CT (Computerized Tomography) of the Heart

The CT scan uses multiple X-ray images to take an X-ray movie of the heart and lungs without placing catheters into the circulation. Like the MRI, this test sometimes takes clearer pictures than an angiogram. The test only requires a simple IV in the hand, and it can be done more quickly than an MRI. Unlike MRI imaging, the CT scan uses about the same amount of X-ray as is needed for an angiogram.