

# Wells Criteria for Deep Vein Thrombosis (Wells Score (DVT))

Category: Vascular, Emergency | Items: 10 | Time: ~2-3 min

## Description / When to Use

Pre-test probability of DVT

## Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 10 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 2-3 min.

## Scale Items

1. Active cancer (1 point)
2. Paralysis, paresis, or recent plaster immobilization (1 point)
3. Recently bedridden  $\geq$  3 days OR major surgery within 12 weeks (1 point)
4. Localized tenderness along deep venous system (1 point)
5. Entire leg swollen (1 point)
6. Calf swelling  $>$  3 cm vs asymptomatic side (1 point)
7. Pitting edema confined to symptomatic leg (1 point)
8. Collateral superficial veins (non-varicose) (1 point)
9. Previously documented DVT (1 point)
10. Alternative diagnosis at least as likely as DVT (-2 points)

## Response Options

Yes / No (scored as indicated per item)

## Scoring Guide

Weighted sum of all 10 items. Total range 0-7.

## Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
-2-1	DVT unlikely	D-dimer; if negative, DVT excluded.
2-9	DVT likely	Compression ultrasound recommended.

## Psychometric Properties

See original validation study for reliability and validity data.

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