

# IS YOUR PATIENT AGED 70 YEARS OR OLDER?

Yes

No

Has your patient had a bone density scan previously?

Yes

No

Please turn over for Item codes to be used for patients under 70 years old.

When was their last bone density scan completed?

ON OR AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Which Item was used on their last referral?

Was Item 12306 used for the scan?

12320

12322

12306

Yes

No

Check the patients lowest T-Score from their last bone density test and look below the yellow line to select which Item number to use for their next bone density test.

Please note, unless the patient's T-score was -1.5 or above, the patient is eligible for a follow up scan 12 months after their initial screening however, it is up to the practitioner to decide if this is **clinically necessary**.

Continue to use 12322. Patient is eligible for their scan every 2 years.

Continue to use 12306. Patient is eligible for their scan every 2 years.

Use Medicare Item 12320 for an initial screening study under Medicare's new Item scheme. The lowest T-Score from this bone density scan will determine when your patient is eligible for their next scan and the Item to be used. Look below the yellow line for T-score references.

Please note, unless the patient's T-score is -1.5 or above (normal bone density), the patient is eligible for a follow up scan after 12 months after their initial screening using Items 12322 or 12306, however, it is up to the practitioner to decide if this is **clinically necessary**.

T-Score of -1.5 or above

T-Score of less than -1.5 and above -2.5

T-Score of -2.5 or less

**Medicare Item 12320**

(1 service every 5 years)

**Medicare Item 12322**

(1 service every 2 years)

**Medicare Item 12306**

(1 service every 2 years)

# Do you know the Bone Densitometry Medicare Item Codes?

**PATIENTS: ALL AGES**

Has your patient had a significant change in therapy for established low BMD?

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

Has your patient sustained a minimal fracture trauma?

- Primary hyperparathyroidism;
- Chronic liver disease;
- Chronic renal disease;
- Proven malabsorptive disorders (e.g. Coeliac or Crohn's disease);
- Rheumatoid arthritis; or
- Conditions associated with thyroxine excess.

- Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in the MBS);
- Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;
- Male hypogonadism; or
- Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.

**Medicare Item  
12321**

(1 service every 12 months)

**Medicare Item  
12315**

(1 service every 2 years)

**Medicare Item  
12312**

(1 service every 12 months)

**Medicare Item  
12306**

(1 service every 2 years)



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