

Criteria for Medicare-rebated Prostate MRI

Who can request a Medicare-rebated MRI?

Patients must be referred by a Prostate Cancer Specialist, not their GP

What are the patient eligibility requirements?

- a) a digital rectal examination (DRE) which is suspicious for prostate cancer; or
- b) in a person aged less than 70 years, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1-3 months are greater than 3.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25% or the repeat PSA exceeds 5.5 ng/ml; or
- c) in a person aged less than 70 years, whose risk of developing prostate cancer based on **family history at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1- 3 months** are greater than 2.0 ng/ml, and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%; or
- d) in a person aged 70 years or older, at least two PSA tests performed within an interval of 1- 3 months are greater than 5.5ng/ml and the free/total PSA ratio is less than 25%.

Note: Relevant family history is a first degree relative with prostate cancer or suspected of carrying a BRCA 1, BRCA 2 mutation.