

# Medicare Rebated MRI with GP Referral

## GP Referred MRI Indications CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE



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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.