

Medicare Criteria for Prostate MRI

This service can be performed on **BOTH** full & partially licensed MRI units but the patient must be referred by a Urologist, Radiation Oncologist or Medical Oncologist and the request specifies that the clinical criteria below are met.

63541 – item number for DETECTION OF CANCER

The patient is **suspected** of developing prostate cancer:

- a) On the basis of a digital rectal examination; **OR**
- b) In the circumstances mentioned below.
 - For a person **70 years or older**, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months have a PSA concentration of greater than 5.5 µg/L, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25% - **OR**
 - For a person **under 70 years**, at least two prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests are performed within an interval of 1-3 months have a PSA concentration of greater than 3.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%, or the repeat PSA exceeds 5.5 µg/L - **OR**
 - For a person **under 70 years**, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on relevant family history is at least double the average risk, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months have a PSA concentration greater than 2.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%, or the repeat PSA exceeds 5.5 µg/L.
Relevant family history is a first degree relative who has or has had prostate cancer or is suspected of carrying a BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 mutation.

Benefits are payable on one occasion only in any 12 month period.

63543 – item number for ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE

The patient is:

- a) Under active surveillance following a **confirmed diagnosis** of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; **AND**
- b) Not undergoing, or planning to undergo, treatment for prostate cancer.

Benefits are payable at the time of diagnosis of prostate cancer, 12 months following diagnosis and then every third year thereafter (**or at any time** if there is a clinical concern, including PSA progression).

Note: This item is used for **monitoring low risk patients** who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and who have **not been already treated or are not planning or undergoing treatment**.

37226 – item number for NEEDLE BIOPSY

Needle biopsy of the prostate or prostatic bed, using prostatic magnetic resonance imaging techniques, where 1 or more prostatic specimens are obtained.