

GP REFERRED MRI MEDICARE REBATE CRITERIA

Medicare Rebate criteria for GP referred MRI covers a small number of examinations with very specific pathologies or suspected diagnosis. GP Referrals for MRI can only be accepted by Medical Doctors who are accredited by The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

To assist your understanding of the Medicare Rebate criteria we have summarised the data and provided the specific Medicare Rebate Conditions.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact your nearest Uniting Care Medical Imaging Clinic.

GP REFERRED MRI REBATABLE INDICATIONS

REQUEST TYPE	MEDICARE REQUIRED CRITERIA	FREQUENCY
PATIENTS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE		
MRI Brain / Head 63507	Unexplained Seizure(s) <u>OR</u> Unexplained headaches where significant pathology is suspected <u>OR</u> Paranasal Sinus pathology which has not responded to treatment	No defined limit
MRI of the Spine 63510	History of significant trauma Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological symptoms Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected	No defined limit
MRI of the Knee 63513	Internal Joint Disarrangement	No defined limit
MRI of the Hip 63516	Suspected septic arthritis <u>OR</u> Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis <u>OR</u> Suspected Perthes Disease	No defined limit

GP REFERRED MRI REBATABLE INDICATIONS *continued...*

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PATIENTS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE		
MRI of the Elbow 63519	Where a suspicious avulsion fracture is suspected and MRI will change management	No defined limit
MRI of the Wrist 63522	Suspected scaphoid fracture	No defined limit
PATIENTS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE		
MRI Brain / Head 63551	Unexplained Seizure(s) <u>OR</u> Unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology	No defined limit
MRI of the Cervical Spine 63554 & 63557	Suspected cervical radiculopathy <u>OR</u> Suspected cervical spine trauma	No defined limit
MRI of the Knee 63560	Inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear <u>OR</u> Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear	Payable three times per 12 month period