

General Information:

Please use the Web Portal GP Referred MRI to make claims for patients who qualify for this service.

The GP referred MRI claim allows the practice to claim for referrals that have been made to Radiology through the ACC MRI Referral scheme.

General practitioners and Nurse Practitioners (NP's) with specific programme training are able to request MRI for certain ACC patients with knee, cervical and lumbar spine injuries.

Request for MRI under ACC is through publicly funded radiology

For GP's and NP's who have not completed the training:

- Refer to a colleague at your practice who has completed the training.
- Request appropriate non-acute orthopaedics, neurosurgery or musculoskeletal assessment as usual.

Programme Objectives:

- GPs and NP referring eligible patients who meet the clinical criteria set out in the [GP MRI Clinical Pathways](#);
- Increased patients' access to assessment against the GP MRI Clinical Pathways from their local GP or practice affiliated to the PHO;
- Ensuring Māori and Pasifika people with appropriate injuries do not face barriers to access Trained GPs/NP's and referral;
- Reduced time from referral to treatment and return to independence/work for patients who require specialist care; and
- Ensuring timely referral to appropriate care for patients who require more specialised assessment and treatment.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Patient must be enrolled with the PHO;
- Patient is aged 17 years and older;
- Patient has an injury that meets the criteria outlined in the GPMRI Clinical Pathways;
- Patient has been assessed by a Trained GP as suitable for referral; and
- The date on the Injury Claim Lodgement with ACC-45 is not greater than 6 months.

Programme Processes:

1. GP or NP complete knee, cervical, lumber physical assessment;
2. GP or NP make referral via ERMS: ACC GP MRI referral;
3. GP or NP provide client / patient package of care (detailed below).
4. After package of care is completed, submit a GP MRI claim on the web portal.

Client / Patient Pathway Package of Care:

The Client / Patient Pathway Package is an **all-inclusive package** that comprises a package of services.

The services that are provided by the GP / NP are making the referral for GP MRI and following up with the patient.

An extension to the initial consultation is funded within this package to enable an assessment of a patient's presentation with an injury that meets the criteria. **Note this is additional time over and above the initial consultation, and GP follow-up.**

After a client is assessed as eligible for the Service, the treating GP or NP must:

1. Refer the patient for an MRI under ACC publicly funded radiology;
2. Arrange for a follow-up consultation to discuss and/or communicate the results of the MRI (this may be either in-person, phone-call, or through a patient portal) with the patient. Note: patient co-payment cannot be charged for the follow-up consultation as the patient pathway package price includes payment for the follow-up consultation;
 - a. Where the Client declines or does not present for the follow-up appointment, the patient package payment can still be claimed as long as a GP has reviewed the radiology result and recorded (via outcome reporting) and where possible communicated (via email/a patient portal) what would have been the appropriate recovery plan for the Client)
3. Refer the patient to the appropriate rehabilitation or specialist services for further management where required.

Payment:

- Paid at \$175 per claim