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## Oregon Chiropractic Scope of Practice For Diagnostics and MRI

Chiropractic physicians in Oregon have a broad scope of practice for diagnostic testing. This includes ordering magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) when indicated.

Some entities such as hospitals or third party payers have questioned whether chiropractic physicians may order MRIs.

Chiropractors need direct access in ordering magnetic resonance imaging to establish diagnosis for key conditions presenting in their patient population that directs management of care.

Chiropractic physicians receive extensive training in this area. The training of doctors of chiropractic emphasizes the role of imaging, especially conventional radiography and magnetic resonance imaging. Chiropractic students are taught the basic physics, clinical applications, the advantages and limitations of these imaging modalities. In addition, chiropractic students are taught to interpret key bone and joint conditions as well as current imaging guidelines.

In all requests for diagnostic testing, there needs to be clinical justification (OAR 811-015-0010).

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