

MBS Update: Specialists Nov 2021

What are
the changes?

Specialists have
to request specific
body regions

Changes to MBS guidelines for referring MRI head and spine

Dear Doctors,

On November 1, 2021 Medicare will introduce a significant change to the Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) in relation to specialist requests for MRI of the Head and Spine.

FROM NOVEMBER 2021:

You will need to specifically identify the region/s you wish to be scanned along with the clinical details relevant to the case. When requesting an MRI of the head you will need to specify one or more regions of: Brain, Orbits, IAM, Skull Base, Pituitary or Other.

For MRI Spine you will need to specify one or more regions of: Cervical, Thoracic or Lumbosacral.

Kind regards, the team at I-MED Radiology

As a result of these changes and to assist you with your referral I-MED have introduced a dedicated specialist request for you to use for all imaging modalities with the exception of PET. This specialist referral will have the above mentioned changes to MRI which will simply allow you to 'tick' a box.

If you have any queries or require a supply of the new specialist imaging requests. Please don't hesitate to contact your local I-MED Clinic or Account Manager.

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Imaging request
SPECIALIST

PATIENT DETAILS
Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of birth: _____
Telephone (H): _____
Telephone (B): _____
Med. No.: _____

REFERRAL/REQUESTS FOR: _____ **CLINICAL DETAILS:** _____

MRI
 MRI HEAD
 Brain
 Pituitary
 Skull base
 IAM
 Orbits
 Other _____

MRI SPINE
 Cervical Spine
 Lumbosacral Spine
 Thoracic Spine
 Other _____

IMPORTANT: Indicate whether the following apply to your patient.
History of welding, grinding, sheet metal work: Yes No
Cardiac pacemaker: Yes No
Brain aneurysm clip: Yes No
Cochlear implant: Yes No

CT Scanning
If Diabetic, does treatment contain Metformin: Yes No
What is current renal function? _____

REFERRING DOCTOR DETAILS
Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

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