



Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MEDICARE ELIGIBLE SERVICES

At some Queensland X-Ray practices, a Medicare rebate is available for certain specified indications, on a specialist referral only. Full payment is required at the time of the appointment. Health Care cardholders and pensioners will be bulk-billed.

For other indications that do not meet the following criteria, or GP referrals, the patient will be responsible for the total procedure fee.

HEAD - *Unlimited referrals*

- Tumour of the brain or meninges
- Inflammation of the brain or meninges
- Skull base or orbital tumour
- Stereotactic scan of brain

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Acoustic neuroma
- Pituitary tumour
- Toxic or metabolic or ischaemic encephalopathy
- Demyelinating disease of the brain
- Congenital malformation of the brain or meninges
- Venous sinus thrombosis
- Head trauma
- Epilepsy
- Stroke
- Carotid or vertebral artery dissection
- Intracranial aneurysm
- Intracranial arteriovenous malformation

HEAD AND NECK VESSELS

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- MRI/MRA of extra and/or intracranial circulation for stroke

HEAD AND CERVICAL SPINE

Unlimited referrals

- Tumour of the CNS or meninges
- Inflammation of the CNS or meninges

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Demyelinating disease of the CNS
- Congenital malformation of the CNS and meninges
- Syring (congenital or acquired)

SPINE - one region or two contiguous regions *Unlimited referrals*

- Infection
- Tumour

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Demyelinating disease
- Congenital malformation of the spinal cord or the cauda equina or the meninges
- Myelopathy
- Syring (congenital or acquired)
- Cervical radiculopathy
- Sciatica
- Spinal canal stenosis
- Previous spinal surgery
- Trauma

SPINE - three contiguous or two non-contiguous regions *Unlimited referrals*

- Infection
- Tumour

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Demyelinating disease
- Congenital malformation of the spinal cord or the cauda equina or the meninges
- Myelopathy
- Syring (congenital or acquired)
- Cervical radiculopathy
- Sciatica
- Spinal canal stenosis
- Previous spinal surgery
- Trauma

CERVICAL SPINE AND BRACHIAL PLEXUS

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Tumour
- Trauma
- Cervical radiculopathy
- Previous surgery

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MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

Unlimited referrals

- Tumour arising in bone or musculoskeletal system, this excludes tumours arising in breast, prostate or rectum
- Infection arising in bone or musculoskeletal system, this excludes tumours arising in breast, prostate or rectum
- Osteonecrosis

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- Derangement of hip or its supporting structures
- Derangement of shoulder etc
- Derangement of knee etc
- Derangement of ankle and/or foot etc
- Derangement of one or both TMJs etc
- Derangement of wrist and/or hand etc
- Derangement of elbow etc

Benefits payable for each service on 2 occasions in 12 months

- Gaucher disease

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Benefits payable for each service on 2 occasions in 12 months

- Congenital disease of the heart or a great vessel
- Tumour of the heart or a great vessel
- Abnormality of the thoracic aorta

Benefits payable for each service on 3 occasions in 12 months

- MRA for vascular abnormality in a patient with a previous anaphylactic reaction to iodinated contrast medium
- MRA for obstruction of the superior vena cava, inferior vena cava or a major pelvic vein

BODY

Benefits payable for each service on 1 occasion in 12 months

- Adrenal mass in a patient with a malignancy which is otherwise resectable

PELVIS AND UPPER ABDOMEN

Benefits payable on 1 occasion only

- Pelvis for the staging of histologically diagnosed cervical cancer at FIGO stages 1B or greater
- Pelvis and upper abdomen, in a single examination, for the staging of histologically diagnosed cervical cancer at FIGO stages 1B or greater
- Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) For suspected biliary or pancreatic pathology

PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS

Benefits payable for each service on 1 occasion in 12 months

- MRA for the vasculature of limbs prior to limb or digit transfer surgery in congenital limb deficiency syndrome

Benefits payable for each service on 2 occasions in 12 months, for previously diagnosed conditions

- Post-inflammatory or post-traumatic physal fusion
- Gaucher disease

Unlimited referrals

- Pelvic or abdominal mass
- Mediastinal mass
- Congenital uterine or anorectal abnormality

For further information please contact your local Queensland X-Ray Magnetic Resonance Imaging practice:

- * Mater Private Hospital (Sth Brisbane) 3840 6206
- * Greenslopes Private Hospital 3847 9243
- St Vincent's Hospital (Toowoomba) 4659 4500
- Mater Private Hospital (Mackay) 4965 6200
- Mater Private Hospital (Townsville) 4759 2800
- * Cairns Private Hospital 4046 7826

* indicates practices where MRI procedures may attract a Medicare rebate.