

## Shoulder and Knee Ultrasound – Medicare Criteria

The Government has rules which apply to rebates for shoulder and knee Ultrasound examinations. Medicare will only provide a rebate when the request form specifically includes one of the following suspected pathologies:

Shoulder Ultrasound	Knee Ultrasound
<p>Benefits <b>are payable</b> when referred with suspicion of the following clinical conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of injury to tendon, muscle or tendon/muscle junction including tears, calcification or tendinosis</li> <li>• Rotator cuff tear/ calcification/ tendinosis of biceps, subscapular, supraspinatus or infraspinatus</li> <li>• Biceps subluxation</li> <li>• Capsulitis and bursitis</li> <li>• Evaluation of mass, including</li> <li>• Ganglion Occult fracture</li> <li>• Acromioclavicular joint pathology</li> </ul> <p>Benefits <b>are not</b> payable when referred for non-specific shoulder pain alone.</p>	<p>Benefits <b>are payable</b> when referred with suspicion of the following clinical conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormality of tendons or bursae about the knee</li> <li>• Meniscal cyst, popliteal fossa cyst, mass or pseudomass</li> <li>• Nerve entrapment, nerve or nerve sheath tumour</li> <li>• Injury of collateral ligaments</li> </ul> <p>Benefits <b>are not</b> payable when referred for non-specific knee pain alone or other knee conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meniscal and cruciate ligament tears</li> <li>• Assessment of chondral surfaces</li> </ul>

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