



# RURAL MEDICAL IMAGING

Locations: Innisfail Mareeba Atherton Ingham

## Request for Service Policy and Procedures



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# Request for Services Policy & Procedures

## Purpose and Scope

The purpose of policy is to ensure that the requests for a diagnostic service are only undertaken when there is an identified clinical need and is in accordance with the relevant legislation.

## When can a service be requested

A diagnostic imaging service can be requested for Rural Medical Imaging to undertake when there has been an identified clinical need and is made by a medical practitioner who is able to request a service under the Health Insurance Act 1973 and a Medicare benefit is payable.

The providing and reporting practitioner may also self-determine a service in accordance with requirements of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

## How requests are made

Requests for diagnostic imaging have to be made on a referral form issued by a medical practitioner who is eligible to request these services. The referrals are usually provided to the patient during the consultation with their GP.

The patient can then make a booking using their referral to have the procedure done with us.

## Receipt of a referral

When the patient makes a booking details of the procedure required are taken. Provided the procedure is in our scope of procedures, an appointment is made for the patient to have the procedure done.

Upon presentation to the practice the referral is checked for validity and eligibility. Rural Medical Imaging issues referral forms to local doctors allowing us to readily identify our forms and match them back to the referring practitioner/practice. Referral forms not issued by us are checked to ensure that the referring doctor/practice is valid. The requested procedure is checked and the technician performing the procedure will confirm that the requested procedure matches the condition or area that the referral is requesting.

## Inappropriate requests

Inappropriate requests are requests that fail to address the patient's clinical indications, do not request the correct area of concern or have not requested the most appropriate modality to investigate the patient's pathology. The technician may also identify that the service does not correlate to the answers given by the patient in relation to the area showing on the referral form. At times the technician may identify that the service requested is not appropriate for the patient to have or that the area of concern and clinical indications may be better accommodated with a different modality. The technician will contact the referring physician for clarification or correction of the referral.

## Example Request forms

Examples of patient referral forms demonstrating clinical need

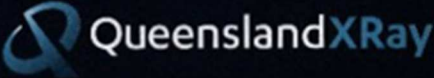
- Xray – this form shows the requirement for imaging 6 weeks after hip surgery. [Xray Referral](#)<sup>i</sup>
- CT – this form shows the requirement for imaging due to pain in back. [CT referral](#)<sup>ii</sup>
- Ultrasound – this form shows requirement for imaging due to pelvic pain. [Ultrasound Referral](#)<sup>iii</sup>

## Document review

This document has been compiled and reviewed in August 2021 whilst reviewing and updating our Safety and Quality Manual and will be reviewed again in Nov 2024 each year in June as per Review Schedule in our Safety & Quality Manual.

Xray Referral

Cairns Region  
**Radiology Referral**



**Date:** 26 Jul 2021

**For all appointments**  
**Ph: 4046 7800**  
**Fax: 4051 3028**  
**Email: cairns@qldxray.com.au**  
**Book Online: www.qldxray.com.au**

**Patient details**  
**Name:** Mrs Jeanette [redacted] DOB: 15/1/[redacted]  
**Address:** 52 [redacted] Street  
 INNISFAIL QLD 4860 Mob: 0436 132 [redacted] Home: 4061 3[redacted]  
**Medicare No:**

**Phone lines open from:**  
**7am-7pm Mon to Fri**  
**8am-4pm Sat**  
**8am-12pm Sun**

Examination required

Do not send reports to My Health Record

xray right humerus

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Reason for investigation

6/52 post orif humeral nonunion assess

**Patient Safety Check**

1. Patient ID: (✓)

2. Consent Obtained: ( )

3. Procedure Confirmed: ( )

4. Site Confirmed: ( )

Admin Sign: N.B

Date: 12/08/21

Follow-up appointment with Referring Doctor:

**Referring Practitioner's Details**  
**Practitioner's Name:** Dr Robert Pozzi **Provider Num:** 080372QT  
**Address:** Dr Robert Pozzi Medical Pty Ltd  
 225-227 Draper Street  
 Cairns QLD 4870  
 Ph: 07 4040 6222

Signature: 

Copv to:

**Queensland X-ray Internal Use Only**

**Medical Imaging Final Check**

	Yes	No
Pregnant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front Office Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient Identification verified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Procedure and consent verified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Correct side and site verified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Correct patient data and side markers

Tech initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Team leader signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CT referral

RECEIVED 09/08/2021 09:13  
09/08 2021 MON 9:19 FAX +61 7 46347000 ST ANDREW'S TMRB PHC 001/001

2524 2319651  
10/2021



# RURAL MEDICAL IMAGING

X-Ray | Ultrasound | CT | DFG | BMD | ECHO | Calcium Scoring

**Patient Details:**

Name: *Stewart* [Redacted] DOB: 2-2-[Redacted]  
Address: 25 [Redacted] Phone: 0423 048 [Redacted]  
*Tasmanian*  
Medicare or DVA No: 252 [Redacted] 196-5

**Examination Details:**

*CT Scan L-5 spine*

**Clinical Details:**

*RT sided loin pain  
+ LBP  
Multiple sclerosis*

Pregnant: Yes  No

Referring Doctor:

Name: *GARY PORTER* (Middy)  
Address: *260 North St*

*Tasmanian*

Provider No: *37306SK*  
Phone: *0146 907011* Fax: *0146 347000*

Signed: *[Signature]* Date: *9/8/2021*

Your doctor has recommended that you use Rural Medical Imaging. You may choose another provider, but please discuss this with your doctor first.

**CT Scan - IV Contrast Risk**  
Please indicate any of the following

Allergy  Hypertension  
 Diabetic  Renal insufficiency  
 On any Metformin based medicine at time  
 Congestive Heart Failure  
 Previous Contrast Reaction (Type) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies (Signify) *None*

YES to any of the above (both the benefits and risks of assessment here) are required  
 eGFR: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: *1/1*

**CT ANGIO / CT PAs**

This patient's case has been discussed with a specialist or Consultant Physician

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Safety Check**

1. Patient ID:   
 2. Consent Obtained:   
 3. Procedure Confirmed:   
 4. Site Confirmed:

Attending Sign: *[Signature]*

**RMI Innisfail**  
Innisfail Food Emporium  
16A1 - 5 Owen St  
Innisfail  
Ph: 4061 7006  
Fax: 4061 7008

**RMI Atherton**  
30 Mabel Street  
Atherton  
Ph: 4091 3377  
Fax: 4091 7974

**RMI Mareeba**  
The Post Office Centre  
94 Bynes Street  
Mareeba  
Ph: 4092 3385  
Fax: 4092 6719

**RMI Ingham**  
22 Heard Street  
Ingham  
Ph: 4776 2581  
Fax: 4214 5260



Ultrasound Referral

**Imaging request**

Rural Medical Imaging  
16a 1-5 Owen St Innisfail 4860 Phone: 07 4061 7006

Medicare number  
338 [redacted] 276/2 ✓ 06/25

<b>Patient details</b> Samantha [redacted] 25 [redacted] St El Arish 4855	<b>Sex</b> F <b>Home phone</b> 0457208 [redacted]	<b>Date of Birth</b> 03/07/[redacted] <b>Work phone</b> [redacted] <b>Mobile phone</b> 0457208 [redacted]
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**Requested tests**  
Pelvic USS-

**Clinical details**  
Pelvic pain  
? Fibroids +  
Noted growth/polyp at the cervix

Excluded Services

1. Patient ID:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Consent Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Procedure Confirmed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Site Confirmed:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Admin Sign: NB  
Date: 06/08/21

<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Signed</b> [Signature] 13/07/2021	<b>Do not send to My Health Record</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Copies to</b>	<b>Requesting practitioner</b> <b>Mrs Margaret Stewart</b> Shop 9 & 10, Mission Beach Marketplace 34-40 Dickinson Street Mission Beach 4852 Ph: 0742134105 473403GA Fax: 0742134106 Provider No.
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## Original Files

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- i 2.1 Xray Referral
- ii 2.1 CT Referral
- iii 2.1 Ultrasound Referral