

# Scheduling Multiple Exams

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Use this guide to correctly schedule patients with multiple exams on the same day in Merge RIS (not necessary for eRAD scheduling). Follow location-specific preferences and observe proper spacing between exams to ensure accuracy and patient safety.

### General Rule (All WR Locations - Except Arlington)

- **Preferred Order When Scheduling Multiple Exams:**
    1. General Ultrasound (Sono)
    2. DEXA/Bone Density
    3. Mammogram (Screening or Diagnostic)
    4. Breast Ultrasound
  - This order helps reduce conflicts related to contrast, fasting, and room availability.
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### Special Rule - Arlington Only

- **Exam Order:** Does not matter
  - **Scheduling Rule:** Exams must be scheduled back-to-back
    - No gaps between exams
    - Do not schedule other patients between them
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### Barium & Fasting Rules Recap

- DEXA must not follow a barium exam within 7 days
  - Ultrasound (Abdomen or Pelvis) must be done **before** a barium exam - not after.
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### Best Practices

- Always confirm if contrast, fasting, or prep is involved when booking multiple exams.

- When in doubt, consult your team lead or radiologist scheduling guide.

### Modality-Specific Spacing Rules

Modality	Back-to-Back Allowed?	Gap After This Exam Before Another Modality	Notes
Ultrasound (Sono)	With another Ultrasound only	1 hour	Don't schedule other modalities within 1 hour after ultrasound
DEXA/Bone Density	No	30 minutes	Don't schedule other modalities within 30 minutes after DEXA
Screening Mammogram	No	30 minutes	Don't schedule other modalities within 30 minutes after Screening
Diagnostic Mammogram	No	1.5 hours	
MRI	With another MRI only	1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't schedule other modalities within 1 hour after MRI</li> <li>• Use caution when combining other modalities</li> </ul>
CT (No Barium)	With another CT only	No gap needed	Ct exams can be scheduled back-to-back
CT with Barium	No	Varies by types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannot be scheduled within 7 days before a DEXA</li> <li>• <b>Do NOT schedule before an Ultrasound of Abdomen and/or Pelvis</b> - Ultrasound must be first</li> </ul>

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