

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

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