

Medicare MRI Indications

ADULT - 16 YEARS AND OVER

Item Number	Descriptor	Indications
63551	Scan of the head for a patient 16 years or older	For any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexplained seizure(s) • Unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology
63554	Scan of the cervical spine for a patient 16 years or older	For suspected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical radiculopathy
63557	Scan of the cervical spine for a patient 16 years or older	For suspected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical spine trauma
63560	Scan of the knee for a patient who is over 16 years and under 50 years	Following acute knee trauma with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear • Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear

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PAEDIATRIC - 15 YEARS AND UNDER

Item Number	Descriptor	Indications
63507	Scan of the head for certain indications	For any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexplained seizures • Unexplained headache where significant pathology is suspected. • Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative treatment
63510	Scan of the spine for unexplained neck or back pain	Following radiographic examination for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant trauma • Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs • Unexplained back pain where a significant pathology is suspected
63513	Scan of knee for internal joint derangement	Suspected Internal joint derangement
63516	Scan of hip for certain indications	Following radiographic examination for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspected septic arthritis • Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis • Suspected Perthes disease
63519	Scan of elbow	Following radiographic examination where a significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management
63522	Scan of wrist	Following radiographic examination where scaphoid fracture is suspected