

MRI Requesting Rights for GPs



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From 1 November 2012, GP are able to refer for the following MRI item numbers.
These items are for children UNDER the age of 16 years.

Item Number	Description
63507 HEAD	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of head for any of the following: <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
63510 SPINE	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine <i>following radiographic examination</i> for any or the following: <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
63513 KNEE	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of knee <i>following radiographic examination</i> for internal joint derangement.
63516 HIP	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of hip <i>following radiographic examination</i> for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suspected septic arthritis • suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis • suspected Perthes disease
63519 ELBOW	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of elbow <i>following radiographic examination</i> where a significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management
63522 WRIST	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of wrist <i>following radiographic examination</i> where scaphoid fracture is suspected

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As of November 1 2013, GP requesting rights for a small set of clinically appropriate MRI indications will be extended to all patients 16 years of age and older.

The four new GP requested MRI items for patients 16 years of age and older are for the following indications: scan of the head for certain indications, scan of the cervical spine for radiculopathy and trauma, and scan of the knee for specific clinical indications.

Item Number	Description
63551 HEAD	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of head for a patient 16 years or older for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unexplained seizure(s) unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology
63554 CERVICAL SPINE	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cervical radiculopathy
63557 CERVICAL SPINE	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cervical spine trauma
63561 KNEE	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear