MBS Update – Breast MRI and Breast PET

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New Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Items for FDG Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for the Evaluation of Breast Cancer

From 1 November 2019, Medicare rebates will be available for two new items for PET and two new items for MRI, for the evaluation of breast cancer. The new items are:

PET Imaging	
61524	+ For whole body 18F-FDG PET study where the patient is referred by a specialist or consultant physician, performed for the staging of locally advanced (Stage III) breast cancer in a patient considered potentially suitable for active therapy.
61525	+ For whole body 18F-FDG PET study, where the patient is referred by a specialist or consultant physician, performed for the evaluation of suspected metastatic or suspected locally or regionally recurrent breast carcinoma in a patient considered suitable for active therapy.

MR Imaging	
63531	+ For MRI of both breasts where the patient has a breast lesion, the results of conventional imaging examinations are inconclusive for the presence of breast cancer, and biopsy has not been possible.
63533	+ For MRI of both breasts where the patient has been diagnosed with breast cancer, discrepancy exists between clinical assessment and conventional imaging assessment, and the results of breast MRI may alter treatment planning.

> These new items may be requested by specialists or consultant physicians only.

Questions, Enquiries or Bookings:

MRI Location:

St Andrew's Hospital
1800 835 665
350 South Terrace, Adelaide

PET Locations:

Kurralta Park
8193 9555
520 South Road, Kurralta Park

SAHMRI
1800 875 290
North Terrace, Adelaide

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