



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, occlusion, 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	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). 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.
57353 CT ANGIO CHEST, ABDOMEN AND UPPER LIMBS (NON CORONARY)	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). 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.
57354 CT ANGIO LOWER LIMB ARTERIES	CT angiography with intravenous contrast medium of any or all, or any part, of the descending aorta; or the pelvic vessels (aorto-iliac segment) and lower limbs. 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.

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