

## MRI BREAST – MEDICARE CRITERIA

All breast MRI's must be requested by a specialist or consultant physician to attract a rebate and **clinical notes must be recorded** on the request form.

### 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**
- 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**
- 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 in a patient, if the request identifies that:

- a) the patient is asymptomatic and is younger than 60 years of age; **AND**
- b) the patient is at high risk of developing breast cancer due to one or more of the following:
  - i. genetic testing has identified the presence of a high risk breast cancer gene mutation in the patient or in a first degree relative of the patient;
  - ii. both:
    - A. one of the patient's first or second degree relatives was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 45 years or younger; **AND**
    - B. another first or second degree relative on the same side of the patient's family was diagnosed with bone or soft tissue sarcoma at age 45 years or younger;
  - iii. the patient has a personal history of breast cancer before the age of 50 years;
  - iv. the patient has a personal history of mantle radiation therapy;
  - v. the patient has a lifetime risk estimation great than 30% or a 10 year absolute risk estimation great than 5% using a clinically relevant risk evaluation algorithm; **AND**
- c) the service is not performed in conjunction with item 55076 or 55079

<b>ITEM NUMBER – 63467 (only payable once in a 12 month period)</b>
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.
<b>ITEM NUMBER – 63487 (only payable once in a 12 month period)</b>
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.
<b>ITEM NUMBER – 63489</b>
<p>MRI guided breast biopsy, where the referral identifies that the patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a suspicious lesion seen on MRI but not on conventional imaging; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• the lesion is not amenable to biopsy guided by conventional imaging (US &amp; MAM); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• a repeat US scan of the affected breast is performed; <b>BEFORE</b></li> <li>• the guided biopsy is performed as part of the service under this item.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM NUMBER – 63547 (only payable once in a lifetime)</b>
<p>For MRI of both breasts for the detection of cancer, if the referral identifies that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the patient has a breast implant in situ; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• anaplastic large cell lymphoma has been diagnosed.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM NUMBERS – 63501, 63502 (1 in 24 months)</b>
PIP silicone breast implants, no implant rupture suspected.
<b>ITEM NUMBERS – 63504, 63505 (unlimited)</b>
PIP silicone breast implants, implant rupture suspected.

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