

# Thyroid Ultrasound Imaging Requests

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

Item	Description
55032	<p><b>Thyroid Ultrasound</b></p> <p>Where the service is provided, for the assessment of one or more of the following conditions or suspected conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluation of palpable thyroid nodule or mass</li><li>Evaluation of abnormalities detected on other imaging regarding thyroid, parathyroid or neck masses</li><li>Follow up known thyroid nodule</li><li>Evaluation of presence, size and location of thyroid</li><li>Screening of high-risk patients for occult thyroid malignancy</li><li>Localisation of Parathyroids in patients with hyperparathyroidism</li><li>Staging of thyroid cancer-Surveillance for recurrent disease for a patient with a history of thyroid cancer</li><li>Ultrasound guided FNAB of thyroid lymph node or neck</li></ol> <p><i>Benefits are not payable when referred for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Abnormal thyroid function test</i></li><li><i>Abnormal thyroid antibodies</i></li><li><i>Symptoms such as sore throat, neck pain and globus pharyngeus-type symptoms</i></li></ul>

Should you require additional information please contact our Referrer Liaison Officer for assistance on [connect@coolumradiology.com.au](mailto:connect@coolumradiology.com.au). All reports and images are available via electronic download or online via Radiology Connect.

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