



## **Provider Checklist-Outpatient -Imaging**

### **Checklist: MRI Neck (For CPT Codes: 70540, 70542, 70543)**

Indicate submandibular gland mass by PE

Indicate parotid mass by PE

If suspected head/neck abscess indicate temperature > 100.4 F (38.0 C), pain at site by Hx AND oral cavity/neck swelling by PE

If head/neck cancer, indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

baseline scan as part of staging;  
baseline scan positive WITH periodic assessment during chemotherapy/radiation Rx  
OR restaging after chemotherapy/radiation Rx completed;  
OR new/worsening sx/findings with known head/neck cancer

If neck mass/node, indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

> 1 cm by PE;  
high suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH nontender AND fixed;  
OR low suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH unchanged by PE after > 4 wks OR larger by PE after > 4 wks

If obstructive thyroid nodule/goiter indicate respiratory difficulty/dysphagia by Hx OR upper airway obstruction by PFTs (Pulmonary Function Tests)

If suspected nasopharyngeal tumor indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

chronic unilateral serous otitis media WITH fluid behind TM (Temporomandibular)by PE AND duration  $\geq$  2 wks;  
recurrent epistaxis WITH no visible mucosal bleeding site by PE/nasal endoscopy AND epistaxis  $\geq$  2 episodes by Hx;  
nasopharyngeal mass/ulceration by PE/nasal endoscopy;  
OR unilateral facial pain WITH constant pain by Hx, duration  $\geq$  2 wks, PE normal AND nasal endoscopy normal

If suspected parathyroid tumor, indicate prior anterior neck surgery, Ca > normal AND PTH (Parathyroid Hormone) > normal