

Guide to Eligibility for Breast MRI Scan

Why Choose Dr Jones & Partners for Breast MRI?

We offer the latest in MRI technology with 3 Tesla and 1.5 Tesla Wide-Bore Magnets, in addition to the use of high resolution breast coils.

- + MRI biopsy and localisation equipment.
- + Reported by breast imaging radiologists:
Dr Randell Brown, Dr Robyn Grant, Dr Sinead Hanley, Dr Melissa Lea, Dr Mary Moss, Dr Sarah Saha, Dr Thuc Wilson, Dr Li Enn Yapp.

Who May Benefit from Breast MRI?

- + Carriers of a high risk breast cancer gene mutation including BRCA.
- + Women with a strong family history of breast/ovarian cancer.
- + Staging of breast cancer.
- + Women with high breast density.
- + Malignant axillary nodal disease with no abnormal finding on mammogram or ultrasound.
- + Evaluation of response to neo-adjuvant chemotherapy.

Abbreviated Breast MRI

Abbreviated breast MRI is a non-Medicare rebatable supplementary screening test which may be considered for asymptomatic women with high breast density and above average breast cancer risk who do not meet the strict eligibility criteria for the Medicare rebate. The test will usually be requested by, or on the recommendation of a breast specialist.

This scan is of shorter duration than a conventional breast MRI as a limited series of images are acquired. As such, it is not intended for the investigation of a clinical breast abnormality. The referral must specifically state Abbreviated Breast MRI and will incur a fee of \$275.

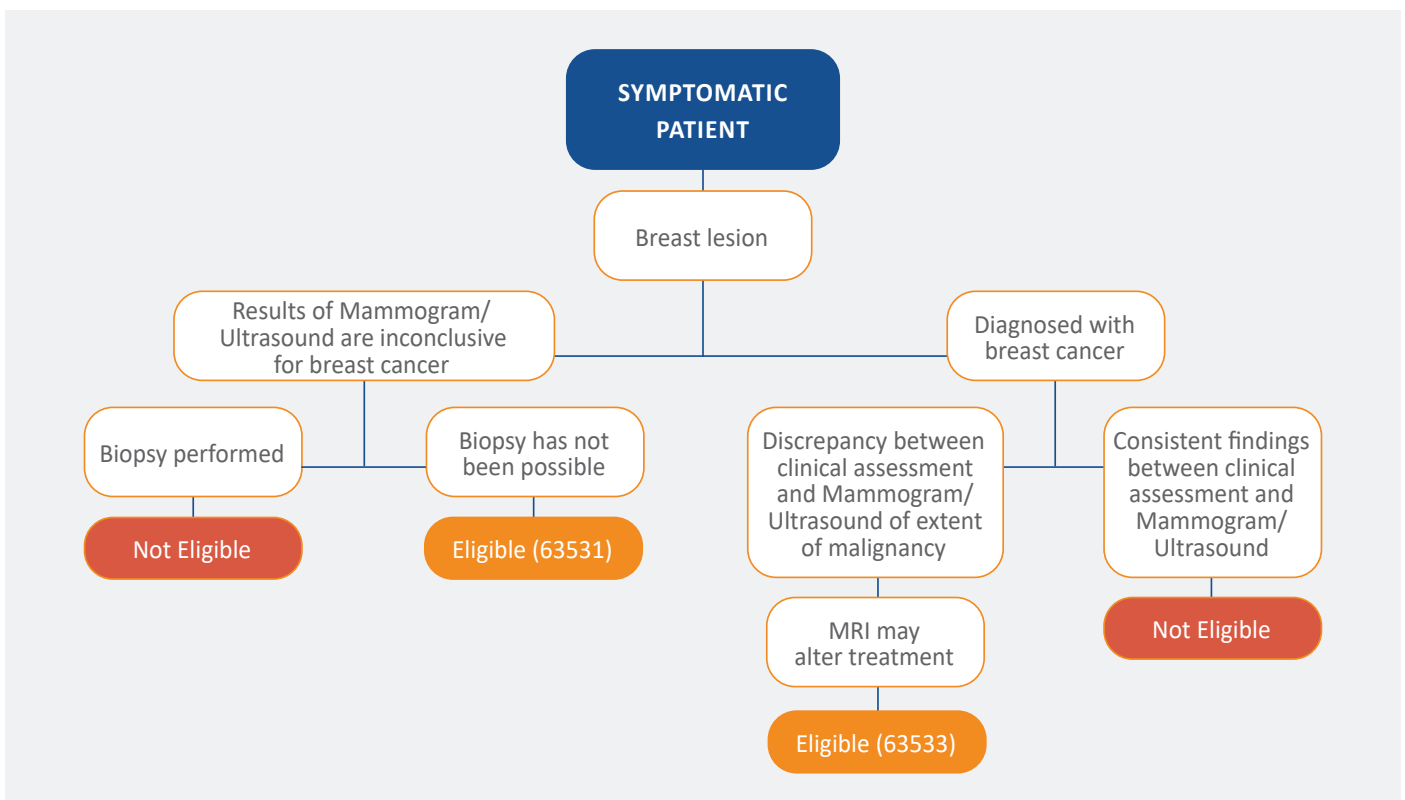
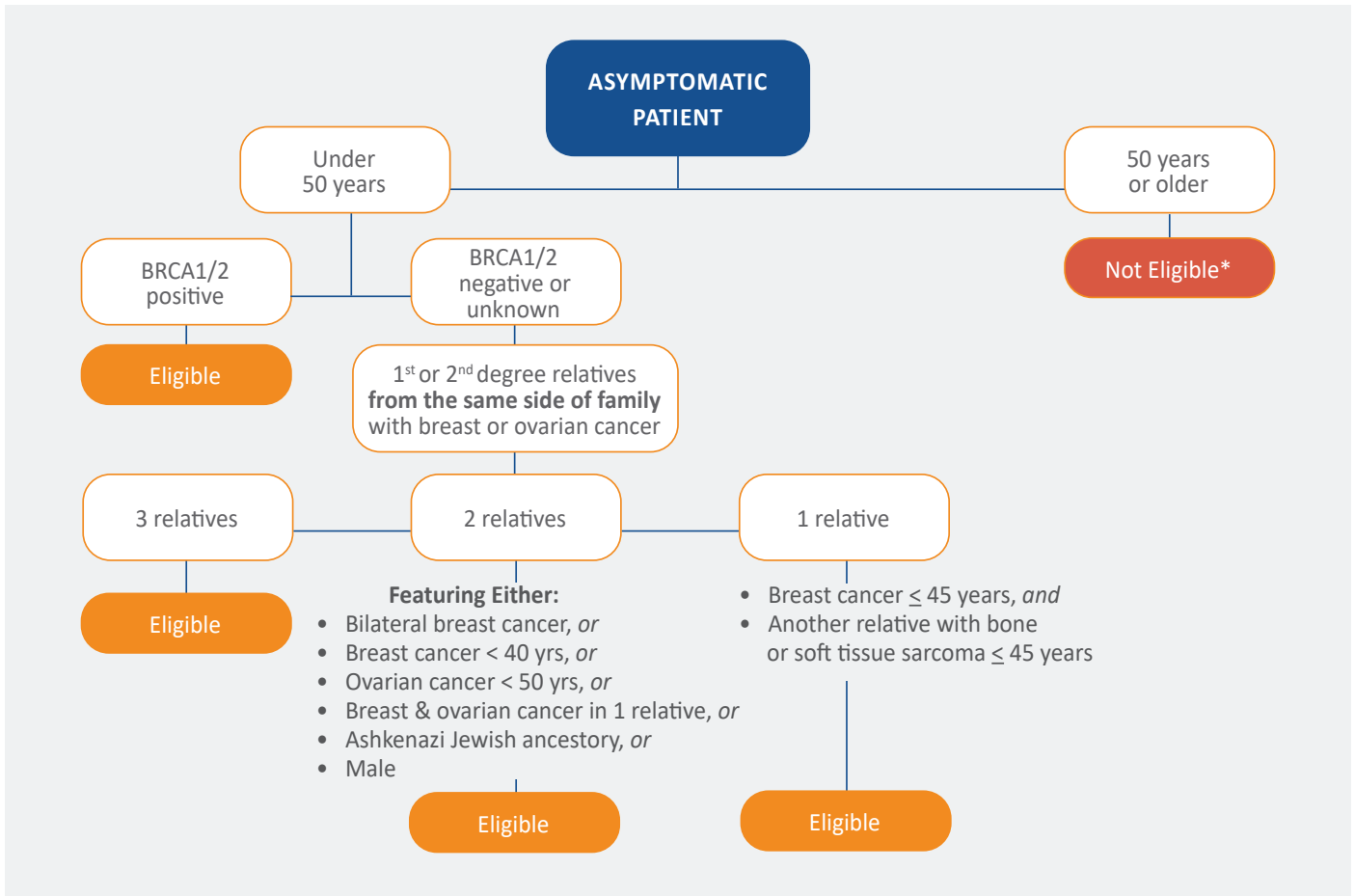
Cost of Breast MRI

- + This will depend on whether the patient is eligible for a Medicare rebate.
- + To attract a rebate requires referral by a specialist or consultant physician and the request must identify that the patient meets eligibility criteria.
- + Commencing November 1 2019 there are 2 new rebatable MRI services increasing the availability of MRI for the diagnosis and staging of breast cancer.

Eligibility Criteria for Medicare Rebate

Indication	Eligibility MBS Item Number
Screening	Asymptomatic women under 50, at high risk of developing breast cancer due to family history or gene mutation see flowchart overleaf. 63464
Diagnosis of suspected breast cancer	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. 63531
Staging of confirmed breast cancer	Where the patient has been diagnosed with breast cancer, discrepancy exists between clinical assessment and conventional imaging assessment and the results of MRI may alter treatment planning. 63533
Breast assessment in cases of metastatic disease	Where the patient has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer restricted to the regional lymph nodes, and clinical examination and conventional imaging have failed to identify the primary cancer. 63487
MRI guided biopsy	Where the patient has a suspicious lesion seen on MRI but not on conventional imaging and the lesion is not amenable to biopsy guided by conventional imaging. 63489

Is Your Patient Eligible for Medicare Rebated Breast MRI?



*Non-rebated service available