

Shoulder and Knee Ultrasound Medicare Criteria



Are your patients eligible for a Medicare rebate? Medicare has rules which apply to rebates for shoulder & knee ultrasound examinations. Medicare will only provide a rebate when the request form specifically includes one of the following suspected pathologies:

SHOULDER ULTRASOUND

Benefits **are payable** when referred with suspicion of the following clinical conditions:

- Evaluation of injury to tendon, muscle or tendon/muscle junction including tears, calcification or tendinosis
- Rotator cuff tear/ calcification/ tendinosis of biceps, subscapular, supraspinatus or infraspinatus
- Biceps subluxation
- Capsulitis and bursitis
- Evaluation of mass, including
- Ganglion Occult fracture
- Acromioclavicular joint pathology

Benefits **are not** payable when referred for non-specific shoulder pain alone.

KNEE ULTRASOUND

Benefits **are payable** when referred with suspicion of the following clinical conditions:

- Abnormality of tendons or bursae about the knee
- Meniscal cyst, popliteal fossa cyst, mass or pseudomass
- Nerve entrapment, nerve or nerve sheath tumour
- Injury of collateral ligaments

Benefits **are not** payable when referred for non-specific knee pain alone or other knee conditions, including:

- Meniscal and cruciate ligament tears
- Assessment of chondral surfaces

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