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ABDOMINAL MRI CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

MRI of the abdomen is generally *not indicated* to evaluate non-specific abdominal pain, organ enlargement, vascular abnormalities or the further evaluation of abnormal laboratory studies in the absence of a prior complete physical examination and/or ultrasound or CT of the abdomen.

MRI of the abdomen is a covered benefit when **ONE** of the criteria is met:

- To help characterize liver, pancreatic, kidney and adrenal masses seen on CT; **OR**
- Unusual cases of tumor spread.