

Nurse Practitioner Medicare Criteria

Nurse practitioners are able to request a range of pathology and diagnostic services and refer patients to specialists and consultant physicians within their scope of practice.

Item Number	Description
55036	Ultrasound upper abdomen
55066	Ultrasound of both breasts with surgical procedure
55070	Ultrasound breast – unilateral
55071	Ultrasound breast – unilateral with surgical procedure
55076	Ultrasound breast – bilateral
55600	Ultrasound prostate, bladder base and urethra (further criteria applies)
55768	Ultrasound pregnancy >22 weeks –fetal development and anatomy
55812	Ultrasound chest OR abdominal wall
55844	Ultrasound skin/subcutaneous structure
55848	Ultrasound musculoskeletal for surgical procedure
55850	Ultrasound musculoskeletal with surgical procedure
55852	Ultrasound paediatric spine, cord & subcutaneous
55856	Ultrasound hand OR wrist, OR both, left OR right
55858	Ultrasound hand OR wrist, OR both, left AND right
55860	Ultrasound forearm OR elbow, OR both, left OR right
55862	Ultrasound forearm OR elbow, OR both, left AND right
55864	Ultrasound shoulder OR upper arm, OR both, left OR right (further criteria applies)
55866	Ultrasound shoulder OR upper arm, OR both, left AND right (further criteria applies)
55868	Ultrasound hip OR groin, OR both, left OR right
55870	Ultrasound hip OR groin, OR both, left AND right
55872	Ultrasound paediatric hip examination for dysplasia, left OR right
55874	Ultrasound paediatric hip examination for dysplasia, left AND right
55876	Ultrasound buttock OR thigh, OR both, left OR right
55878	Ultrasound buttock OR thigh, OR both, left AND right
55880	Ultrasound knee, left OR right (further criteria applies)
55882	Ultrasound knee, left AND right (further criteria applies)
55884	Ultrasound lower leg, left OR right
55886	Ultrasound lower leg, left AND right
55888	Ultrasound ankle OR hind foot, OR both, left OR right
55890	Ultrasound ankle OR hind foot, OR both, left AND right
55892	Ultrasound mid foot OR fore foot, OR both, left OR right
55894	Ultrasound mid foot OR fore foot, OR both, left AND right

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57509	X-ray elbow OR forearm OR hand OR wrist
57515	X-ray combination arm (two or more regions i.e. hand & wrist)
57521	X-ray foot, ankle, leg or femur
57523	X-ray knee
57527	X-ray foot & ankle OR ankle & leg OR leg & knee OR knee & femur
57703	X-ray shoulder OR scapula
57709	X-ray clavicle
57712	X-ray hip joint
57715	X-ray pelvic girdle
57721	X-ray femur – internal fixation of neck or intertrochanteric (pertrochanteric) fracture
58503	X-ray chest
58506	X-ray chest with fluoroscopic screening
58509	X-ray thoracic inlet or trachea
58521	X-ray left ribs OR right ribs OR sternum
58524	X-ray left & right ribs OR left ribs & sternum OR right ribs & sternum
58527	X-ray left ribs, right ribs and sternum

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