



63555	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected: - cervical radiculopathy (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.) <b>Fee:</b> \$179.20 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$134.40    85% = \$152.35
63557	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected: - cervical spine trauma (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.) <b>Fee:</b> \$492.80 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$369.60    85% = \$418.90
63558	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected: - cervical spine trauma (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.) <b>Fee:</b> \$246.40 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$ 184.80    85% = \$209.45
63560	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of knee following acute knee trauma for a patient 16 years or older with: - inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.); or - clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear. (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.) <b>Fee:</b> \$403.20 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$302.40    85% = \$342.75
63561	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of knee following acute knee trauma for a patient 16 years or older with: - inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.); or - clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear. (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.) <b>Fee:</b> \$201.60 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$151.20    85% = \$171.40

These items can only be provided on either a full or partial Medicare-eligible MRI unit. The complete list of Medicare-eligible MRI units is available on the Department of Health website at: [www.health.gov.au/mri](http://www.health.gov.au/mri)

### - Frequently Asked Questions -

*Where can I find the details of the Medicare MRI items?*

Details of the item descriptors and explanatory notes can be found at [mbsonline.gov.au](http://mbsonline.gov.au)

*Which MRI units can provide these four new Medicare rebated GP requested items?*

Both partial and full Medicare-eligible MRI units can provide these services.

*Can these items also be requested by a specialist?*

No, these items are restricted to request only by medical practitioners excluding specialist or consultant physician. If requested by a specialist or consultant physician a Medicare rebate will not apply. Specialist and consultant physicians can currently request equivalent Medicare-eligible MRI services.

*Are patients under the age of 16 years eligible for these items?*

No, the patient must be aged of 16 years or older on the day the service is performed, not on the day the service is requested.

*If a request is dated pre 1 November 2013 is it eligible?*

Yes. GP requests dated prior to 1 November 2013 will be Medicare-eligible as long as the service is performed from 1 November 2013.

## Overview of Medicare-eligible MRI items for MRI Providers

The following list provides a breakdown of which MBS MRI items can be provided on full or partial Medicare-eligible MRI units.

Item Range	Status	Description	Requester	Access
63001 To 63482	Existing items	MRI items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist; or</li> <li>• Consultant physician</li> </ul>	Full Medicare-eligible
63507 To 63523	Existing items (introduced 1 November 2012)	MRI items for patients under the age of 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical practitioners other than specialist or consultant physicians</li> </ul>	Full Medicare-eligible; and Partial Medicare-eligible
63464 To 63476	Existing items	Existing Cancer staging & breast screening items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist; or</li> <li>• Consultant physician</li> </ul>	Full Medicare-eligible; and Partial Medicare-eligible
63491 To 63497	Existing items	MRI modifying items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All medical practitioners</li> </ul>	Full Medicare-eligible; and Partial Medicare-eligible
63501 63502 63504 63505	Existing items (Interim listed items)	Interim listed PIP breast MRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All medical practitioners</li> </ul>	Any MRI unit (eligible or ineligible) that have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice Accreditation under the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme (DIAS); and</li> <li>• Operates a dedicated breast coil.</li> </ul>
63551 To 63561	<b>New Items 1 November 2013</b>	MRI items for all patients 16 years of age and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical practitioners other than specialist or consultant physicians</li> </ul>	Full Medicare-eligible; and Partial Medicare-eligible