

Ultrasound of the Neck– Medicare Criteria

The Government has introduced strict rules which apply to rebates for Ultrasound of the neck.

One of the following indications needs to be present and stated on the request form.

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Thyroid ultrasound is indicated for the:

- Evaluation of a palpable thyroid nodule or neck mass;
- Evaluation of abnormalities detected on other imaging studies regarding the thyroid, parathyroid or neck masses;
- Follow up of known thyroid nodules;
- Evaluation of presence, size and location of the thyroid;
- Screening of high risk patients for occult thyroid malignancy;
- Localisation of parathyroid in patients with hyperparathyroidism;
- Perioperative staging of thyroid cancer;
- Surveillance for recurrent disease for a patient with a history of thyroid cancer;
- Ultrasound guided fine needle biopsy of a thyroid lymph node or neck mass.

Neck ultrasound is **not indicated** for amongst others: abnormalities in thyroid function tests; abnormalities in thyroid antibodies; ultrasounds of the thyroid performed for symptoms such as sore throat, neck pain and globus pharyngeus-type symptoms, in the absence of any indication of thyroid disease.

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