

## MRI BREAST – MEDICARE CRITERIA

All breast MRI's must be referred by a specialist or consultant physician to attract a rebate.

### MRI Breast

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63531

For MRI of both breasts where the patient

- has a breast lesion, **AND**
- the results of conventional imaging examinations are inconclusive for the presence of breast cancer, **AND**
- biopsy has not been possible.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63533

For MRI of both breasts where the patient

- has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **AND**
- discrepancy exists between clinical assessment and conventional imaging assessment, **AND**
- the results of breast MRI may alter treatment planning.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63464 (only payable once in a 12 month period)

For MRI of both breasts for the detection of cancer, if the referral identifies that

- (a) the patient is asymptomatic and less than 50 years of age;  
**AND** either:
- (b) the request for scan identifies either:
  - i. That the patient is at high risk of developing breast cancer, due to one of the following:
    - A. three or more first or second degree relatives on the same side of the family diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer;
    - B. two or more first or second degree relatives on the same side of the family diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer, if any of the following applies to at least one of the relatives:
      - Has been diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer;
      - Had onset of breast cancer before the age of 40 years;
      - Had onset of ovarian cancer before the age of 50 years;
      - Has been diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancer, at the same time or at different times;
      - Has Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry;
      - Is a male relative who has been diagnosed with breast cancer;
    - C. one first or second degree relative diagnosed with breast cancer at age 45 years or younger, plus another first or second degree relative on the same side of the family with bone or soft tissue sarcoma at age 45 years or younger; **OR**
  - ii. That genetic testing has identified the presence of a high risk breast cancer gene mutation.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63467 (only payable once in a 12 month period)

This item is intended for follow-up imaging, where the patient has had an abnormality detected as a result of a service described in item 63464, performed in the previous 12 months.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63487 (only payable once in a 12 month period)

The patient has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer restricted to the regional lymph nodes and clinical examination and conventional imaging have failed to identify the primary cancer.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63489

MRI guided breast biopsy, where the referral identifies that the patient

- has a suspicious lesion seen on MRI but not on conventional imaging; **AND**
- the lesion is not amenable to biopsy guided by conventional imaging (US & MAM); **AND**
- a repeat US scan of the affected breast is performed; **BEFORE**
- the guided biopsy is performed as part of the service under this item.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63547 (only payable once in a lifetime)

For MRI of both breasts for the detection of cancer, if the referral identifies that

- the patient has a breast implant in situ; **AND**
- anaplastic large cell lymphoma has been diagnosed.

#### ITEM NUMBERS – 63501, 63502 (1 in 24 months) *\*TIME FRAME CHANGED*

PIP silicone breast implants, no implant rupture suspected.

#### ITEM NUMBERS – 63504, 63505 (unlimited)

PIP silicone breast implants, implant rupture suspected.

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