

Medicare Criteria - Pelvic Ultrasound

Cervical length assessment

From 1 November 2022, a new item is introduced for cervical length assessment for threatened preterm labour for 14 – 30 weeks gestation.

This item can be requested by a medical practitioner, specialist or consultant physician and relevant condition or clinical indication must be stated on the request form.

ULTRASOUND PELVIS

ITEM NUMBER – 55757

Pelvis or abdomen, ultrasound (the **current ultrasound**) scan of, for cervical length assessment for risk of preterm labour, by any or all approaches, **IF:**

- a) The dating of the pregnancy (as confirmed by the current ultrasound) is between 14 and 30 weeks gestation, **AND**
- b) Any of the following apply:
 - i. The patient has a history indicating high risk of preterm labour or birth or second trimester fetal loss;
 - ii. The patient has symptoms suggestive of threatened preterm labour or second trimester fetal loss;
 - iii. The patient's cervical length is less than 25mm on an ultrasound before 28 weeks gestation; **AND**
- c) The current ultrasound is not performed on the same patient within 24 hours of a service mentioned in another item in this subgroup.

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