

# MRI MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

## Children under 16



### SCAN OF HEAD\*

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



### 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



### SCAN OF KNEE\*

- ▷ Internal derangement



### SCAN OF HIP

#### Following radiographic examination

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



### SCAN OF ELBOW

#### Following radiographic examination

- ▷ Where a significant fracture of avulsion injury is suspected which will change management



### SCAN OF WRIST

#### Following radiographic examination

- ▷ Where scaphoid fracture is suspected

## Adults over 16



### SCAN OF HEAD\*

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



### SCAN OF CERVICAL SPINE\*

- ▷ Suspected cervical radiculopathy
- ▷ Suspected cervical spine trauma



### 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**



### SCAN OF PIP IMPLANTS

#### For GP-referred MRI examinations

- ▷ Scan of one or both breasts for the evaluation of implant integrity where patient is known or suspected of having a silicone breast implant, manufactured by Poly Implant Prosthèse (PIP)

\*3 services per 12 months