



Shoulder & Knee Imaging Requests

Medicare has rules that apply to rebates for shoulder and knee ultrasound examinations. Medicare will only provide a rebate when the request form specifically includes one of the following suspected pathologies:

Item	Description
55864 55866	<p>Unilateral shoulder or upper arm Bilateral shoulders or upper arms</p> <p>Where the service is provided, for the assessment of one or more of the following conditions or suspected conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. evaluation of injury to tendon, muscle or muscle/tendon junction; orii. rotator cuff tear/calcification/tendinosis (biceps, subscapular, supraspinatus, infraspinatus); oriii. biceps subluxation; oriv. capsulitis and bursitis; orv. evaluation of mass including ganglion; orvi. occult fracture; orvii. acromioclavicular joint pathology <p><i>Benefits are not payable when referred for non-specific pain alone.</i></p>
55880 55882	<p>Unilateral knee Bilateral knees</p> <p>Where the service is used for the assessment of one or more of the following suspected or known conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) abnormality of tendons or bursae about the knee;(ii) a meniscal cyst, popliteal fossa cyst, mass or pseudomass;(iii) a nerve entrapment or a nerve or nerve sheath tumour;(iv) an injury of collateral ligaments <p><i>Benefits are not payable when referred for non-specific knee pain alone or other knee conditions including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Meniscal or cruciate ligament tears</i>• <i>Assessment of chondral surfaces</i>

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