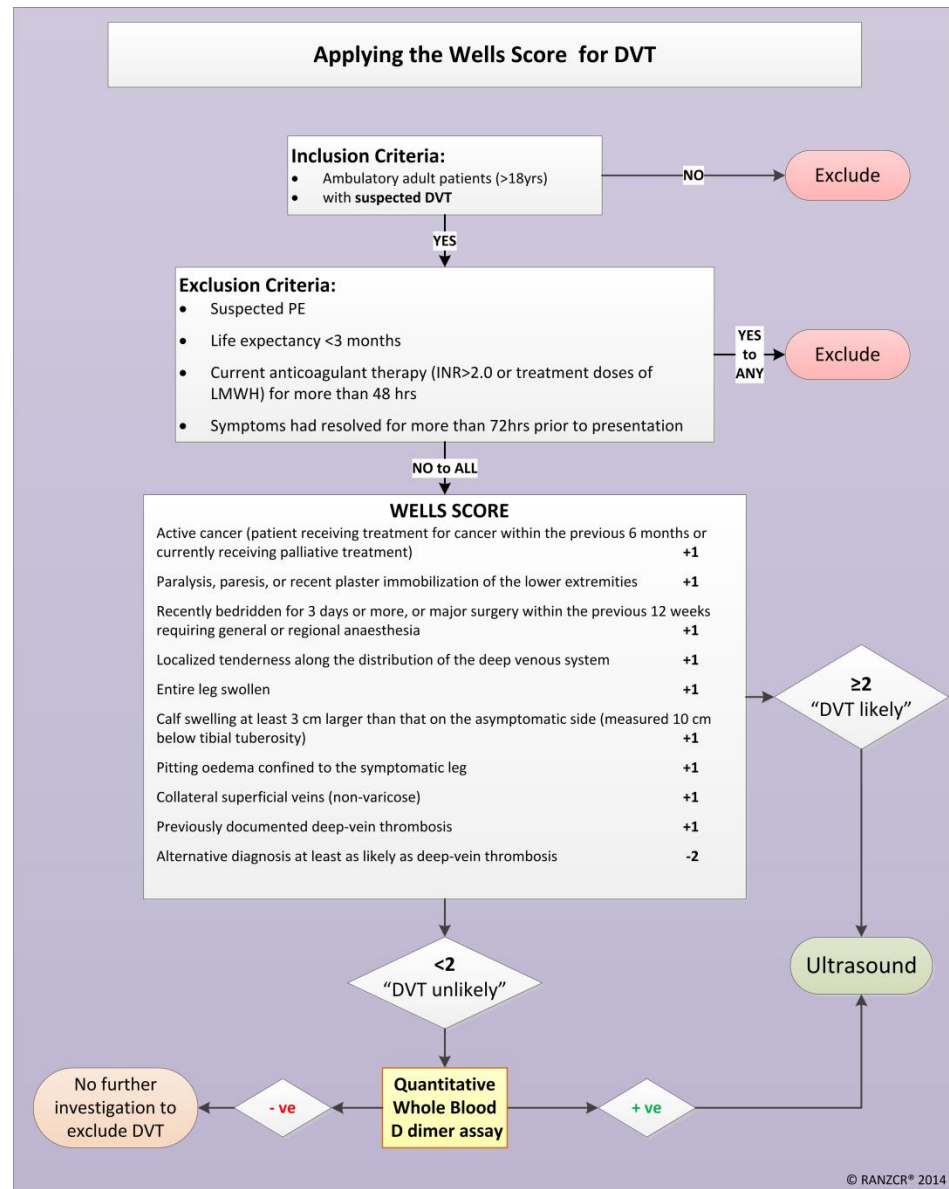


Wells Score (DVT)

Algorithm:



Summary Statement:

This study established that in ambulatory outpatients with suspected lower limb DVT and a Wells score of less than 2, it is safe to exclude DVT by performing a D dimer assay which, if negative, obviates the need for imaging to exclude DVT. The lower limit of the negative predictive value of the combination of a score <2 and negative D dimer was found to be 96.7%, making it very comparable with the negative predictive value of a normal ventilation perfusion lung scan in a patient with suspected pulmonary embolism. It has been extensively validated by investigators apart from those who developed it.

Reference:

Wells PS, Anderson DR, Rodger M, Forgie M, Kearon C, Dreyer J, et al. Evaluation of D-dimer in the diagnosis of suspected deep-vein thrombosis. *N Engl J Med.* 2003; 349(13): 1227-35.