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HEAD/NECK & NEURO	EXAM TO ORDER	SYMPTOMS/CONCERNS	CPT CODE
	MRI brain - post fossa w/ & w/o contrast (IAC w/ & w/o)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell's Palsy • Vertigo • Hearing loss 	70553
	MRI brain (pituitary protocol) w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hormone abnormalities • Pituitary 	70553
	MRI brain (seizure protocol) w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizures - multiple early onset 	70553
	MRI brain and orbits w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of vision • Optic neuritis • Ocular mass or tumor • Visual disturbance 	70553, 70543
	MRI brain w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell's Palsy • Dizziness • Meningitis • Metastatic brain disease • Seizures • Brain tumor • Headaches (depends on associated clinical history) • Multiple sclerosis • Vertigo 	70553
	MRI brain w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ataxia • Dementia • Traumatic brain injury (chronic) • CVA • Headaches (depends on associated clinical history) 	70551
	MRI brain w/o contrast and consider MRA head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal or family history of aneurysm • Severe headache • Subarachnoid hemorrhage 	70551, 70544
	MRI face, orbit, neck w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor, mass, swelling, or infection of the soft tissue neck 	70543

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ABDOMEN & PELVIS	MRI abdomen w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal pain • Any complaint related to liver, spleen, pancreas or kidneys 	74183
	MRA abdomen w/ or w/o contrast <i>*If exam includes history of gall stones, gall bladder disease, bile duct dilation, cholangitis, biliary tumor or pancreatitis include MRCP.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Renal artery stenosis 	74185
	MRI abdomen w/ & w/o contrast w/ MRCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common bile duct or gallbladder concerns • Pancreatic duct 	74183, 76377
	MRI abdomen and pelvis w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crohn's disease • Inflammatory bowel disease • Ischemic bowel disease 	74183 Abdomen w/ & w/o 72197 Pelvis w/ & w/o
	MRI pelvis w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Coccyx fracture <li style="width: 50%;">• Pelvic fracture <li style="width: 50%;">• Pubic arthralgia <li style="width: 50%;">• Sacral fracture <li style="width: 50%;">• Sacroiliitis <li style="width: 50%;">• Sports hernia <li style="width: 50%;">• Stress fracture (Pelvis) 	72195
	MRI pelvis and prostate gland w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prostate cancer screening, staging or follow up 	72197

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PELVIS</p>	MRI pelvis female GYN w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adenomyosis • Dermoid • Fibroid • Infection or tumor • Post menopausal bleeding • Uterine mass • Cervical cancer • Family history of uterine or ovarian malignant tumor • Ovarian disease • UFE planning • Vaginal cancer 	72197
	MRI pelvis w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-gynecological tumor or infection • Non-specific pelvic pain 	72197
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SPINE</p>	MRI cervical spine w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demyelination • MS • Suspected tumor of cervical spinal cord 	72156
	MRI cervical spine w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benign cervical spine • Cervical neck pain • Compression fracture (Cervical Spine) • Degenerative disc disease • Disk herniation radiculopathy 	72141
	MRI lumbar spine w/ & w/o contrast <i>*If prior lumbar surgery (within 10 years), r/o infection, or bone mets then MRI lumbar spine w/ & w/o contrast.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low back pain longer than 6 weeks • Neuro impairment 	72158
	MRI lumbar spine w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failed back syndrome • Pathologic compression fracture (Lumbar Spine) 	72158

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SPINE	MRI lumbar spine w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression fracture • Disk herniation • Radiculopathy • Degenerative disk disease • Low back pain • Sciatica 	72148
	MRI thoracic spine w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression fracture benign (Thoracic Spine) • Degenerative disk disease • Thoracic back pain • Disk herniation 	72146
OTHER	MRI arthrogram (knee only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ankle pain with concern for unstable osteochondral lesion • Hip pain with concern for labral tear • Knee pain with concern for unstable osteochondral • Knee pain with prior arthroscopy 	73722 MRI joint LOWER extremity w/ contrast 27370 Arthro injection 77002 Fluoro guidance
	MRI arthrogram (shoulder only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elbow pain with concern for ligament or intra articular injury including unstable osteochondral lesions • Shoulder pain after dislocation or concern for labral tear • Shoulder pain after rotator cuff or labral repair • Wrist pain with concern for ligament or intra articular injury 	73222 MRI joint UPPER extremity w/ contrast 23350 Arthro injection 77002 Fluoro guidance
	MRI extremity LOWER w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture to non-joint extremity • Myositis • Soft tissue injury • Lipoma • Nonspecific pain • Stress response 	73718
	MRI extremity UPPER w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture to non-joint extremity • Myositis • Soft tissue injury • Lipoma • Nonspecific pain • Stress response 	73218

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OTHER	MRI joint LOWER extremity w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate for bony or soft tissue pathology • Internal derangement occult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint pain <p>73721</p>
	MRI joint UPPER extremity w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate for bony or soft tissue pathology • Internal derangement occult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint pain <p>73221</p>
	MRI w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumor or infection of extremity 	<p>73220 UPPER extremity (non-joint) 73720 LOWER extremity (non-joint)</p>

HEAD/NECK & NEURO	EXAM TO ORDER	SYMPTOMS/CONCERNS	CPT CODE
	CT head, brain w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ataxia • CVA • Headaches (Contrast - depends on associated clinical history)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain tumor • Dementia 70470
	CT head, brain w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ataxia • Dementia • Normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) (Contrast - depends on associated clinical history)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVA • Headaches • Traumatic brain injury (acute) 70450
	CT maxillofacial w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible fracture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma 70486
	CT orbit w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture • Trauma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swelling 70480
	CT sinus w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facial pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinusitis 70486
	CT soft tissue neck w/ contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymphadenopathy • Mass • Swelling 	70491
	CT soft tissue neck w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contraindication to iodine (consider MRI) • Salivary gland stone 	70490
	CT temporal bones w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earache • Hearing loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cholesteatoma 70480

Computed Tomography (CT)

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CHEST	CT angiography chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aneurysm • Chest pain • Dyspnea • Pulmonary embolism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascending aorta or aortic arch dissection • Elevated D-Dimer <p>71275</p>
	CT chest interstitial disease evaluation, high-resolution chest w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstitial lung disease 	71250
	CT chest low dose screening w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low dose lung cancer screening 	71250
	CT chest w/ contrast	<p><i>Preferred</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal chest x-ray • Chest pain • Dyspnea • Lung cancer • Pneumonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adenopathy • Cough • Follow up for known neoplasm • Pleural effusion • Pulmonary nodule or mass <p>71260</p>
	CT chest w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nodule follow-up when contrast is contraindicated • Contraindication to iodine 	71250
ABDOMEN	CT abdomen w/ & w/o contrast (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrenal mass • Pancreatic mass • Renal mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatic mass (dedicated liver study) • Upper abdominal pain <p>74170</p>
	CT abdomen w/ contrast (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<p><i>Preferred</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adenopathy • Pancreatitis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass • Upper abdominal pain <p>74160</p>
	CT abdomen w/o contrast (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contraindication to iodine (consider MRI) 	74150

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ABDOMEN & PELVIS	CT abdomen/pelvis w/ & w/o contrast* (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal pain • Constipation • Lymph node enlargement • Cancer • Diverticulitis • Pelvis pain 	74178
	CT abdomen/pelvis w/ contrast (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<p><i>Preferred</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal distension • Adenopathy • Bowel obstruction or perforation • Diverticulitis • Mass • Abdominal pain • Appendicitis • Cancer • Constipation • Lymph node enlargement • Pelvic pain 	74177
	CT abdomen/pelvis w/o contrast (w/ oral contrast, unless specified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal or pelvic pain • Contraindication to iodine (consider MRI) 	74176
	CT abdomen/pelvis w/o contrast (w/o oral contrast) - renal stone study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flank pain • Suspected renal stones or follow-up 	74176
	CT colonography diagnostic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failed or contraindication to traditional colonoscopy due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rectal bleeding, tortuous colon, or inability to tolerate sedation 	74261
	CT colonography screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colon cancer screening • Family history of colon cancer 	74263
	CT small bowel w/ contrast (w/ oral contrast)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anemia • Chronic GI bleed • Small bowel mass • Bowel obstruction • Crohn's disease 	74177
	CT urogram w/ & w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysuria • Hematuria • Flank pain • UTIs 	74178

*Performing CT Abdomen/Pelvis w/ & w/o contrast is not our recommended study, except for some dedicated oncology cases.

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SPINE	CT cervical spine w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression fracture • Trauma (Cervical Spine) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck pain <p>72125</p>
	CT lumbar spine w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression fracture (Lumbar Spine) • Low back pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma (Lumbar Spine) <p>72131</p>
OTHER	CT extremity LOWER w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture • Swelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain <p>73700</p>
	CT extremity UPPER w/o contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture • Swelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain <p>73200</p>

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NECK	US neck soft tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palpable head, face or neck mass (describe area) 	76536
	US thyroid or neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goiter • Palpable neck mass (describe on head, face, or neck) • Parotid, abnormal thyroid tests • Thyroidmegaly 	76536
CHEST	US chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediastinum • Palpable mass, chest wall and upper back (describe location) • Pleura 	76604
ABDOMEN	US abdominal complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal liver tests • Epigastric pain • Hepatitis • Nausea • Ascites • Fatty liver • Jaundice • Pain <p>Test includes the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, kidneys, aorta, and spleen. If abdominal and kidney (renal) are ordered together use abdomen and pelvic LTD (76857) to include bladder images.</p>	76700
	US abdominal LTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inguinal hernia • Quadrant pain • Single organ evaluation such as liver or gallbladder • Palpable mass lower abdominal and lower back (describe location) 	76705

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US aorta LTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aorta screening • Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) 	76775
US renal retroperitoneal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal kidney labs • Dysuria includes bladder and pre & post void measurements • Hydronephrosis • CKB • Calculus of kidney stones • Flank pain • Hematuria • Mass or cyst • UTI <p>If clinical history suggests urinary tract pathology, then a complete evaluation of the kidneys and urinary bladder will be included in the exam.</p>	76770
US pelvic (female) and transvaginal <i>*Patient or doctor may specifically request no transvaginal due to patient age (under 18 years old), pregnancy or comfort.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bleeding • Endometriosis • Female pelvis to view uterus and ovaries • Leiomyoma • Lower abdominal and pelvic pain • Bloating • Excessive or frequent menstruation • Fibroids • Mass 	76856, 76830
US pelvic (female and male) (No transvaginal included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelvic pain • Irregular bleeding • Fibroids • Free fluid • Mass • Bloating • Abscess • Male pelvis bladder 	76856
US pelvic LTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bladder • Soft palpable mass, pelvic wall and buttocks (describe location) • Urinary tract problems • To evaluate bladder in addition to abdominal US 	76857
US scrotal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass • Pain • Swelling and tenderness 	76870, 93976

PELVIS

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VASCULAR	US arterial - lower extremity only <i>*Always includes bilateral extremity unless amputation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cellulitis • Edema • PVD or PAD (Peripheral vascular/arterial disease) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudication • Extremity pain <p>93925, 93979</p>
	US carotid duplex arteries bilateral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruit • Hypercholesteremia • Trauma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplopia • Hyperlipidemia • Vertigo <p>93880</p>
	US extremity venous studies duplex scan of veins, UNILATERAL upper and lower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edema • Swelling in extremity • Pain in extremity <p>Please indicate upper/lower extremity and right/left.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbness • Warm limb • Thrombosis <p>93971</p>
	US extremity venous study duplex scan of veins, BILATERAL upper and lower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain • Swelling <p>Please indicate upper/lower extremity and right/left.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redness • Tenderness in both legs <p>93970</p>
	US noninvasive extremity artery bilateral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain <p>93923</p>
OTHER	US breast, unilateral, complete US breast, unilateral, limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palpable mass to INCLUDE side and location on breast (i.e. right breast palpable 10:00) 	<p>76641 76642</p>
	US non-vascular extremity LTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumps • Soft tissue masses on extremities and axilla (document specific area of concern) 	76882
	US spinal canal and contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tethered cord (pediatric exam) 	76800

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BONE MINERAL DENSITOMETRY	DXA, Bone Density, one or more sites (hips, pelvis, spine), including vertebral fracture assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate bone loss Osteoporosis Osteopenia 	77085
	DXA, Vertebral Fracture Assessment Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertebral fracture assessment 	77086
	CT, Bone Density, QCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteoporosis Osteopenia 	77078

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PREGNANCY	US Obstetrical < 14 weeks US Transvaginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy LESS than 14 weeks Fetal demise <p>Please include last menstrual period or established estimated date of delivery on all exams (less than 14 weeks). <i>*Preferred exam to include EV for early OB.</i></p>	76801, 76817
	US Obstetrical > 14 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy GREATER than 14 weeks Evaluation of fetal growth <p>Please include last menstrual period or established estimated date of delivery for OB ultrasound (more than 14 weeks or for multiple fetus).</p>	76805, 76810
	US Obstetrical w/ imaging of additional fetus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple fetus US obstetrical less than 14 weeks 	76801 (first) 76802 (additional)

MAMMOGRAPHY & BREAST ULTRASOUND	EXAM TO ORDER	SYMPTOMS/CONCERNS	CPT CODE
	Annual bilateral diagnostic mammogram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal history breast cancer - asymptomatic women 	G0204
	Annual screening mammogram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All asymptomatic women age 40 and older 	G0202
	Breast ultrasound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete breast US* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete examination of all four quadrants of the breast and the retroareolar region • Limited breast US* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focused exam of the breast that is limited to one or more of the elements included in 76641 - Palpable mass woman age 29 and younger 	76641 complete
			76642 limited
	Diagnostic bilateral mammogram (male)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palpable mass 	G0204
	Breast tomosynthesis, unilateral		77061
	Breast tomosynthesis, bilateral		77062
	Screening breast tomosynthesis, bilateral		77063
	Diagnostic bilateral mammogram Breast ultrasound (female)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptomatic patients age 30 and older 	G0204 76641 complete 76642 limited

**Both code definitions include an examination of the axilla, if performed.*

MAMMOGRAPHY	EXAM TO ORDER	SYMPTOMS/CONCERNS	CPT CODE
	Unilateral diagnostic mammogram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal history breast cancer - mastectomy 	G0206
	Consider high-risk screening MRI of breasts in addition to (not as a replacement for) annual screening mammography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk Patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BRCA 1 or 2 carrier - History of chest radiation from ages 10-30 - Lifetime risk of breast cancer 20-25% or greater - Untested patient w/ 1st degree relative positive for BRCA 1 or 2 	70559



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