

Provider Checklist-Outpatient -Imaging

**Checklist: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Ankle
(CPT Code: 73721, 73722, 73723)**

All Indications [***One has to be present**]

***Chronic monarticular joint pain [All have to be present]**

Symptoms at ankle [**One has to be present**]

Joint pain
Locking
Giving way by Hx

Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM
Limited ROM
Crepitus
Tenderness
Joint effusion/swelling

Ankle x-ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain
Continued Sx/findings after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

NSAID [**One has to be present**]

-1 Rx \geq 4 wks
-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

PT \geq 6 wks

***Suspected intra-articular loose body [All have has to be present]**

Symptoms at ankle [**One has to be present**]

Joint pain
Locking
Giving way by Hx



Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM
Limited ROM
Clicking

Ankle x-ray nondiagnostic for loose body

*Suspected avascular necrosis (osteonecrosis), talus [**All have has to be present**]

Ankle pain
Pain with passive ROM
Talus fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging
Ankle x-ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis
Continued pain after immobilization \geq 6 wks

*Suspected acute posterior tibial tendon rupture [**All have has to be present**]

Injury to the area by Hx \leq 3 wks
Symptoms at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Pain in medial ankle
Pain increased by weight bearing/inversion

Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM
Limited ROM
Crepitus
Tenderness
Joint effusion/swelling

Ankle x-ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

*Suspected chronic posterior tibial tendon rupture [**All have has to be present**]

Injury to the area by Hx
Symptoms at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Pain in medial ankle
Pain increased by weight bearing/inversion



Findings at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Weakness of tibialis posterior muscle
Tenderness of posterior tibial tendon

No fracture by x-ray
Continued pain after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

NSAID [**One has to be present**]

- 1 Rx \geq 4 wks
- 2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

PT \geq 6 wks

*Suspected osteomyelitis [**Both have to be present**]

Findings [**One has to be present**]

ESR > 30 mm/hr
Temperature > 100.4 F(38.0 C)
WBC > 10,000/cu.mm(10x10⁹/L)
Blood culture positive
C-reactive protein > 10 mg/L

Ankle x-ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis