

Physiotherapists

MBS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

X-RAY (R) CODES

57712	XR Hip joint
58109	XR Spine sacrococcygeal
57715	XR Pelvic girdle
58112	XR Spine two region
58100	XR Cervical spine
58120	XR Spine four region (not when 58120 or 58121 have been performed within the same calendar year)
58103	XR Thoracic spine
58121	XR Spine three region (not when 58120 or 58121 have been performed within the same calendar year)
58106	XR Lumbosacral spine

The items listed above attract a full Medicare rebate, however some out-of-pocket fees may still apply. Physiotherapists are entitled to refer for other (NR) items in the MBS. These items carry a reduced rebate and are listed below and overleaf. For these, and other items in the MBS not shown above, there will be an out-of-pocket expense to the patient. For further clarification please contact Kare Radiology.

Below is a list of (NR) codes as per the (MBS). When referred by a physiotherapist, the following examinations will attract a reduced Medicare rebate.

X-RAY (NR) CODES

57506	XR Hand, wrist, forearm, elbow or humerus
57512	XR Hand & wrist or hand, wrist & forearm or forearm & elbow or elbow & humerus
57518	XR Foot, ankle, leg or femur
57522	XR Knee
57524	XR Foot & ankle, ankle & leg, leg & knee or knee & femur
57700	Shoulder or Scapula
57706	XR Clavicle
58900	XR Abdomen
58500	XR Chest

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UNILATERAL NR ITEM CODES FOR MSK ULTRASOUNDS:

55857	U/S Unilateral hand or wrist or both
55861	U/S Unilateral forearm or elbow or both
55865	U/S Unilateral shoulder or upper arm or both (note the request requirements of the (R) item code still applies to this NR item code also i.e request for should pain alone will not be eligible for a Medicare rebate)
55869	U/S Unilateral hip or groin or both
55873	U/S Unilateral paediatric hip
55877	U/S Unilateral buttock or thigh or both
55881	U/S Unilateral knee (note the request requirements of the (R) item code still applies to this NR item code also i.e request for knee pain alone will not be eligible for a Medicare rebate)
55885	U/S Unilateral lower leg
55889	U/S Unilateral ankle or hind foot or both
55893	U/S Unilateral mid foot or fore foot or both

BILATERAL NR ITEM CODES FOR MSK ULTRASOUNDS:

55859	U/S Bilateral hand or wrist or both
55863	U/S Bilateral forearm or elbow or both
55867	U/S Bilateral shoulder or upper arm or both (note the request requirements of the (R) item code still applies to this NR item code also i.e request for should pain alone will not be eligible for a Medicare rebate)
55871	U/S Bilateral hip or groin or both
55875	U/S Bilateral paediatric hip
55879	U/S Bilateral buttock or thigh or both
55883	U/S Bilateral knee (note the request requirements of the (R) item code still applies to this NR item code also i.e request for knee pain alone will not be eligible for a Medicare rebate)
55887	U/S Bilateral lower leg
55891	U/S Bilateral ankle or hind foot or both
55895	U/S Bilateral mid foot or fore foot or both

OTHER NR ITEM CODES FOR MSK ULTRASOUNDS:

55814	U/S Chest or abdominal wall
55846	U/S Assessment of mass associated with skin or subcutaneous structures
55854	U/S Paediatric spine, spinal cord & overlying subcutaneous tissues