One method to use in managing case-length variance is to stagger start times for first cases in the morning. This figure shows a typical schedule to start the day.

Starting cases at different times in different rooms takes into account varying complexity and thus allows for appropriate preparatory time and staff availability. The surgical team should work with schedulers to effectively schedule cases in staggered time slots. As an ongoing task, collect data to monitor whether cases are being appropriately scheduled and starting on time.

![Staggered Start Times Table](image-url)