

CT Angiography

From May 2020, the guidelines for referring CT Angiography were updated. For patients to be eligible for a Medicare rebate when requested by a general practitioner, the request must indicate that the patient's case has been discussed with a specialist or consultant physician.

MBS ITEM NUMBERS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Each of the below item numbers also states the following descriptors in their indications:

- the service is not a service to which another item in this group applies; and
- the service is performed for the exclusion of arterial stenosis, aneurysm or embolism
- the service is not a study performed to image the coronary arteries

These item numbers include any scans performed before intravenous contrast injection – one or more data acquisitions, including image editing, and maximum intensity projections or 3 dimensional surface shaded display, with hardcopy or digital recording of multiple projections.

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
57352 CT ANGIO HEAD AND NECK	<p>CT angiography with intravenous contrast medium of any or all, or any part, of the arch of the aorta; or the carotid arteries; or the vertebral arteries and their branches (head and neck)</p> <p>The item cannot be claimed more than once in any 12 month period. Item 57351 should be used for follow-up examinations within a 12 month period.</p>
57353 CT ANGIO CHEST, ABDO AND UPPER LIMBS (NON CORONARY)	<p>CT angiography with intravenous contrast medium of any or all, or any part, of the ascending at he common iliac and abdominal branches including upper limbs (chest, abdomen and upper limbs)</p> <p>The item cannot be claimed more than once in any 12 month period. Item 57351 should be used for follow-up examinations within a 12 month period.</p>
57354 CT ANGIO LOWER ARTERIES	<p>CT angiography with intravenous contrast medium of any or all, or any part, of the ascending and descending aorta; or the common iliac and abdominal branches including upper limbs (chest, abdomen and upper limbs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the service is not a service to which another item in this group applies; and • the service is performed for the exclusion of arterial stenosis, occlusion, aneurysm or embolism <p>The item cannot be claimed more than once in any 12 month period. Item 57351 should be used for follow-up examinations within a 12 month period.</p>

Please note: CT of the coronary arteries is covered under a separate item number and is currently not available for GP rebate.