

Is it DVT or not?

WELLS SCORE¹

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| Active Cancer treatment | +1 |
| Paralysis, paresis, recent plaster immobilisation of lower extremities | +1 |
| Recently bedridden for 3+ days or major surgery within 12 weeks | +1 |
| Local tenderness along the distribution of the deep venous system | +1 |
| Entire leg swollen | +1 |
| Calf swollen 3cm+ compared to asymptomatic leg | +1 |
| Pitting oedema (greater in symptomatic leg) | +1 |
| Collateral supreficial veins (non Varicose) | +1 |
| Previously Documented DVT | +1 |
| Alternative diagnosis as likely or greater than that of DVT | -2 |



<2 + D-dimer **-ve** = DVT unlikely

➔ **Discharge** with info leaflet

≥2 or D-dimer **+ve** = DVT likely

➔ **Treat** as DVT until US result

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