

Medicare Rebated MRI with GP Referral

GP Referred MRI Indications CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE



**I-MED Radiology
Network**

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Scan region:

Region Indication:

Head

- Unexplained seizure(s)
- Unexplained headache where significant pathology is suspected
- Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy

Spine

- Following general X-ray for any of the following:
- Significant trauma
 - Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs
 - Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected

GENERAL X-RAY NO LONGER NECESSARY PRIOR TO MRI OF THE KNEE

Knee

- Internal joint derangement

Hip

- Following general X-ray for any of the following:
- Suspected septic arthritis
 - Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis
 - Suspected Perthes disease

Elbow

- Following general X-ray for any of the following:
- Significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management

Wrist

- Following general X-ray for any of the following:
- Scaphoid fracture is suspected

GP Referred MRI Indications ADULTS 16 YEARS OR OLDER

Head

- For a patient 16 years or older for any of the following:
- Unexplained seizure(s)
 - Unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology

Cervical Spine

- For patient 16 years or older for suspected:
- Cervical radiculopathy
 - Cervical spine trauma

Knee

- For patient 16-49 years with:
- Acute knee trauma with inability to extend the knee suggesting possibility of acute meniscal tear
 - Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear

***GPs will not be able to request more than three Medicare-rebateable knee MRIs per patient per annum for patients aged 16-49. In addition, GPs will no longer be able to refer patients aged 50 years and over for Medicare-rebateable knee MRIs. There will be no change to specialists requesting MRIs for any age group. Providers will need to use new item numbers for knee X-rays and knee CTs.**

To qualify for a Medicare rebate, GPs must refer their patients to a Medicare eligible imaging practice. Please include detailed clinical notes on the imaging request form to ensure Medicare reimbursement.