NICE guidance re d dimers [**here**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng158/resources/visual-summary-pdf-11193380893)

**Community DVT Service Cohese Healthcare (lower limb)**

D-dimer if appropriate

Refer to Cohese Healthcare for ultrasound scan through managed referrals

Print out referral which contains patient information and give to patient

(Refer patients excluded from this

service to secondary care)

Venous D-dimer (results will be age adjusted)

Anti-coagulate patient

using DOAC or parenteral treatment - 7 day supply

**DVT Suspected**

Two level DVT Wells Score

History and examination

EMIS DVT template

D-dimer result

DVT likely

(Wells score 2 or more)

Consider alternative diagnosis & manage accordingly

D-dimer Negative

High clinical suspicion of DVT

D-dimer

Positive

D-dimer test not appropriate

D-dimer test

Anti-coagulate patient until result known

POCT D-dimer

DVT unlikely

(Wells score 0 or 1)

**Exclusions to Community Service**

* Primary diagnosis of pulmonary embolism
* Patients under 18 years of age
* Patients with a suspected upper limb DVT
* Other disease process or acutely ill patient that requires admission to secondary care
* Weigh over 165kg

**D-dimers should not** be performed in:

* Pregnant women
* Individuals who are post-operative
* Individuals that have been symptomatic for 2 or more weeks
* Individuals already taking anticoagulation treatment