

Modified Wells criteria

Criterion	Score*
Clinical signs or symptoms of DVT	3
Alternative diagnosis less likely than PE	3
Heart rate 100 beats per minute	1.5
Immobilization (>3 days) or surgery in last 4 weeks	1.5
Previous history of DVT or PE	1.5
Hemoptysis	1
Active cancer within the last 6 months	1

DVT = deep venous thrombosis; PE = pulmonary embolism.
Source: Lim W, Korenstein D. Physicians' Information and Education Resource: Pulmonary embolism. Available to ACP members at <http://pier.acponline.org/physicians/diseases/d239/d239.html>.

*Modified Wells criteria: <2 points = low risk for PE; 2-6 points = moderate risk for PE; >6 points = high risk for PE. Simplified Wells criteria: ≤4 points = PE unlikely; >4 points = PE likely.