

# GP GUIDE MEDICARE ELIGIBLE MRI

Medicare Item Code	Patients 16+ Years	INDICATION
63551	Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Unexplained seizures</li> <li># Unexplained chronic headaches with suspected intracranial pathology</li> </ul>
63554 / 63557	Cervical Spine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Suspected cervical radiculopathy</li> <li># Suspected cervical spine trauma</li> </ul>
63560	Knee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Patients aged 16-49</u></li> <li># Inability to extend the knee, suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear</li> <li># Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear</li> <li>▪ N/A patients 50 years and older</li> </ul>

Medicare Item Code	Paediatric (<16yrs) Region	Radiographic examination required prior to MRI	INDICATION
63507	Head	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Unexplained seizures</li> <li># Unexplained headaches where significant pathology is suspected</li> <li># Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy</li> </ul>
63510	Spine	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Significant trauma</li> <li># Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs</li> <li># Unexplained back pain where a significant pathology is suspected</li> </ul>
63516	Hip	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis</li> <li># Suspected septic arthritis</li> <li># Suspected Perthes disease</li> </ul>
63513	Knee	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Suspected internal joint derangement</li> </ul>
63519	Elbow	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Where a significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management</li> </ul>
63522	Wrist	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Where a scaphoid fracture is suspected</li> </ul>

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