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CHEST MRA CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

Appropriate indicators are essentially limited to complex vascular studies.

Chest MRA is a covered benefit is covered when **ONE** of the criteria is met:

- Axillary or brachiocephalic vessel status; **OR**
- Aortic aneurysm, especially dissecting type; **OR**
- Acquired disease of thoracic aorta; **OR**
- Systemic venous thrombosis or occlusion; **OR**
- Alternative to angiography for evaluating pulmonary embolism in patients who cannot have iodinated contrast material.