



Shoulder & Knee Ultrasound

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

Item	Description
55808	<p>Shoulder/Upper Arm, one or both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of injury to tendon, muscle or tendon/muscle junction including tears, calcification or tendinosis• Rotator cuff tear/calcification/tendinosis of biceps, subscapular supraspinatus or infraspinatus• Biceps subluxation• Capsulitis and bursitis• Evaluation of mass, including ganglion• Occult fracture• Acromioclavicular joint pathology <p><i>Benefits are not payable when referred for non-specific shoulder pain alone</i></p>
55828	<p>Knee, one or both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abnormality of tendons or bursae about the knee• Meniscal cyst, popliteal fossa cyst, mass or pseudomass• Nerve entrapment, nerve or nerve sheath tumor• Injury of collateral ligaments <p><i>Benefits are not payable when referred for non-specific knee pain alone or other knee conditions including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Meniscal or cruciate ligament tears</i>• <i>Assessment of chondral surfaces</i>

*Please indicate the appropriate item number and description on the referral.