

MRI Pelvis

CPT: 72195, 72196, 72197

1 Major Symptom or Complaint presented as primary indication

1.1 Bleeding, pelvic

1.1.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

1.2 Cramping, severe

1.2.1 Endometriosis suspected

1.3 Cyclical Pelvic Pain

1.3.1 Endometriosis suspected

1.4 Dysmenorrhea

1.4.1 Adenomyosis suspected

1.5 Dysparunia

1.5.1 Adenomyosis suspected

1.5.2 Endometriosis suspected

1.6 Fever

1.6.1 Abdominal Pain

1.6.2 Leukocytosis

1.6.3 Pelvic pain

1.6.4 US nondiagnostic

1.7 Infertility

1.7.1 Adenomyosis suspected

1.7.1.1 Dysmenorrhea

1.7.1.2 Enlarged uterus by PE or US

1.7.1.3 Infertility

1.7.1.4 Pelvic pain

1.7.1.5 Uterine bleeding

References:

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1.7.2 Endometriosis suspected

1.7.2.1 Dysmenorrhea with onset in the 20s or 30s

1.7.2.2 Dyspareunia

1.7.2.3 Pain, usually pelvic but can be in other locations

1.7.2.4 Painful defecation

1.8 Pain, Pelvis

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1.9 Rectal pain

1.9.1 Fistula suspected

1.9.2 Endometriosis suspected

1.9.2.1 Dysmennorrhea with onset in the 20s or 30s

1.9.2.2 Dyspareunia

1.9.2.3 Pain, usually pelvic but can be in other locations

1.9.2.4 Painful defecation

1.10 Uterine bleeding

1.10.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2 Working Diagnosis or Rule Out presented as primary indication

2.1 Abscess, suspected (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, PID)

2.1.1 Abdominal or pelvic pain

2.1.2 Chills

2.1.3 Fever

2.1.4 Leukocytosis

2.1.5 Mass by physical examination or US

2.1.6 Purulent Discharge (cervical or vaginal)

2.1.7 Tenderness, pelvic, adnexal or cervical

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2.2 Adenomyosis Endometrial extension into the myometrium, cause unknown.

2.2.1 Dysmenorrhea

2.2.2 Enlarged uterus by PE or US

2.2.3 Infertility

2.2.4 Pelvic pain

2.2.5 Uterine bleeding

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2.3 Aneurysm, suspected rupture

2.3.1 Acute onset of pain

2.3.2 Falling blood pressure

2.3.3 Shock

2.4 Arcuate Uterus

2.4.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2.5 Bicornuate uterus

2.5.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2.6 Didelphic uterus

2.6.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2.7 Endometriosis Endometriosis is the presence of endometrial tissue in extauterine sites. Most frequently in the pelvis

2.7.1 Dysmennorrhea with onset in the 20s or 30s

2.7.2 Dyspareunia

2.7.3 Pain, usually pelvic but can be in other locations

2.7.4 Painful defecation

2.8 Hernia, femoral or inguinal suspected

2.8.1 Groin bulging

2.8.2 Local groin pain

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2.9 LumboSacral Plexus Pathology (Plexopathy)

2.9.1 Insidious onset of radicular pain and weakness

2.9.1.1 History of Breast or Lung cancer

2.9.1.2 History of radiation therapy to the lumbosacral spine

2.9.2 Incontinence

2.9.3 Numbness

2.9.4 Paresthesias

2.9.5 Radiating pain

2.9.6 Weakness of lower extremity

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2.10 Meralgia paresthetica

2.10.1 Numbness and/or dysesthesias of the thigh

2.10.2 Refractory to attempted treatment with NSAIDs or injection

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2.11 Metastatic disease

2.11.1 Known malignancy elsewhere

2.11.1.1 New pelvic symptoms or findings

2.12 Myomatous uterus

2.12.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2.13 Osteomyelitis suspected

2.13.1 Pain or Fever AND One

2.13.1.1 C reactive Protein elevated

2.13.1.2 Elevated ESR

2.13.1.3 Fever

2.13.1.4 Leukocytosis

2.13.1.5 Positive Blood Cultures

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2.14 Sacroileitis

2.14.1 Low back pain

2.14.1.1 Failed Conservative Management

2.15 Septate or subseptate uterus

2.15.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

2.16 Suspected fracture, routine imaging nondiagnostic

2.17 Suspected Prostate Cancer

2.17.1 Elevated PSA (prostate-specific antigen) level (> 4.0 ng/mL) and negative prostate biopsy

2.17.2 Planning of ultrasound biopsy using MRI/US fusion

2.17.3 Mass on digital rectal exam

2.17.4 Positive prostate biopsy with need for extent of disease evaluation and no prior MRI pelvis exam

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3 Abnormal Physical Exam Finding presented as primary indication

3.1 Fistula

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3.2 Mass by Physical Exam or prior imaging

3.2.1 US nondiagnostic

3.3 Tenderness, Pelvic

3.3.1 Abscess, suspected (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, PID)

3.3.1.1 Abdominal or pelvic pain

3.3.1.2 Chills

3.3.1.3 Fever

3.3.1.4 Leukocytosis,

3.3.1.5 Mass by physical examination or US

3.3.1.6 Purulent Discharge (cervical or vaginal)

3.4 Uterine enlargement

3.4.1 Ultrasound not diagnostic

4 Abnormal Lab or Imaging presented as primary indication

4.1 Leukocytosis

4.1.1 Abdominal or Pelvic pain

4.1.2 Fever

4.1.3 US nondiagnostic

4.2 Pelvic Mass on Prior Imaging

4.2.1 Pelvic Ultrasound exam is indeterminate or suspicious

4.3 Uterine anomaly (US nondiagnostic)

4.4 Uterine enlargement

4.4.1 Ultrasound not diagnostic

4.5 Uterine structural abnormality

4.5.1 Ultrasound not diagnostic

5 Significant Prior Medical History presented as primary indication

5.1 Abscess, known

5.1.1 Follow up during or after treatment

5.2 Aneurysm, known, follow up

5.2.1 Interval evaluation after repair of aneurysm

5.2.2 Routine follow up every 6 – 12 months

5.3 Bladder cancer

5.3.1 Staging or restaging

5.4 Cervical cancer

5.4.1 Staging or restaging

5.5 Colon Cancer

5.5.1 Staging or restaging

5.6 Fibroid uterus

5.6.1 Ultrasound nondiagnostic

5.6.2 Prior to embolization or other planned treatment

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5.7 Osteomyelitis Known

5.7.1 Interval follow up during and after treatment

5.7.2 Preoperative

5.7.3 Worsening clinical situation

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5.8 Postoperative

5.8.1 Bleeding

5.8.2 Fever

5.8.3 Leukocytosis

5.8.4 Severe or prolonged pain

5.9 PreOperative

5.9.1 Before Myomectomy or Hysterectomy

5.9.2 Before Uterine Artery Embolization

5.10 Prostate cancer

5.10.1 Positive prostate biopsy for diagnosis of prostate cancer with need for staging or treatment planning and no prior MRI pelvis exam

5.10.2 Following treatment of prostate cancer with clinical concern for residual or recurrent disease

5.10.2.1 Immediately following prostatectomy (removal of prostate gland) with detectable PSA (prostate-specific antigen) level

5.10.2.2 Prior prostatectomy (removal of prostate gland) with rising PSA (prostate-specific antigen)

5.10.2.3 Following radiation therapy with rising PSA (prostate-specific antigen) level or palpable mass on digital rectal exam

5.10.2.4 Following treatment with hormone therapy (androgen deprivation therapy) and rising PSA (prostate-specific antigen) level

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5.11 Rectal Cancer

5.11.1 Staging or restaging

5.12 Testicular Cancer

5.12.1 Initial staging

5.12.2 Surveillance imaging (SEE ONCOLOGY ROUTINE IMAGING)

5.13 Undescended testicle

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5.14 Uterine cancer

5.14.1 Staging or restaging

5.14.1.1 Staging or restaging