

Medicare Criteria for MRI of the Liver

Liver MRI's can only be requested by a specialist or consultant physician and adequate clinical notes must be **recorded on the request form**.

MRI Liver

ITEM NUMBER – 63545

(payable once in any 12 month period)

For staging where surgical resection or interventional techniques are under consideration to treat any liver metastases detected, **IF:**

- a) The patient has a confirmed extra-hepatic primary malignancy (other than hepatocellular carcinoma), with no persistent extra-hepatic disease; **AND**
- b) Computed tomography of the patient's liver is negative or inconclusive for metastatic disease; **AND**
- c) The identification of liver metastases would change the patient's treatment planning.

ITEM NUMBER – 63546

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For diagnosis or staging, in a patient with known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma, **AND:**

- a) Chronic liver disease, that has been confirmed by a specialist or consultant physician; **AND**
- b) Liver function identified as Child-Pugh class A or B; **AND**
- c) An identified hepatic lesion over 10 mm in diameter.

The use of a hepatobiliary specific contrast agent is also covered by a Medicare rebate (item 63496) to be used in conjunction with the two items below.

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