

# MRI Consultant Codes

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Looking out for you

Code	Description
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**Head** For exclusion, further investigation and monitoring of:

12000	Tumour of the brain or meninges
12001	Skull base or orbital tumour
12002	Acoustic neuroma
12003	Pituitary tumour
12004	Inflammation of the brain or meninges
12005	Encephalopathy
12006	Encephalitis
12007	Suspect leukodystrophies
12008	ENT problems – following consultation with a radiologist
12009	Demyelinating disease of the brain
12010	Congenital malformation of brain or meninges
12011	Venous sinus thrombosis
12012	For further investigation and monitoring of:
12013	Head trauma
12014	Epilepsy
12015	Stroke
12016	Post-operative follow-up after brain surgery
12017	Severe headaches – exclude aneurysm

**Ophthalmic** For further investigation of:

12030	Suspected intra-orbital or visual pathway lesions
12031	Dysthyroid eye disease
12032	Diplopia

**Spine** For exclusion, further investigation and monitoring of:

12040	Tumour of the CNS or meninges
12041	Inflammation of the CNS or meninges
12042	Demyelinating disease
12043	Spinal cord compression (acute)
12044	Congenital malformations of the spinal cord, cauda equina or meninges

12045	Syrinx – congenital or acquired
12046	Myelopathy

For further investigation and monitoring of:

12071	Cervical radiculopathy with neurological signs
12072	Thoracic radiculopathy with neurological signs
12073	Lumbar radiculopathy with neurological signs
12074	Spinal canal stenosis
12075	Previous spinal surgery
12076	Trauma
12077	Cervical Spine – Severe neck pain
12078	Thoracic Spine – Severe thoracic pain
12079	Lumbar Spine – Severe low back pain

For investigation of:

12090	Any cause of spinal disease in pregnancy
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**Musculoskeletal** System For exclusion, further investigation and monitoring of:

12100	Tumour arising in bone or other connective tissue
12101	Infection arising in bone or other connective tissue
12102	Osteonecrosis
12103	Derangement of the hip or their supporting structures
12104	Derangement of the knee, or their supporting structures
12105	Derangement of the ankle or their supporting structures
12106	Derangement of the shoulder or their supporting structures
12107	Derangement of the elbow or their supporting structures
12108	Derangement of the wrist joints or their supporting structures

For further investigation and monitoring of:

12110	Slipped upper femoral epiphysis
12111	Post inflammatory or post traumatic epiphyseal fusion in a person under 16 years of age

12112	Complex cases of juvenile dermatomyositis
12113	Gaucher's disease

For diagnosis of:

12115	Juvenile dermatomyositis by guiding biopsy
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**Cardiovascular System** For further investigation and monitoring of:

12120	Congenital heart disease
12121	Tumour of the heart or a great vessel
12122	Aortic dissection/aneurysm
12123	Abnormality of thoracic aorta
12124	Post operative aortic graft infection or dehiscence
12125	For further investigation, in persons under the age of 16 years, of the vasculature of limbs prior to limb or digit transfer surgery in congenital limb deficiency syndrome
6233	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) with or without contrast enhancement (Refer to attached rules)

## Abdomen

12131	Characterisation of liver lesions when an ultrasound report is suggestive of haemangioma
12132	Detection and/or characterization of liver lesions
12133	Staging of abdominal masses where CT is inconclusive
12134	Evaluation of uterine fibroids, if Embolisation of uterine fibroids being contemplated, not in routine assessment for fibroids
12135	Staging of gynaecologic malignancies (endometrial, cervical and ovarian)
12136	Staging of rectal cancer
12137	Post operative recurrence of rectal cancer following CT and if tissue remains
12138	Staging of bladder cancer
12139	Detection of small pancreatic tumors not visible by CT, only if negative high resolution Triphasic CT scan of pancreas
12140	Assessment of fistulae/abscesses in patients with established Chron's disease following discussion with a multi-disciplinary team

For post operative evaluation of:

12151	Perineal abscess
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12152	Perineal fistula
12153	Assessment of the inferior vena cava in patients with known solid renal
12154	tumour
12155	MR urography (MRU) in patients with urographic contrast allergy
12156	MR urography in pregnancy

### Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) For further investigation of:

12160	Pancreatic and biliary disease where conventional methodology has failed
12161	and ERCP is considered undesirable

### Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) For exclusion or further investigation of:

12170	Stroke
12171	Carotid and vertebro-basilar disease
12172	Carotid or vertebral artery dissection
12173	Intracranial aneurysm
12174	Intracranial arteriovenous malformation
12175	Venous sinus thrombosis
12176	Vascular abnormality in a patient with a previous anaphylactic reaction to an iodinated contrast medium
12177	Obstruction of the superior vena cava, inferior vena cava or a major pelvic vein

For exclusion of:

12179	Renal artery stenosis post renal transplant
12180	Renal artery stenosis in patients less than 40 years of age with onset of significant hypertension and associated clinical laboratory or imaging evidence to suggest renal artery stenosis

### Carotid & Vertebral

12190	For investigation of transient ischaemic episodes, only following an inconclusive ultrasound (Note diagnostic use is not covered)
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### Peripheral

12200	Investigation of intermittent claudication or critical limb ischemia
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## Renal

12210	Investigation of patients with hypertension
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## Mesenteric

12220	Investigation of patients with suspected mesenteric angina, only following an inconclusive ultrasound (Note diagnostic use is not covered)
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## Aortic Arch

12230	Investigation of patients with transient ischaemic episodes / CVA or upper limb ishaemia.
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12231	Investigation of patients with aneurysms, dissection , arteriovenous fistulae or coarctation
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## Magnetic Resonance Venography (MRV) For exclusion or further investigation of:

12240	Patients with suspected stenosis or occlusion of central veins.
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12241	Patients with suspected thrombus in IVC or iliac veins, only following an inconclusive ultrasound
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12242	Patients with venous anomalies
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## Body For further investigation and monitoring of:

12250	Malignant soft tissue tumours for diagnosis and staging
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## For further investigation of:

12252	Congenital uterine or anorectal abnormality
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## Whole Body

12260	Bone Metastases due to primary cancer
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12261	Investigation of Polymyalgia, if pathology suggests diagnosis
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12262	Investigation of infiltrating marrow disorders
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## Breast

12700	Breast Cancer – where mammogram and/or ultrasound are negative for pathology but there continues to be a high index of clinical suspicion (e.g. in persons with inherited BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations)
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