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Summary

Overview
Displacement cardiography, including cardiokymography and photokymography, is a noninvasive diagnostic test used in evaluating coronary artery disease.

Reimbursement Guidelines

A. Cardiokymography
   Cardiokymography is covered for services rendered on or after October 12, 1988.
   Cardiokymography is a covered service only when it is used as an adjunct to electrocardiographic stress testing in evaluating coronary artery disease and only when the following clinical indications are present:
   - For male patients, atypical angina pectoris or nonischemic chest pain; or
   - For female patients, angina, either typical or atypical.

B. Photokymography - Not Covered
   Photokymography remains excluded from coverage.

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