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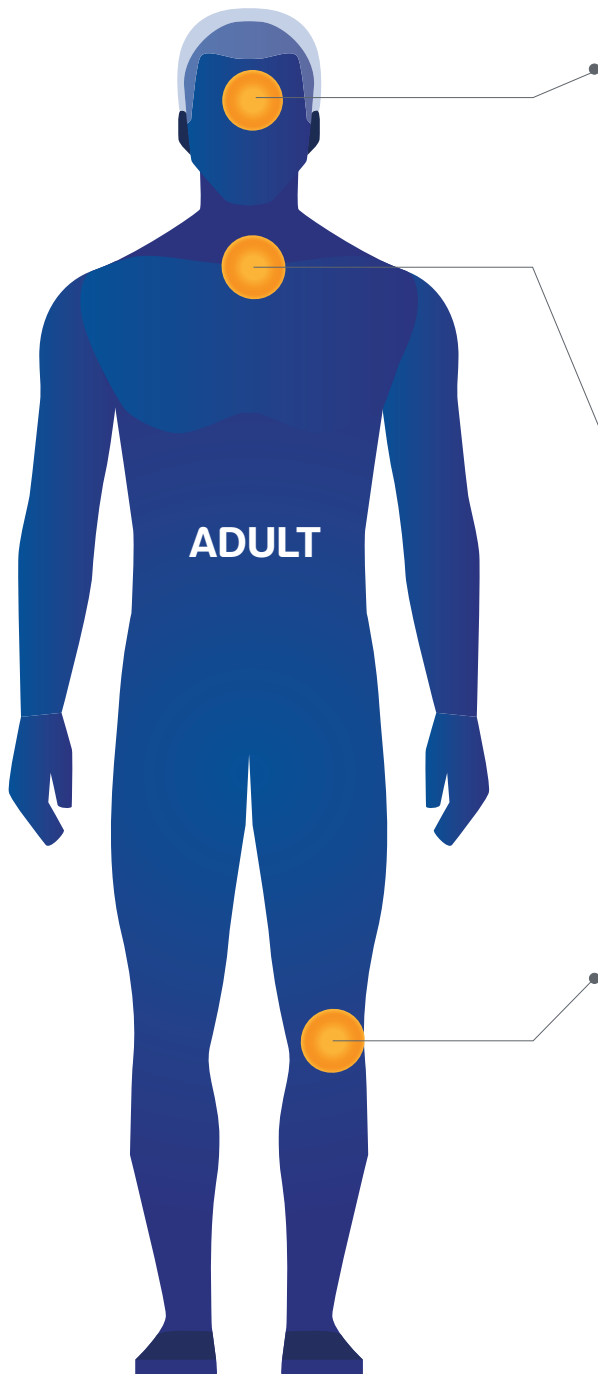
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# MRI for GP's

## Medicare eligible MRI services for patients 16 years or over

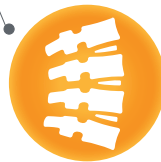
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### Scan of head

For any of the following:

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



### Scan of cervical spine

For suspected:

- Cervical spine trauma
- Cervical radiculopathy



### Scan of knee

Following acute knee trauma with:

- Inability to extend the knee suggesting possibility of acute meniscal tear
- Clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear

#### **NEW CHANGES FOR MRI KNEE FOR 50 YEARS AND OVER**

To be eligible for a Medicare Rebate, your patient needs to present with one of the above and be aged 16 to 49 years only.

(Patients aged 50 years and over will need to seek a specialist referral to obtain a Medicare rebate).

For persons 16 years or older

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## Medicare eligible MRI services for patients under 16 years

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### Scan of elbow

Following radiographic examination where:

- Significant fracture or avulsion injury is suspected that will change management



### Scan of head

For any of the following:

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



### Scan of wrist

Following radiographic examination where:

- Scaphoid fracture is suspected



### Scan of spine

Following radiographic examination of any of the following:

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



### Scan of knee

- Internal joint derangement

#### NEW CHANGES FOR MRI KNEE FOR CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS

An X-ray is no longer required prior to an MRI scan of the knee for children aged under 16 years.



### Scan of hip

Following radiographic examination for any of the following:

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

CHILD