

Breast MRI

Are your patients eligible for a rebate?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging has to be performed under the professional supervision of an eligible provider, at an eligible location.

ITEM NUMBER 63464

The patient must be referred by a specialist or by a consultant physician and where:

- (a) A dedicated breast coil is used; AND
- (b) The request for scan identifies that the person is asymptomatic and is less than 50 years of age; AND
- (c) The request for scan identifies either:
 - i. That the patient is at high risk of developing breast cancer, due to 1 of the following:
 - A. 3 or more first or second degree relatives on the same side of the family diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer;
 - B. 2 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 1 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. 1 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.

Benefits are payable on one occasion only in any 12 month period.

Item numbers for Breast MRI continued.

ITEM NUMBER 63467

This item is intended for follow-up imaging of abnormalities diagnosed on a scan described by item 63464.

Under this item, the patient must be:

- a) Referred by a specialist or consultant physician; AND
- b) Has had an abnormality detected as a result of a service described in item 63464 performed in the previous 12 months

The benefit is payable on one occasion only in any 12 month period.

ITEM NUMBER 63547

MRI scan of both breasts for the detection of cancer, if the request for the scan identifies that:

- a) The patient has a breast implant in situ; AND
- b) Anaplastic large cell lymphoma has been diagnosed

The benefits are payable once in a patient's lifetime.

Breast MRI's which fall outside of this criteria, incur a private fee.

For more information, please contact your local practice.

