What is a Heart Screening?
According to the American Heart Association, coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States for both men and women. A Heart Screening is a CT scan of your heart that can help determine if you have coronary artery disease. The screening calculates the amount of calcium or plaque in your coronary arteries to obtain a "calcium score." A high score is associated with a high risk of heart attack in the future. Knowing this future risk gives individuals the opportunity to take steps to prevent a heart attack.

Who should have a Heart Screening?
A Heart Screening is most appropriate for asymptomatic men and women between the ages of 40 and 65 who have no personal history of heart disease but who have one or more of the following risk factors:
• Family history of heart disease
• Smoking
• High cholesterol
• Overweight
• Diabetes
• Sedentary lifestyle

Should I have a Heart Scan if I have symptoms?
No. If you have chest pain or a productive cough, you should see your physician.

Is a Heart Scan painful?
No. The Heart Scan is a painless CT scan, and the x-ray dose associated with this scan is low.
Over 98% of patients surveyed say their experience with us was like a walk in the park.

Over 98% patients surveyed said they were satisfied with their experience at St. Paul Radiology. We understand their concerns and make them a priority.

If you have additional questions, please contact the St. Paul Radiology scheduling department at 651.632.5700.