

# CT Pulmonary Angiography

In addition to the May 2020 MBS update of the CT Angiography item numbers, a new item for CT Angiography of the Pulmonary Arteries was created (effective from November 2020).

Points to note as highlighted in the item description:

- **Exculsion of pulmonary embolism does not require the GP to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist/Consultant took place**
- **Exculsion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion or aneurysm does require the GP to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist/Consultant took place**

## MBS ITEM NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

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
57357 CT ANGIO PULMONARY ARTERIES	<p>Computed tomography—angiography with intravenous contrast medium of any or all, or any part, of the pulmonary arteries and their branches, including any scans performed before intravenous contrast injection, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the service is not a service to which another item in this group applies; and</li> <li>• the service is not a study performed to image the coronary arteries; and</li> <li>• the service is:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>performed for the exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion, aneurysm or embolism and is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; or</li> <li>performed for the exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion or aneurysm and is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician) and the request indicates that the patient's case has been discussed with a specialist or consultant physician; or</li> <li>for the exclusion of pulmonary embolism and is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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