

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:

- **Exclusion of pulmonary embolism does not require the GP to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist or Consultant physician took place**
- **Exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion or aneurysm does require the GP to indicate a discussion between the GP and a Specialist or Consultant physician 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"> • the service is not a service to which another item in this group applies; and • the service is not a study performed to image the coronary arteries; and • the service is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> performed for the exclusion of pulmonary arterial stenosis, occlusion, aneurysm or embolism and is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; or 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 for the exclusion of pulmonary embolism and is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician)

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