

Doppler Ultrasound: Scheduling Guide & Exam Codes

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Purpose: This guide provides accurate scheduling support for Doppler Ultrasound exams across all Washington Radiology locations. Use this resource to confirm **exam type, location restrictions, patient prep, and important scheduling reminders.**

Location Availability Summary:

- Washington, DC
- Bethesda
- Fairfax
- Sterling

Extremity Doppler Reminders:

- If the **reason for the exam** is any of the following, **WR does not perform the exam. Refer the patient to vascular clinic instead:**
 - Spider veins
 - Varicose veins
 - Venous insufficiency
 - Cosmetic/superficial vascular concerns

Quick Reference: Exam Types & Guidelines

Exam Code	Exam Description	When to Use	Location(s) & Rules	Prep & Notes
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493 ❤	Carotid Doppler	Stroke risk, carotid stenosis, etc.		No Prep
			Bethesda ONLY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call the center first if scheduling same-day for DVT. WR does not do arterial doppler exams	
502 ❤	Extremity Doppler Bilateral	Venous doppler - Both legs or arms Common Reasons: Leg swelling, pain, blood clots, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)	Effective 01/13/26: Sterling is <u>only</u> performing Lower Extremity (Leg) Venous Doppler exams. DO NOT schedule Upper Extremity (Arm) Venous Doppler exams at this location.	No Prep
			Bethesda ONLY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call the center first if scheduling same-day for DVT. WR does not do arterial doppler exams	
504 ❤	Extremity Doppler Unilateral	Venous doppler - One leg or arm Common Reasons: Leg swelling, pain, blood clots, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)	Effective 01/13/26: Sterling is <u>only</u> performing Lower Extremity (Leg) Venous Doppler exams. DO NOT schedule Upper Extremity (Arm) Venous Doppler exams at this location.	No Prep
503 ❤	Extremity W/O Doppler	Soft tissue evaluation: lumps, cysts, muscle injury Not for vascular concerns	Transfer to Center	No Prep

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