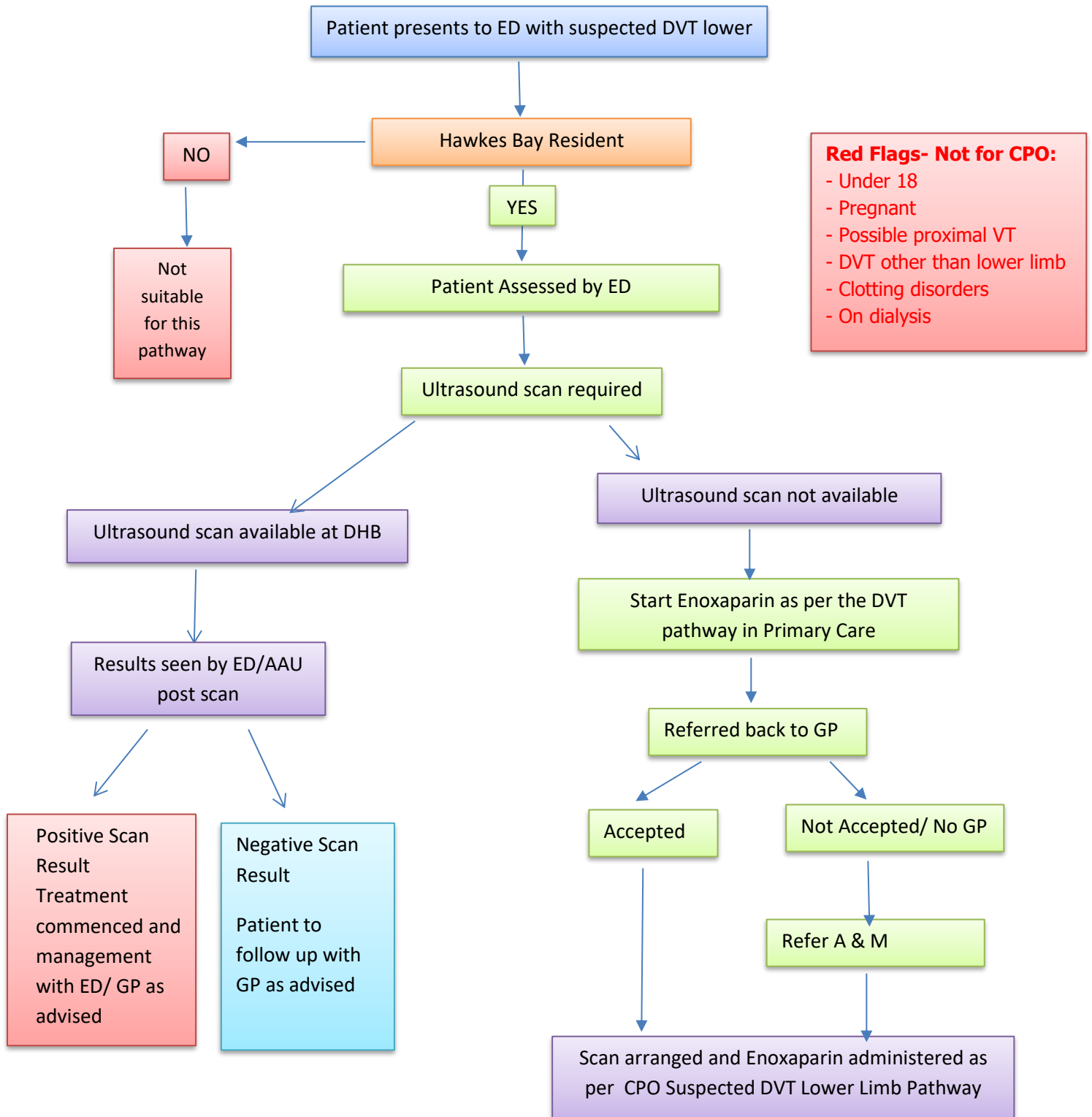


CPO ED Back-Referral for Suspected DVT (Lower Limb)



Red Flags- Not for CPO:

- Under 18
- Pregnant
- Possible proximal VT
- DVT other than lower limb
- Clotting disorders
- On dialysis

Ultrasound Scans
 Ultrasound Scanning can be arranged through

- TRG Imaging ph: 06 873 1166 (Hastings) or 06 835 3306 (Greenmedows) or 06 8670736 (Gisborne)
- Onsite Ultrasound ph: 0800 991 119 (Napier or Hastings)
- Unity Specialist & Ultrasound ph: 06 2812797 (Hastings)

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This guideline provides support for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) investigation and management within primary care, following assessment at the Hawkes Bay District Health Board Emergency Department (ED). Patients who present to ED and can be safely managed within general practice for a suspected DVT, can be referred to their GP, NP or an A&M Centre for investigation and management.

Criteria

- Available to all Hawke's Bay Residents

Entry into Pathway

- Suitable for patients with suspected DVT- lower limb that can be managed in Primary Care for Suspected DVT
- Initiated by ED staff at HBDHB referring patient back to a General Practitioner (GP), Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Accident and Medical (A&M) Centre

Pathway

- Patient presenting to the Emergency Department (ED) with Suspected DVT will be assessed and if an ultrasound scan is not available at the time of presentation, the appropriateness of the patient being managed by general practice decided.
- Enoxaparin administered
- Patient referred back to general practice or nominated A&M centre for management under CPO Suspected DVT Lower Limb Pathway
- Within working hours: an attempt will be made to contact the patients GP surgery by telephone to discuss the patient and to request the GP continues management under the CPO Suspected DVT Lower Limb Pathway
- After hours: an attempt will be made to contact the after-hours centre nominated by the GP practice
- If the patient is discharged at a time when the after-hours service are not available, the patient will be asked to attend the nominated GP surgery or after-hours centre, whichever is appropriate for ongoing management
- If the GP is unable to accept the patient or if patients has no GP, they will be referred to an A&M Centre for management

Electronic Discharge Summary

An electronic discharge summary (EDS) will be sent to the patients GP and (if applicable) the after-hours centre where the patient has been advised to attend. The patient will be provided with a copy of the discharge summary.

EDS will include:

- Plan of care, dose and time of administration of Enoxaparin (if applicable)
- provide patient with information about Suspected DVT

No Charge to Patient

As the patient has had their first consultation at ED all subsequent care for the patient while they are receiving treatment is provided free of charge to the patient CPO funding the services provided in general practice according to the current pathway.