

Provider Checklist-Outpatient -Imaging

**Checklist: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Foot
(CPT Code: 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723)**

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

***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

Foot x-ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

***Soft tissue mass [**Both have to be present**]**

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

Foot pain
Entrapment neuropathy

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

Mass by PE and x-ray nondiagnostic for soft tissue mass
Mass by x-ray

***Suspected bone tumor [**One has to be present**]**

Sclerosis by x-ray
Periostitis by x-ray
Lytic/blastic mass by x-ray
Cortical destruction by x-ray
Pathologic fracture by x-ray

*Suspected stress fracture [**All have to be present**]

Stress to the area by Hx

Sx/findings at foot [**One has to be present**]

Tenderness at site of suspected injury
Pain increased by weight-bearing/inversion

No fracture by x-ray
Continued pain after ≥ 4 wks conservative Rx

*Posterior tibial nerve compression, tarsal tunnel [**All have to be present**]

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

Pain/dysesthesia of plantar foot
Paresthesias of the sole of the foot

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

Positive Tinel's sign
Sensory impairment over medial plantar/lateral plantar nerve branches
[**One has to be present**]

-1 Decreased 2-point discrimination
-2 Decreased light touch/

NCS (Nerve Conduction Study) consistent with compression at tarsal tunnel

Continued Sx/findings after Rx [**All have to be present**]

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

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks
-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

Heel wedge/arch support ≥ 6 wks
Corticosteroid injection [**One has to be present**]

-1 Ineffective
-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated/refused



*Suspected tarsal coalition [**Both have to be present**]

Sx/findings [**One has to be present**]

Pain at site
Rigid flatfoot
Pain increased with activity
Decreased ROM in midfoot and hindfoot

X-ray nondiagnostic for tarsal coalition

*Suspected avascular necrosis (osteonecrosis), metatarsal head [**All have to be present**]

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