The Hierarchy of Indications for Ordering Tests Based on the ACCF/AHA Multimodality AUC

PREOPERATIVE CARDIAC ASSESSMENT

- Preoperative assessment? NO → Noncardiac surgery indications
- YES → Prior testing or procedure indications

PRIOR EVALUATION OR KNOWN CAD

- Prior procedure? YES → Cardiac rehab evaluation
- NO → PCI or CABG
- YES → Post-revascularization indications
- NO → Referral to cardiac rehab indications
- YES → Prior test
- NO → Prior testing or procedure indications

NO PRIOR EVALUATION OF CAD

- Symptomatic (ischemic equivalent)? YES → Symptomatic indications
- NO
- Other CV conditions? YES → Indications for other CV conditions
- NO
- Exercise prescription? YES → Indication for exercise prescription
- NO
- Asymptomatic (without ischemic equivalent)? YES → Asymptomatic indications

*Refer to the published guidelines for further information on test appropriateness for specific patient indications.

ACCF = American College of Cardiology Foundation; AHA = American Heart Association; AUC = Appropriate Use Criteria; CABG = coronary artery bypass graft; CAD = coronary artery disease; CV = cardiovascular; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention.