

MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GP-REFERRED MRI



Requested examinations that meet Medicare eligibility below will be **BULK BILLED**, with no out of pocket cost.

REGION	CLINICAL INDICATION
ADULT (over 16 years)	
HEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unexplained seizure(s) Unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology
C-SPINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cervical radiculopathy Cervical spine trauma
KNEE (16-49yrs)	<p>Following acute knee trauma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear With clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear
PAEDIATRIC (under 16 years)	
HEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unexplained seizure(s) Unexplained headache where significant pathology is suspected Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy
SPINE	<p>Following general xray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant trauma Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected
KNEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For internal joint derangement
HIP	<p>Following general xray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected septic arthritis Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis Suspected Perthes disease
ELBOW	<p>Following general xray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management
WRIST	<p>Following general xray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaphoid fracture is suspected

➤ All other MRI requests will incur an out of pocket, non-rebatable fee on the day.

Note: Each GP-referred MRI item number is rebatable **three times** per patient, per annum.
For all extremity referrals the rebate applies three times **per side**.