

# 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
502 ❤️	Extremity Doppler Bilateral	Venous doppler - Both legs or arms  Common Reasons: Leg swelling, pain, blood clots, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)	<p><b>Bethesda ONLY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call the center first if scheduling same-day for DVT.</li> </ul> <p>WR does not do arterial doppler exams</p> <p><b>Effective 01/13/26:</b> Sterling is <u>only</u> performing Lower Extremity (Leg) Venous Doppler exams. <b>DO NOT</b> schedule Upper Extremity (Arm) Venous Doppler exams at this location.</p>	No Prep
504 ❤️	Extremity Doppler Unilateral	Venous doppler - One leg or arm  Common Reasons: Leg swelling, pain, blood clots, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)	<p><b>Bethesda ONLY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call the center first if scheduling same-day for DVT.</li> </ul> <p>WR does not do arterial doppler exams</p> <p><b>Effective 01/13/26:</b> Sterling is <u>only</u> performing Lower Extremity (Leg) Venous Doppler exams. <b>DO NOT</b> schedule Upper Extremity (Arm) Venous Doppler exams at this location.</p>	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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