

Healthy Hearts for All New Mexicans



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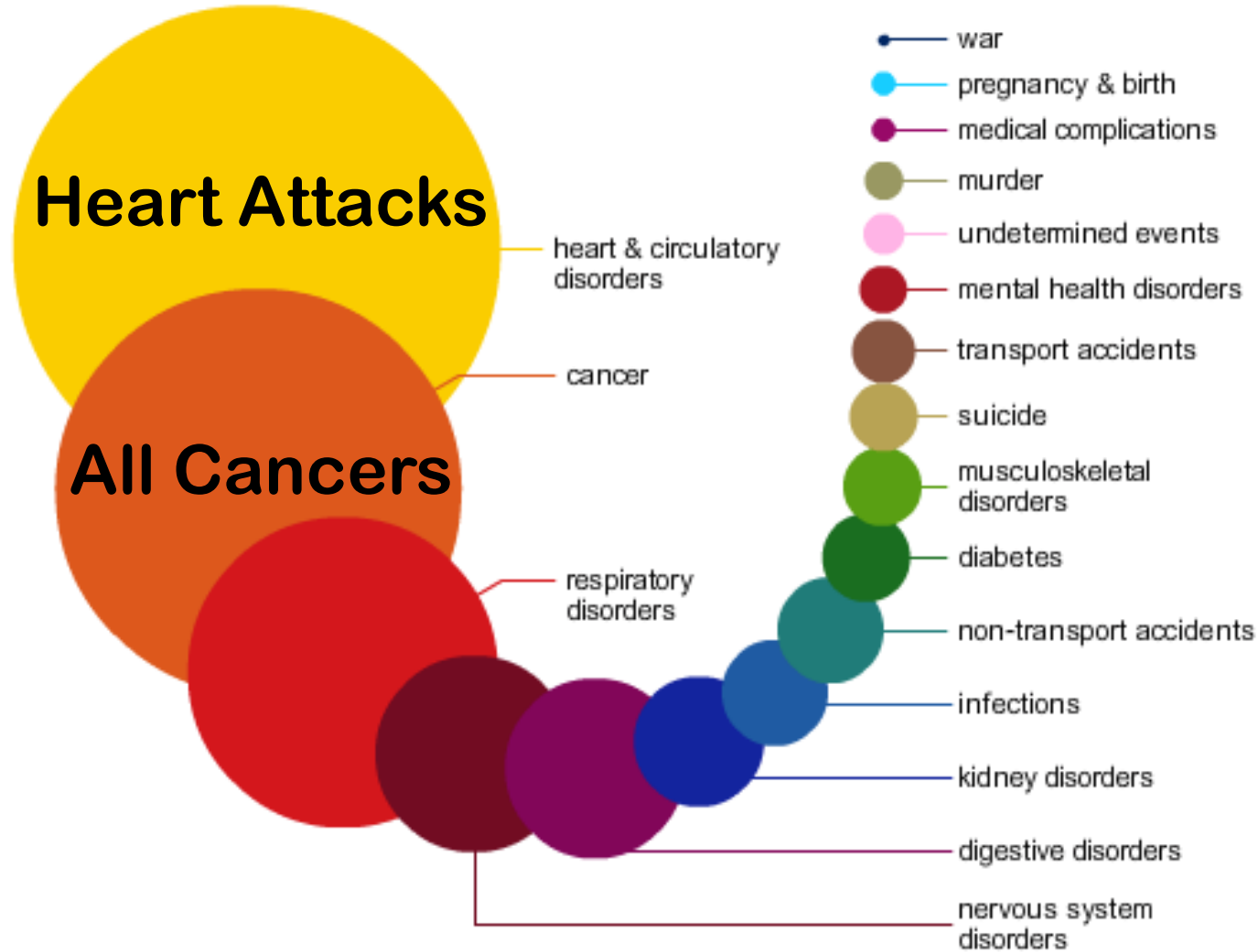


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**Heart Attacks
Devastate Families**

Leading Causes of Death



Heart Attacks Kill more People than All Cancers Combined !

Who are those People at Risk for a Heart Attack?

**Non-invasive
Calcium
Virtual
Biopsy of the
Heart**



Coronary Calcium Scan

Now Only \$150

SCHEDULE A SCREENING

Cardiac Calcium Scoring

Detect early signs of
coronary artery disease
before symptoms
appear.

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Coronary Artery Calcium Virtual Biopsy Scan

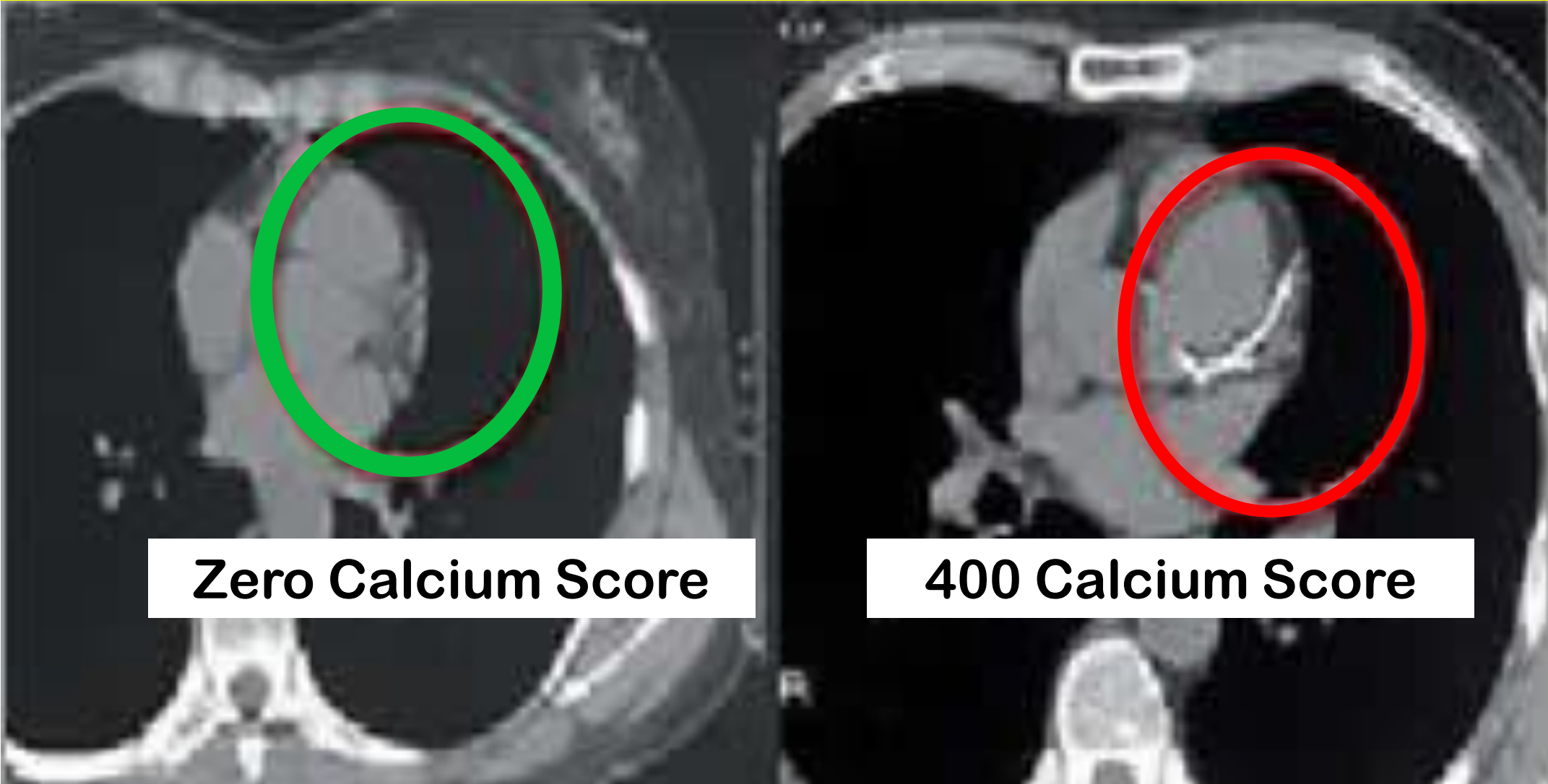
**Totally non-
invasive**

**Takes only 10
minutes!**

**Multiple X-ray Slices
through heart**



Calcium Heart Virtual Biopsy detects Diseased Heart Arteries as White Calcium Outlines



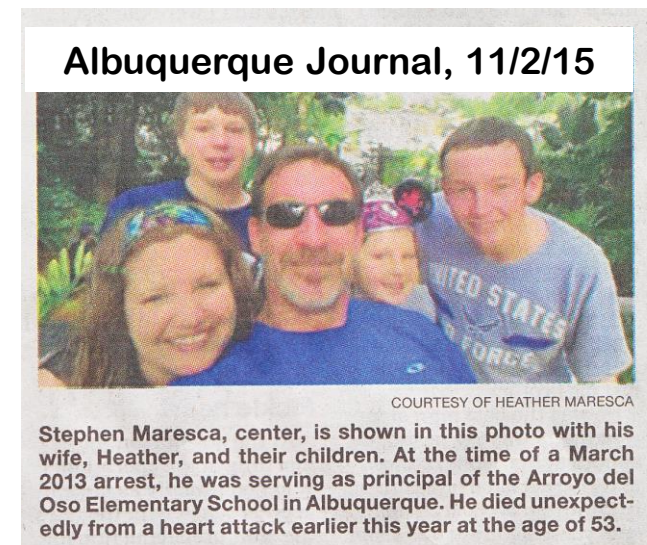
Zero Calcium Score

400 Calcium Score

The Higher the Score, the more likely the Heart Attack

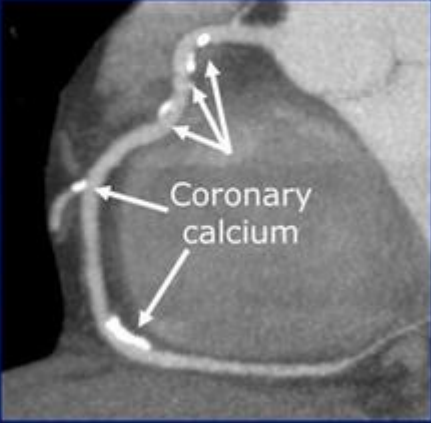
Medicine Based Reversal of Cholesterol Induced Heart Attacks

- 1) We already have the Treatment to Prevent Cholesterol induced Heart Attacks.
- 2) With the Heart Calcium Scan, we can now identify the New Mexican men and women who need the medical treatment to prevent a heart attack.



Relative Costs of Heart Disease

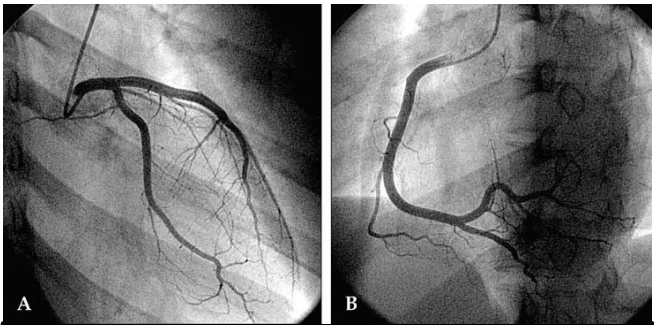
Early detection of calcified cholesterol plaques in the coronary arteries allows timely initiation of preventive medical therapies that stop the disease on its track.



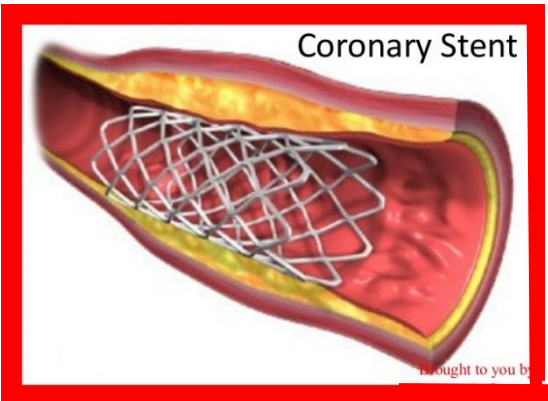
Non-Invasive Calcium Heart Biopsy
\$ 150



Stress Test
\$500



Coronary Angiography
\$10,000



Coronary Stent
\$50,000



Coronary Artery Bypass
\$100,000



Heart Attack
\$1 million



Making Calcium Heart Virtual Biopsy available to Everyone



Account #8511QX



Covers cost for
working poor

Healthy Hearts for All New Mexicans

Current Calcium Heart Virtual Biopsy Reimbursement

1) Medicare – code#75571



2) *Health Connections*
Health Insurance 2017



3) State of Texas



**Require
\$150 Health
Insurance
Coverage of
Heart
Calcium
Virtual
Biopsy to
Prevent
Heart
Attacks**

Proposed New Mexico Bill

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SENATE BILL

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE HEALTH
CARE PURCHASING ACT, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT, THE NEW MEXICO
INSURANCE CODE, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW AND THE
NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PLAN LAW TO REQUIRE COVERAGE OF ARTERY
CALCIFICATION SCREENING FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR
DISEASE IN CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

SUMMARY

Goal: Create legislation to add a \$150 benefit for a cardiac calcium scan to all appropriate insurance programs, to accomplish:

- 1) Stop cholesterol based Heart Attacks for all New Mexicans**
- 2) Make New Mexico the second state to achieve:**
 - a) Maximize Risk/Benefit in heart health**
 - b) Spend \$150 to save up to 1 million dollars per heart attack prevented**

REQUEST

- 1) LHHS Committee to endorse the Cardiac Calcium Scan Bill Draft attached**
- 2) Legislature to pass this bill in upcoming session in 2017**

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