

# Gastroenterologist MRI indications

A quick reference guide to item numbers for gastrointestinal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies.

**Item 63476** **NOTE:** *benefits are payable for a service under item 63476 on one occasion only.*

MRI performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider at an eligible location where the patient is referred by a specialist or by a consultant physician and where:

- 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 cancer (including cancer of the rectosigmoid and anorectum).

Scan of:

- Pelvis for the initial staging of rectal cancer.

**Item 63740** MRI to evaluate small bowel Crohn's disease. Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is provided to patients for:

- a. Evaluation of disease extent at time of initial diagnosis of Crohn's disease
- b. Evaluation of exacerbation/suspected complications of known Crohn's disease
- c. Evaluation of known or suspected Crohn's disease in pregnancy
- d. Assessment of change to therapy in patients with small bowel Crohn's disease

*Assessment of change to therapy can only be claimed once in a 12 month period.*

**Item 63741** MRI enteroclysis for Crohn's disease. Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is related to item 63740.

**Item 63743** MRI for fistulising perianal Crohn's disease. Medicare benefits are only payable for this item if the service is provided to patients for:

- Evaluation of pelvic sepsis and fistulas associated with established or suspected Crohn's disease

Assessment of change to therapy of pelvic sepsis and fistulas from Crohn's disease

*Assessment of change to therapy can only be claimed once in a 12 month period.*



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**Item 63482** *Note: Benefits are only payable for each service included in subgroup 21 on three occasions in any 12 month period.*

MRI performed under the professional supervision of any eligible provider at an eligible location where the patient is referred by a specialist or by a consultant physician.

Scan of pancreas and biliary tree for:

- Suspected biliary or pancreatic pathology.

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**Item 63545** *Note: Benefits are payable on only one occasion in any 12-month period*

MRI with a contrast agent - multiphase scans of the liver (including delayed imaging, when performed) - performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider at an eligible location where the patient is referred by a specialist or consultant physician - for characterisation or intervention planning, in a patient with:

- Known colorectal carcinoma; and
- Known, suspected, or possible liver metastasis; and
- Previous computed tomography or ultrasound imaging has identified a mass lesion in the liver.

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**Item 63546** *Note: Benefits are payable on only one occasion in any 12-month period*

MRI with a contrast agent - multiphase scans of the liver (including delayed imaging, when performed) - performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider at an eligible location where the patient is referred by a specialist or consultant physician - for diagnosis or staging, in a patient with known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma, and:

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

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All items are Medicare eligible on both partial and full MRI licences.

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