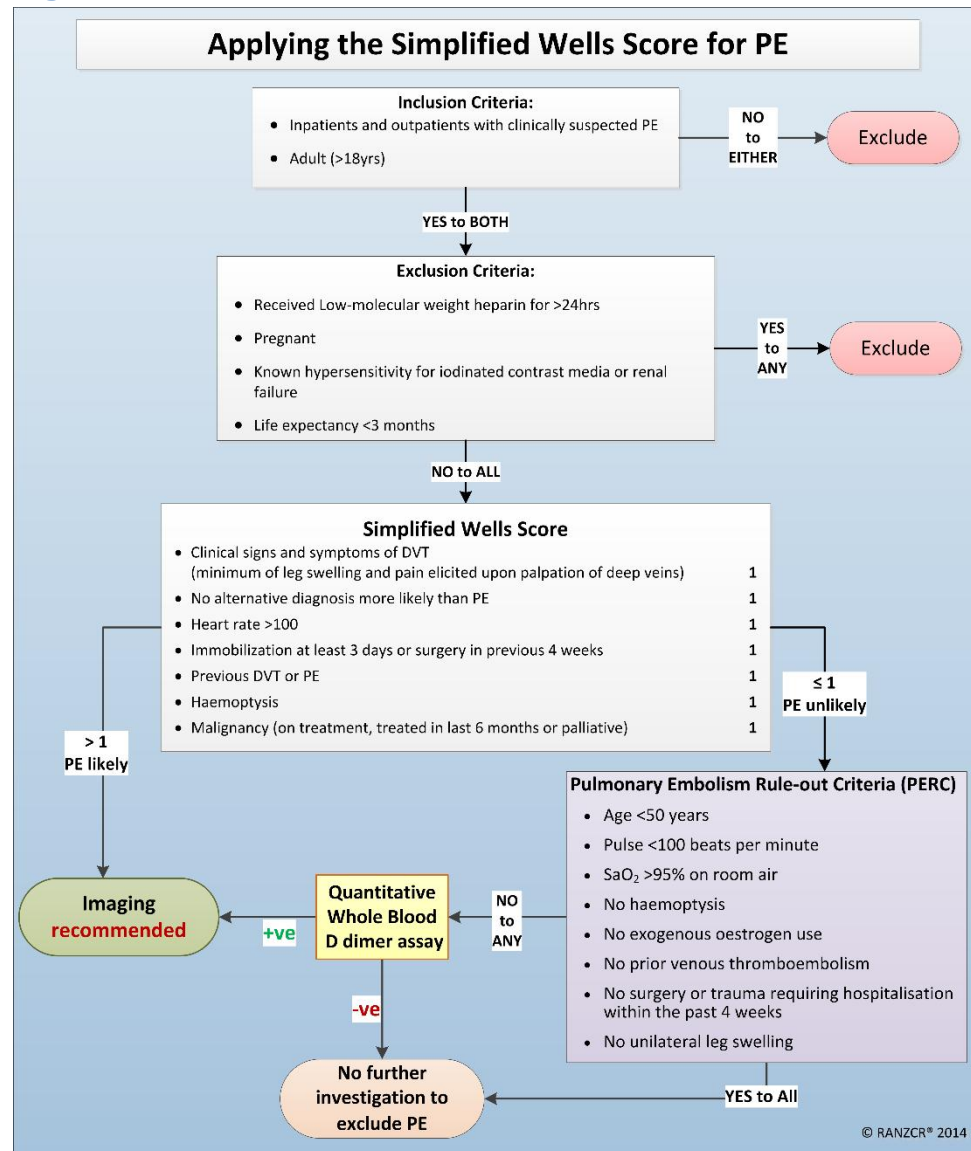


Simplified Wells Score

Algorithm:



Summary Statement:

This is a large study based on the Wells Score. It creates a simplified version of the Wells rule that is easier to follow and should be easier to apply in clinical situations. It is also a larger external validation of the Wells Score. It may be applied in adult inpatient and outpatients with confidence. The study found that using the Simplified Wells Score, a patient with a score of ≤ 1 and a negative D dimer has an extremely low probability of PE and an alternative diagnosis should be sought.

In addition, the PERC rule may be used with patients with a score of ≤ 1 to determine who should have a D dimer and who require no further testing for PE.

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