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# MRI Requesting Rights for GPs

From 1 November 2012, GPs are able to refer for the following MRI item numbers for patients under the age of 16. Imaging Associates is **Bulk Billing** these studies.

## Patients under the age of 16

Item Number	Description
63507 <b>HEAD</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>head</b> for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• unexplained seizure(s)</li><li>• unexplained headache where significant pathology is suspected</li><li>• paranasal sinus pathology which has not responded to conservative therapy</li></ul>
63510 <b>SPINE</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>spine</b> <i>following radiographic examination</i> for any or the following: <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 significant pathology is suspected</li></ul>
63513 <b>KNEE</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>knee</b> <i>following radiographic examination</i> for internal joint derangement.
63516 <b>HIP</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>hip</b> <i>following radiographic examination</i> for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• suspected septic arthritis</li><li>• suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis</li><li>• suspected Perthes disease</li></ul>
63519 <b>ELBOW</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>elbow</b> <i>following radiographic examination</i> where a significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management
63522 <b>WRIST</b>	referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of <b>wrist</b> <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 were extended to patients 16 years of age and older.

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

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## Patients 16 years and over

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

MRI available at Box Hill (03) 8843 7999