

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

PREAMBLE

SPECIFIC ELEMENTS

In addition to the common elements, the professional component of MRI procedures includes the following specific elements.

For Professional Component P

- A. Providing clinical supervision, including approving, modifying and/or intervening in the performance of the procedure where appropriate, and quality control of all elements of the technical component of the procedure.
- B. Performance of any clinical procedure associated with the diagnostic procedure which is not separately billable (e.g. injections which are an integral part of the study).
- C. Where appropriate, post-procedure monitoring, including intervening except where this constitutes a separately billable service.
- D. Interpreting the results of the diagnostic procedure.
- E. Providing premises for any aspect(s) of A and D that is(are) performed at a place other than the place in which the procedure is performed.

If the physician claiming the fee for the service is personally unable to perform elements A, B and C, these may be delegated to another physician, who must personally perform the service.

Element D must be personally performed by the physician who claims for the service.

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Head

X421	- multislice sequence	71.50
E875	- with magnetic resonance spectroscopy, to X421 add	19.40
X425	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 2 repeats)	35.85
E876	- with magnetic resonance spectroscopy, to X425 add	9.70

Payment rule:

E875 and E876 are limited to a maximum of one each per patient per day.

Neck

X431	- multislice sequence	75.55
X435	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 3 repeats)	37.80

Thorax

X441	- multislice sequence	75.55
X445	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 3 repeats)	37.80

Abdomen

X451	- multislice sequence	75.55
X455	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 3 repeats)	37.80

Pelvis

X461	- multislice sequence	75.55
X465	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 3 repeats)	37.80

Extremities

X471	- multislice sequence	64.70
X475	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - to a maximum of 3 repeats)	32.40

Multiple extremities

Imaging of two or more joints at one sitting. Requires separate surface coil, separate imaging sequence, separate filming and separate post-processing for each joint examined.

X488	- multislice sequence	112.05
X489	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - maximum of 3 repeats)	55.95

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Limited spine (one segment)		
X490	- multislice sequence	61.30
X492	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - maximum of 3 repeats)	30.70
Intermediate spine (2 adjoining segments)		
X493	- multislice sequence	70.50
X495	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - maximum of 3 repeats)	35.20
Complex spine (2 or more non-adjoining segments)		
X496	- multislice sequence	104.70
X498	- repeat (another plane, different pulse sequence - maximum of 3 repeats)	52.15
X486	- when cardiac gating is performed (must include application of chest electrodes and ECG interpretation) add 30%	
X487	- when gadolinium is used add	37.75
X499	Three Dimensional MRI acquisition sequence, including post-processing (minimum of 60 slices; maximum 1 per patient per day).	64.00

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NOT ALLOCATED