

MBS Requirements for Musculoskeletal Ultrasounds.

Please note the following MBS requirements for musculoskeletal ultrasound of the shoulder and knee.

Item No 55808 - Shoulder or upper arm

Benefits are only payable when the referred is based on clinical indicators. Benefits are **not** payable when referred for **non-specific pain alone. (this includes impingement)**

Clinical indicators include assessment of one or more of the following conditions or suspected conditions:

- Evaluation of injury to tendon, muscle or muscle/tendon junction
- Rotator cuff tear/calcification/tendinosis (biceps, subscapular, supraspinatus, infraspinatus); or
- Biceps subluxation; or
- Capsulitis and bursitis; or
- Evaluation of mass including ganglion; or
- Occult fracture; or
- Acromioclavicular joint pathology

Item No 55828 - Knee

Benefits are only payable when the referral is based on clinical indicators. Benefits are **not** payable when referred for **non-specific knee pain alone or other knee pain including:**

- **Meniscal and cruciate ligament tears**
- **Assessment of chondral surfaces**

Clinical indicators include assessment of one or more of the following conditions or suspected conditions,

- Abnormality of tendons or bursae about the knee; or
- Meniscal cyst, popliteal fossa cyst, mass or pseudomass; or
- Nerve entrapment, nerve or nerve sheath tumour; or
- Injury of collateral ligaments

The HIC therefore requires you to include the relevant information when requesting these musculoskeletal examinations.

We hope, with your cooperation, to comply with these HIC requirements whilst minimising inconvenience to you, your staff and patients. For any further information please call 8239 0550.

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