

## New Medicare item - FDG PET for Alzheimer's Disease

From 1 November 2021 a new item will be available for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with FDG PET.

### ITEM 61560

**FDG PET study of the brain, performed for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, if:**

- a) Clinical evaluation of the patient by a specialist, or in consultation with a specialist, is equivocal; **AND**
- b) The service includes a quantitative comparison of the results of the study with the results of an FDG PET study of a normal brain from a reference database; **AND**
- c) A service to which this item applies has not been performed of the patient in the previous 12 months; **AND**
- d) A service to which item 61402 (Nuclear Medicine Cerebral Perfusion Study) applies, has not been performed on the patient in the previous 12 months for the diagnosis or management of Alzheimer's disease

Benefits limited to 3 services per lifetime

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