

**Clinical Access Service:**  
**Suspected Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Algorithm**

**Professional responsible:** Jewish General Hospital Clinical Access Service Nurse Clinician.

**Patient Population:** Patients referred by Family Physician (GP), Emergency (ED) physician, and/or Nurse Practitioner from the West-Central Montreal CIUSSS, who are suspected of having a DVT.

<b>SPECIFIC CONTRAINDICATIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cerebral hemorrhage &lt; 3 months</li> <li>- Liver disease or coagulopathy</li> <li>- Known pregnancy or positive pregnancy test</li> <li>- Currently on anticoagulant for &gt; 1 week</li> <li>- Fever <math>\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, Pulse <math>\geq 100/\text{min}</math>, RR <math>\geq 28/\text{min}</math>, SpO2 <math>\geq 92\%</math></li> </ul>	<b>Send patient to Emergency Department if one or more of these symptoms/ conditions are present:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cold and pale limb or presence of paresthesia</li> <li>- Acute pain not relieved with analgesic</li> <li>- On hemodialysis</li> <li>- Chest pain /sudden dyspnea or pleuritic pain or hemoptysis</li> </ul>
<b>SPECIFIC INDICATIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meets general eligibility criteria of the Clinical Access Service</li> <li>- Wells score &amp; alternative diagnosis are written on referral form</li> </ul>	

