

MBS Update

1st November 2020



NEW item code for CT Angiography Pulmonary Arteries - 57357

- New item for CT Angiography Pulmonary Arteries, when used for exclusion of pulmonary embolism does not require the GP to indicate on the request a discussion between them and a Specialist/Consultant took place (point iii. below).
- All other use of this new item (PA stenosis, occlusion or aneurysm) when requested by a GP still require the request to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist/Consultant took place.
- All other GP requested CT Angio items still require the request to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist/Consultant took place.
- 57357 Cannot be claimed with another CT item.
- The service is:
 - i. Performed for the exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion, aneurysm or embolism and is requested by a Specialist/Consultant; or
 - ii. Performed for the exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion or aneurysm and is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a Specialist/Consultant) and the request indicates that the patient's case has been discussed with a specialist or consultant physician; or
 - iii. For the exclusion of pulmonary embolism and is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a Specialist/Consultant physician).

Correction to vascular ultrasound restrictions

- Implemented on the 1st May 2020 was a removal of restrictions with co-claiming general/obstetric/MSK ultrasounds with vascular ultrasounds. Due to an error on behalf of Dept of Health a restriction was added with low leg MSK ultrasounds that they could not be co-claimed with any vascular item code.
- Correction to this - the following vascular items can now be billed with lower leg MSK items code when requested/performed: 55284, 55292, 55282, 55280 and 55248.
- Lower leg vascular items still restrict with lower leg MSK ultrasound item codes (knee down to feet).

The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the MBS Online website at www.mbsonline.gov.au.



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