

GP Eligible MRI Criteria

Patients 16 years of age and over:		
MBS Code	Area	Description
63551	HEAD	Scan of the head for any of the following: • Unexplained seizure (s) • Unexplained chronic headaches with suspected intercranial pathology
63554 63557	CERVICAL SPINE	Scan of the cervical spine for: • Cervical radiculopathy (63554) • Cervical spine trauma (63557)
63560	KNEE (16-49 YEARS ONLY)	Scan of the knee for: • Acute knee trauma with inability to extend the knee suggesting possible acute meniscus tear • Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear
63501	BREAST	Scan of breasts for: • One or both breasts for the evaluation of implant integrity where the patient has or is suspected to have a silicon implant by Poly Implant Prosthesis (PIP)

Patients under 16 years of age:		
MBS Code	Area	Description
63507	HEAD	Scan of the head for any of the following: • Unexplained seizure (s) • Unexplained chronic headaches with suspected inter-cranial pathology • Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy
63513	KNEE	Scan of the knee for: • Internal joint derangement
63510	SPINE	Following radiographic examination, scan of the spine for: • Significant trauma • Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs • Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected
63519	ELBOW	Following radiographic examination, scan of elbow where: • A significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management
63516	HIP	Following radiographic examination, scan of hip for any of the following: • Suspected septic arthritis • Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis • Suspected Perthes Disease
63522	WRIST	Following radiographic examination, scan of wrist for: • Suspected scaphoid fracture

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