

# Medicare Eligible MRI Studies



## FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

### CHILDREN UNDER 16 • BULK BILLED



#### MRI SCAN OF HEAD\*

- > Unexplained seizure(s)
- > Unexplained headache where significant pathology is suspected
- > Paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy



#### MRI SCAN OF SPINE\*

Following radiographic examination

- > Significant trauma
- > Unexplained neck or back pain with associated neurological signs
- > Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected



#### MRI SCAN OF KNEE\*

- > Internal derangement



#### MRI SCAN OF HIP\*

Following radiographic examination

- > Suspected septic arthritis
- > Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis
- > Suspected Perthes disease



#### MRI SCAN OF ELBOW\*

Following radiographic examination

- > Where a significant fracture of avulsion injury is suspected which will change management



#### MRI SCAN OF WRIST\*

Following radiographic examination

- > Where scaphoid fracture is suspected

### ADULTS OVER 16 • BULK BILLED



#### MRI SCAN OF HEAD\*

- > Unexplained seizure(s)
- > Unexplained chronic headache with suspected intracranial pathology



#### MRI SCAN OF C-SPINE\*

Following radiographic examination for:

- > Suspected cervical radiculopathy
- > Suspected cervical spine trauma



#### MRI SCAN OF KNEE\*

Following acute trauma

- > Inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear
- > Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear
- > **50 years and over, not eligible**



\* 3 services per 12 months. Services available from 1st of November 2022.

3T MRI Image courtesy of GE Healthcare

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