CALCIFICATION OF THE THORACIC AORTA ON CHEST X-RAY – ASSOCIATIONS WITH ABDOMINAL AORTIC CALCIFICATION AND PULSE WAVE VELOCITY IN PATIENTS ON RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY

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Conclusions

A significant positive correlation between the extent of AoAC and AAC evaluated by x-ray was found. The presence of AoAC was highly predictive of AAC.

Assessment of AoAC on plain chest x-ray can provide valuable initial data on calcification and may have a role in risk stratification.

Further evaluation is required.