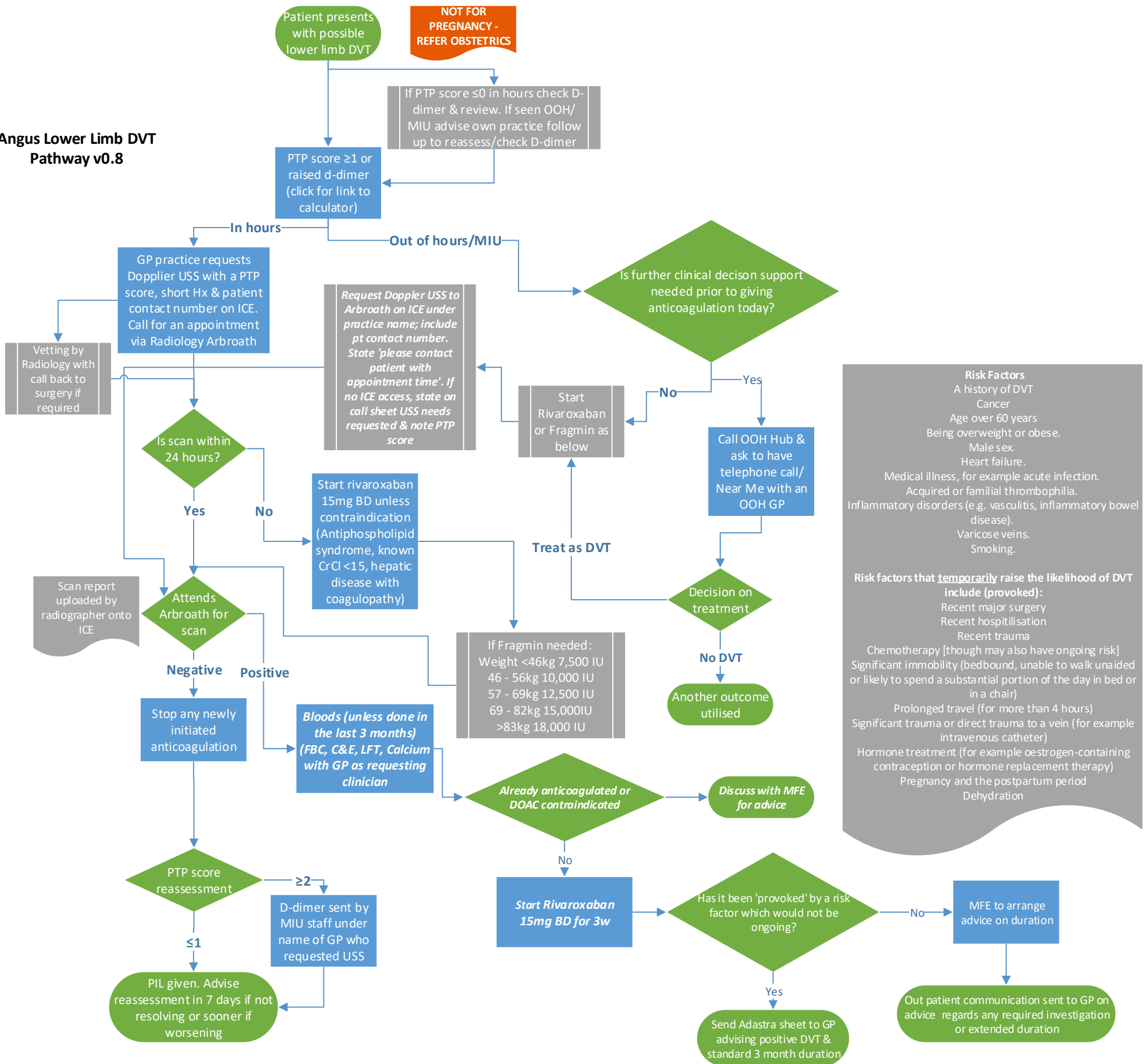


**Angus Lower Limb DVT Pathway v0.8**



**Risk Factors**

- A history of DVT
- Cancer
- Age over 60 years
- Being overweight or obese.
- Male sex.
- Heart failure.
- Medical illness, for example acute infection.
- Acquired or familial thrombophilia.
- Inflammatory disorders (e.g. vasculitis, inflammatory bowel disease).
- Varicose veins.
- Smoking.

**Risk factors that temporarily raise the likelihood of DVT include (provoked):**

- Recent major surgery
- Recent hospitalisation
- Recent trauma
- Chemotherapy [though may also have ongoing risk]
- Significant immobility (bedbound, unable to walk unaided or likely to spend a substantial portion of the day in bed or in a chair)
- Prolonged travel (for more than 4 hours)
- Significant trauma or direct trauma to a vein (for example intravenous catheter)
- Hormone treatment (for example oestrogen-containing contraception or hormone replacement therapy)
- Pregnancy and the postpartum period
- Dehydration