

# Medicare Eligible MRI Studies



## FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

### 3T MRI NOW AVAILABLE IN CAIRNS AND IN TOWNSVILLE

#### CHILDREN UNDER 16



##### 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

**North Queensland**  
**X-RAY** services

#### ADULTS OVER 16



##### MRI SCAN OF HEAD\*

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



##### MRI SCAN OF 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

3T MRI Image  
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