDL cholesterol (83718) and triglycerides (84478):

V81.0	Special screening for cardiovascular disease, ischemic heart disease
V81.1	Special screening for cardiovascular disease, hypertension
V81.2	Special screening for cardiovascular disease, other and unspecified cardiovascular conditions

If the results of a lipid panel include a high triglycerides level, a physician may subsequently order a direct LDL cholesterol once the lipid panel results are reported. The test would then be covered when submitted with a diagnosis of hyperglyceridemia (ICD-9 code 272.1). Medicare regulations do not prohibit the use of the same specimen for the direct LDL measurement. The physician may submit an additional test request without subjecting the patient to a second venipuncture.