

Medicare Criteria for Obstetric MRI

From 1 November 2022, item 63454 MRI of the pelvis or abdomen for a patient who is pregnant, includes patients with suspected fetal abnormalities and an additional item number was created for the same service relating to multiple pregnancies.

These services can only be requested by a specialist obstetrician and the below criteria **has to be recorded** in the clinical notes on the imaging request:

MRI Obstetric – single pregnancy

ITEM NUMBER - 63454

MRI scan of the pelvis or abdomen, for a patient who is pregnant, **IF:**

- a) The pregnancy is at, or after, 18 weeks of gestation; **AND**
- b) Fetal abnormality is suspected; **AND**
- c) An ultrasound has been performed and is provided by, or on behalf of, or at the request of, a specialist who is practicing in the specialty of obstetrics; **AND**
- d) The diagnosis of fetal abnormality is indeterminate or requires further examination.

The service can be performed as often as clinically required.

MRI Obstetric – multiple pregnancy

ITEM NUMBER - 63549

MRI scan of the pelvis or abdomen, for a patient with a multiple pregnancy, **IF:**

- a) The multiple pregnancy is at, or after, 18 weeks gestation; **AND**
- b) Fetal abnormality is suspected; **AND**
- c) An ultrasound has been performed and is provided by, or on behalf of, or at the request of, an obstetrician; **AND**
- d) The diagnosis of fetal abnormality as a result of the ultrasound is indeterminate or requires further examination.

The service can be performed as often as clinically required.

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