

MBS Update:

1 new MBS item number for whole body MRI scan

What are the changes?

Effective 1 March 2023, MBS item 63564 is available for a whole body MRI scan.

Whole body MRI scan for individuals carrying a heritable germline or mosaic pathogenic or likely pathogenic mutation in the TP53 gene, who have a very high risk of developing cancer.

Item 63564

MRI – whole body scan for the early detection of cancer:

- **requested by a specialist or consultant physician in consultation with a clinical geneticist in a familial cancer or genetic clinic; and**
- **the request identifies that the patient has a high risk of developing cancer malignancy due to heritable TP53-related cancer (hTP53rc) syndrome.**

Restricted to one scan every 12 months.

Indication

New Item 63564 can be requested by a specialist or consultant physician, in consultation with a clinical geneticist in a familial cancer or genetic clinic.

Other requirements

Clinical indications required on diagnostic imaging request form

The diagnostic imaging request must identify that the person has a high risk of developing cancer malignancy due to heritable TP53-related cancer (hTP53rc) syndrome.

The use of this item is limited to individuals carrying a heritable germline or mosaic pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant in the TP53 gene, ascertained by a clinical report from an accredited pathology laboratory.

The service is restricted to one scan per eligible patient in a 12 month period.

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What does this mean for referrers?

Referrers will benefit from having greater access to diagnostic imaging services for patients with a high risk of developing cancer malignancy due to germline pathogenic TP53 syndrome

What does this mean for patients?

This service will provide greater access to diagnostic imaging services for patients with a high risk of developing cancer malignancy due to germline pathogenic TP53 syndrome.

An annual whole body MRI service for these patients reflects best practice clinical guidelines. These individuals have a very high risk of developing cancer, and early detection of cancers relevant to his population has been proven to significantly improve patient survival.

Why are these changes being made?

The listing of these services was recommended by the Medical Service Advisory Committee (MSAC) in July 2022.

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