

VALLEY DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES

Olympic Building

Pre-CCTA Medication Information for Patients

Thank you for choosing Valley Diagnostic Imaging Services for your imaging needs. Valley Radiologists Inc., P.S. and Valley Medical Center are pleased to offer Coronary CT Angiography in conjunction with Southlake Clinic Cardiologists. Both specialties of physicians, cardiologists and radiologists, will be involved in reviewing your study.

Enclosed with this packet is information to help you in preparation for your Coronary CT Angiography (CCTA) procedure.

- ◆ Please notify our office (425-656-5550) or your physician if you have severe asthma, other severe lung problems, congestive heart failure, very low blood pressure or very slow heart beat before taking the medication required for this exam.
- ◆ You have been given a packet of information for your exam. Please check and make sure that you have been provided with the correct medication for your exam. Your physician may prescribe this medication for you, or you may come to Valley Diagnostic Imaging Services – Olympic Building the day before your exam to pick up the correct medication. This medication is Lopressor, pronounced: low-PRESS-or, generic name, metoprolol tartrate (pronounced meh-TOE-pro-lol TAR-trate.) Your dose is both tablets equaling 100mg, and is to be taken two hours prior to your scheduled exam time.
- ◆ Most patients will have no symptoms or side effects with one or two doses of Lopressor. Some reported side effects in patients routinely taking Lopressor include, but are not limited to: itching, rash, dizziness, tiredness, diarrhea, very slow heart rate and shortness of breath. If you develop these symptoms after taking Lopressor, please inform us immediately.
- ◆ It is **essential** that you take both tablets of medication **two hours** before your scheduled CCTA exam time. **Please make sure to arrive at the Olympic Building 1 hour prior to your exam.** Taking the medication early will give it time to work, so we can proceed with the study after your arrival. Also, please note that if your heart rate remains high by the time we see you, we will administer a second dose of the appropriate medication, and your imaging will be delayed somewhat while we wait for the medication to work.

If you have questions concerning your medication, or the CCTA procedure in general, please call Valley Diagnostic Imaging Services at 425.656.5550.