

Age Limit Guidelines for Imaging Exams

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- Use this chart to determine age eligibility for each imaging exam type.
- Refer to the [Radiologist Physician List by Modality](#) for further details when needed.

Ultrasound (Sonography)

Exam Types	Minimum Age	Notes
General Ultrasound	No Minimum	Refer to Radiologist Physician List by Modality
Breast Ultrasound (Symptomatic)	16 years old	For symptomatic patients under 30
Breast Ultrasound (Dense Tissue)	16 years old	For patients with prior screening mammogram and dense tissue follow-up

Mammography & Bone Density

Exam Type	Minimum Age	Notes
Screening Mammogram	16 years old	Annual/screening typically starts at 40. If under 35, an order is required.
Diagnostic Mammogram	30 years old	For: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Symptomatic patients• Follow-up exams• Callback exams
DEXA/Bone Density	16	

MRI Exams

Exam Type	Minimum Age	Notes
MRI without Contrast	16 years old	
MRI with Contrast	18 years old	

CT Scans

Exam Type	Minimum Age	Notes
CT with IV Contrast	18 years old	
CT with Barium Contrast	16 years old	
CT without Contrast	16 years old	
CT Calcium/Cardiac Scoring	16 years	

Other Modalities

Exam Type	Minimum Age	Notes
X-Ray	16 years old	

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