

MRI Medicare eligible services for Specialists referrals

Specialists Spine MRI examinations and corresponding Medicare item codes & frequency.

HEAD (including MRI Angiography if performed)			
63001	Tumour of brain or meninges	FULL	Unlimited
63004	Inflammation of brain or meninges	FULL	Unlimited
63007	Skull base or orbital tumour	FULL	Unlimited
63010	Stereotactic scan brain with fiducials	FULL	Unlimited
63040	Acoustic neuroma	FULL	3 in 12 months
63043	Pituitary tumour	FULL	3 in 12 months
63046	Toxic or metabolic or ischaemic encephalopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63049	Demyelinating disease of brain	FULL	3 in 12 months
63052	Congenital malformation of brain or meninges	FULL	3 in 12 months
63055	Venous sinus thrombosis	FULL	3 in 12 months
63058	Head trauma	FULL	3 in 12 months
63061	Epilepsy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63064	Stroke	FULL	3 in 12 months
63067	Carotid or vertebral artery dissection	FULL	3 in 12 months
63070	Intracranial aneurysm	FULL	3 in 12 months
63073	Intracranial arteriovenous malformation	FULL	3 in 12 months

HEAD AND NECK VESSELS			
63101	Stroke	FULL	Unlimited

HEAD AND CERVICAL SPINE			
63111	Tumour central nervous system or meninges	FULL	Unlimited
63114	Inflammation central nervous system or meninges	FULL	Unlimited
63125	Demyelinating disease of central nervous system	FULL	3 in 12 months
63128	Congenital malformation central nervous system or meninges	FULL	3 in 12 months
63131	Syrinx (congenital or acquired)	FULL	3 in 12 months

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SPINE—ONE REGION OR TWO CONTIGUOUS REGIONS			
63151	Infection	FULL	Unlimited
63154	Tumour	FULL	Unlimited
63161	Demyelinating	FULL	3 in 12 months
63164	Congenital malformation spinal cord/meninges/cauda equina	FULL	3 in 12 months
63167	Myelopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63170	Syrinx (congenital or acquired)	FULL	3 in 12 months
63173	Cervical radiculopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63176	Sciatica	FULL	3 in 12 months
63179	Spinal cord stenosis	FULL	3 in 12 months
63182	Previous spinal surgery	FULL	3 in 12 months
63185	Trauma	FULL	3 in 12 months
63151	Infection	FULL	Unlimited
63154	Tumour	FULL	Unlimited

SPINE – THREE CONTIGUOUS REGIONS OR TWO NON-CONTIGUOUS REGIONS			
63201	Infection	FULL	Unlimited
63204	Tumour	FULL	3 in 12 months
63219	Demyelinating	FULL	3 in 12 months
63222	Congenital malformation spinal cord/meninges/cauda equina	FULL	3 in 12 months
63225	Myelopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63228	Syrinx (congenital or acquired)	FULL	3 in 12 months
63231	Cervical radiculopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63234	Sciatica	FULL	3 in 12 months
63237	Spinal cord stenosis	FULL	3 in 12 months
63240	Previous spinal surgery	FULL	3 in 12 months
63243	Trauma	FULL	3 in 12 months

CERVICAL SPINE & BRACHIAL PLEXUS			
63271	Tumour	FULL	3 in 12 months
63274	Trauma	FULL	3 in 12 months
63277	Cervical radiculopathy	FULL	3 in 12 months
63280	Previous surgery	FULL	3 in 12 months

Specialists Musculoskeletal MRI examinations and corresponding Medicare item code and frequency

MUSCULOSKELETAL			
63301	Tumour arising in bone or MSK system (excludes tumours arising in Rectum)	FULL	Unlimited
63304	Infection arising in bone or MSK system (excludes infections arising in Rectum)	FULL	Unlimited
63307	Osteonecrosis	FULL	Unlimited
63322	Hip -derangement of hip or its supporting structures Shoulder -	FULL	3 in 12 months
63325	Derangement of shoulder or its supporting structures Knee –	FULL	3 in 12 months
63328	Derangement of knee or its supporting structures	FULL	3 in 12 months
63331	Ankle and/or foot- Derangement or its supporting structures	FULL	
63334	TMJ's (Temporomandibular joints) – Derangement of one or both temporomandibular joints or their supporting structures	FULL	3 in 12 months
63337	Wrist and/or Hand - Derangement of wrist and/or hand or its supporting structures	FULL	3 in 12 months
63340	Elbow - Derangement of elbow or its supporting structures	FULL	3 in 12 months
63361	Gaucher disease	FULL	2 in 12 months

Specialists MRI Angiogram examinations and corresponding Medicare item codes & frequency.

ANGIOGRAPHY–SCAN OF CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM			
63401	Vascular abnormality in a patient with a previous anaphylactic reaction to an iodinated contrast medium	FULL	3 in 12 months
63404	Obstruction of the superior vena cava, inferior vena cava or a major pelvic vein	FULL	3 in 12 months

ANGIOGRAPHY – UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE			
63416	The vasculature of limbs prior to limb or digit transfer surgery in congenital limb deficiency syndrome	FULL	3 in 12 months

Specialists MRI examinations and corresponding Medicare item codes & frequency for patients under 16 years of age

PERSON UNDER AGE OF 16 YEARS			
63425	Post inflammatory or post-traumatic physeal fusion	FULL	2 in 12 months
63428	Gaucher disease	FULL	2 in 12 months
63440	Pelvic or abdominal mass	FULL	Unlimited
63443	Mediastinal mass	FULL	Unlimited
63446	Congenital uterine/anorectal abnormality	FULL	Unlimited

Specialist Body MRI examinations and corresponding Medicare item and frequency

BODY			
63454	MRI of the pelvis or abdomen, where A) The patient is referred by a specialist obstetrician; and B) The patient is pregnant at 18 weeks gestation or greater; and C) A fetal central nervous system (CNS) abnormality is suspected and diagnosis is indeterminate; and D) An ultrasound provided by, or on behalf of, or at the request of, a specialist who is practising in the specialty of obstetrics, has been performed and diagnosis is indeterminate or requires further examination.	FULL/ PARTIAL	Unlimited
63461	Adrenal mass in a patient with malignancy which is otherwise resectable	FULL	1 in 12 months
63482	Pancreas/biliary tree (MRCP) suspected biliary or pancreatic pathology	FULL/ PARTIAL	3 in 12 months
PELVIS AND UPPER ABDOMEN			
63470	Pelvis for staging cervical cancer, where the request identifies that A) A histological diagnosis of carcinoma of the cervix has been made and B) The patient has been diagnosed with cervical cancer at FIGO stage 1B or greater	FULL/ PARTIAL	Once in a lifetime
63473	Pelvis & upper abdomen for staging cervical cancer <input type="checkbox"/> D Pelvis and upper abdomen, in a single examination, for the staging of histologically	FULL/ PARTIAL	Once in a lifetime
63476	Pelvis for the initial staging of rectal cancer A) a phased array body coil is used, and B) the request for scan identifies that the indication is for the initial staging of rectal	FULL/ PARTIAL	Once in a lifetime
63740	MRI to evaluate small bowel Crohn's disease (MR Enterography) Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is provided to patients: <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of disease extent at time of initial diagnosis of Crohn's disease <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of exacerbation/suspected complications of known Crohn's disease <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of known or suspected Crohn's disease in pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment of change to therapy in patients with small bowel Crohn's disease	FULL/ PARTIAL	Change to therapy can only be claimed once in 12 month period
63741	MRI enteroclysis for Crohn's disease (Tube placement) <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is related to item 63740	FULL/ PARTIAL	
63743	MRI for fistulising perianal Crohn's disease (Pelvis for sepsis / fistula) Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is provided to patients for: <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of pelvic sepsis and fistulas associated with established or suspected Crohn's disease <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment of change to therapy of pelvic sepsis and fistulas from Crohn's disease	FULL/ PARTIAL	Change to therapy can only be claimed once in 12 month period

Contrast - enhanced MRI of the liver

MRI Liver

ITEM NUMBER–63545

(payable once in any 12 month period)

For characterization or intervention planning, in a patient with:

- a) Known colorectal carcinoma; **AND**
- b) Known, suspected, or possible liver metastasis; **AND**
- c) Previous CT or Ultrasound imaging has identified a mass lesion in the liver.

ITEM NUMBER – 63546

(payable once in any 12 month period)

For diagnosis or staging, in a patient with known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma, **AND:**

- a) Chronic liver disease, that has been confirmed by a specialist or consultant physician; **AND**
- b) Liver function identified as Child-Pugh class A or B; **AND**
- c) An identified hepatic lesion over 10 mm in diameter.