

PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MEDICARE REBATE CRITERIA

Medicare Rebates are available for obstetric ultrasound in specific stages of pregnancy. Medicare requirements for accessing obstetric rebates are very specific and must be performed at specific stages of pregnancy and with certain clinical conditions present.

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.

PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND REBATABLE INDICATIONS

REQUEST TYPE	WHO CAN REFER	MEDICARE REQUIRED CRITERIA	FREQUENCY
Early Dating Scan 55700	Specialist Consultant Physician GP Midwife	The dating of the pregnancy (as confirmed by ultrasound) is less than 12 weeks of gestation. AND 1 or more of the conditions in the <u>rebatable conditions – dating, nuchal and morphology</u> table below is present.	Payable once per pregnancy
Nuchal Translucency (12 – 14 Week) 55707	Specialist Consultant Physician GP Midwife	The pregnancy (as confirmed by ultrasound) is dated by a crown rump length of 45 to 84mm. AND 1 or more of the conditions in the <u>rebatable conditions – dating, nuchal and morphology</u> table below is present. AND Nuchal translucency measurement is performed to assess the risk of foetal abnormality.	Payable once per pregnancy
Morphology Scan (17 – 22 Week) 55706	Specialist Consultant Physician GP Midwife	The dating for the pregnancy (as confirmed by ultrasound) is 17 to 22 weeks of gestation.	Payable once per pregnancy
Complication Scan (>22 Week) 55718	Specialist Consultant Physician GP Midwife	The dating of the pregnancy (as confirmed by ultrasound) is after 22 weeks of gestation; and 1 or more of the conditions in the <u>rebatable conditions – complication scan</u> table below is present	Payable once per pregnancy

REBATEABLE CONDITIONS—DATING, NUCHAL AND MORPHOLOGY

Hyperemesis gravidarum	Diabetes mellitus	Hypertension	Toxaemia of pregnancy	Liver or renal disease	Autoimmune disease
Cardiac disease	Alloimmunisation	Maternal infection	Inflammatory bowel disease	Bowel stoma	Abdominal wall scarring
Previous spinal or pelvic trauma or disease	Drug dependency	Thrombophilia	Significant maternal obesity	Advanced maternal age	Abdominal pain or mass
Uncertain dates	High risk pregnancy	Previous post-dates delivery	Previous caesarean section	Poor obstetric history	Suspicion of ectopic pregnancy
Risk of miscarriage	Diminished symptoms of pregnancy	Suspected or known cervical incompetence	Suspected or known uterine abnormality	Pregnancy after assisted reproduction	Risk of foetal abnormality

REBATEABLE CONDITIONS—COMPLICATION SCAN

Known or suspected foetal abnormality or foetal cardiac arrhythmia	Foetal anatomy (late booking or incomplete mid-trimester scan)	Malpresentation	Cervical assessment	Clinical suspicion of amniotic fluid abnormality	Clinical suspicion of placental or umbilical cord abnormality
Previous complicated delivery	Uterine scar assessment	Uterine fibroid	Previous foetal death in utero or neonatal death	Antepartum haemorrhage	Clinical suspicion of intrauterine growth retardation
Clinical suspicion of macrosomia	Reduced foetal movements	Suspected foetal death	Abnormal cardiotocography	Prolonged pregnancy	Premature labour
Foetal infection	Pregnancy after assisted reproduction	Trauma	Diabetes mellitus	Hypertension	Toxaemia of pregnancy
Liver or renal disease	Autoimmune disease	Cardiac disease	Alloimmunisation	Maternal infection	Inflammatory bowel disease
Bowel stoma	Abdominal wall scarring	Previous spinal or pelvic trauma or disease	Drug dependency	Thrombophilia	Significant maternal obesity
Advanced maternal age	Abdominal pain or mass				