

## PROSTATE MRI – Medicare Criteria

This service can be performed on **BOTH** full & partially licensed MRI units but the patient must be referred by a Urologist, Radiation Oncologist or Medical Oncologist and the request specifies that the clinical criteria below are met.

### 63541 – item number for DIAGNOSIS

The patient is suspected of having prostate cancer based on:

- a) A digital rectal examination (DRE) which is suspicious for prostate cancer; OR
- b) In a person aged less than 70 years, at least two prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 3.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25% or the repeat PSA exceeds 5.5 ng/ml; OR
- c) In a person aged less than 70 years, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on family history is at least double the average risk, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 2.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%; OR
- d) In a person aged 70 years or older, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 5.5 ng/ml and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

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

Note: Relevant family history is first degree relative with prostate cancer or suspected of carrying a BRCA 1, BRCA 2 mutation

### 63543 – item number for ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE

- a) The patient has not had a diagnostic mpMRI and is placed on active surveillance following a confirmed diagnosis of prostate cancer by biopsy histopathology; AND
- b) The patient is not planning or undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Note: Benefits are payable 12 months following diagnosis and then every third year thereafter; or at any time there is a clinical concern or concern with PSA progression.

This item is not to be used for the purposes of treatment planning or for monitoring after treatment.

### 37226 – item number for NEEDLE BIOPSY *\*NEW*

Needle biopsy of the prostate or prostatic bed, using prostatic magnetic resonance imaging techniques, where 1 or more prostatic specimens are obtained.

To find locations where these complex scans can be performed, please visit our billing guide –

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