Wells Score for Pulmonary Embolism

Pretest probability of PE · 0 to 12.5 points

1	Clinical signs and symptoms of DVT	3 pt
2	PE is the most likely diagnosis, or equally likely	3 pt
3	Heart rate > 100/min	1.5 pt
4	Immobilization ≥ 3 days or surgery < 4 weeks	1.5 pt
5	Previous DVT or PE	1.5 pt
6	Hemoptysis	1 pt
7	**Active cancer** (treated within 6 months)	1 pt

≤ 4 · PE unlikely
Order a D-dimer: if negative, PE is ruled out

> 4 · PE likely
Go straight to CT pulmonary angiography

D-dimer is only useful when probability is low: it cannot rule out PE when it is high