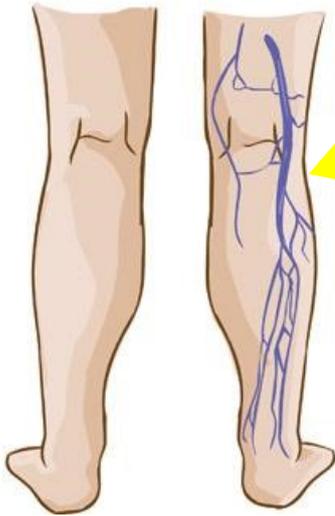
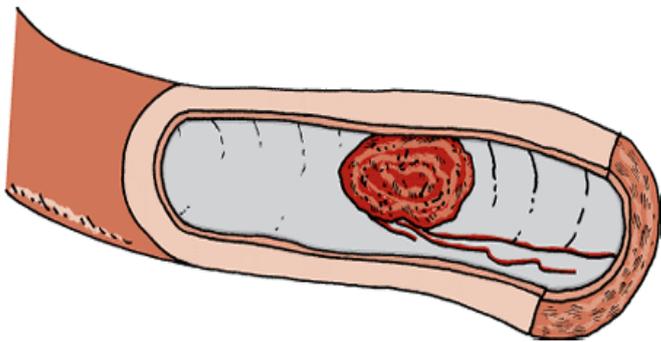


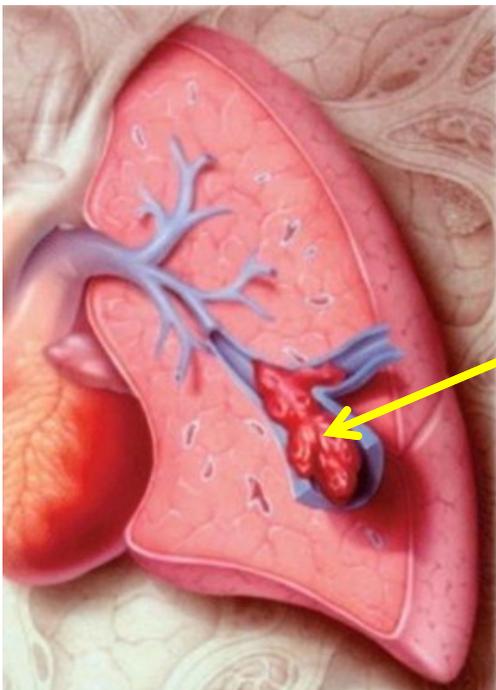
Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)



DVT is a blood clot that forms in a deep leg vein.



Sometimes the blood clot can break off and travel around the body. It will keep travelling until it gets stuck.



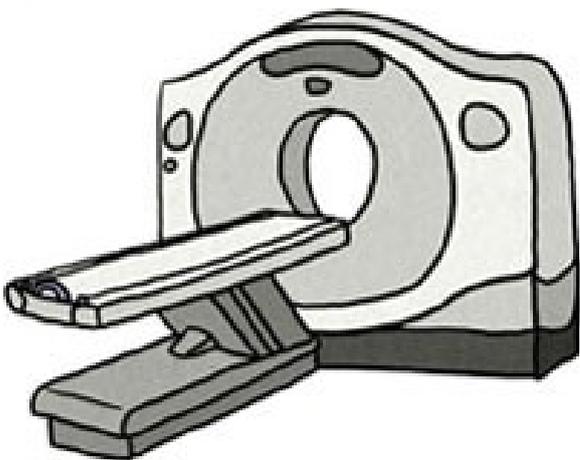
Sometimes the blood clot gets stuck in the lungs. This is called a Pulmonary Embolism (PE).



DVT may make you have pain and swelling in your leg.



You may have to have some blood tests or go for some scans to help the doctor treat your DVT.



This can make some people scared and nervous. It is okay to feel like this at first and the doctors and nurses can help to make you feel calmer.



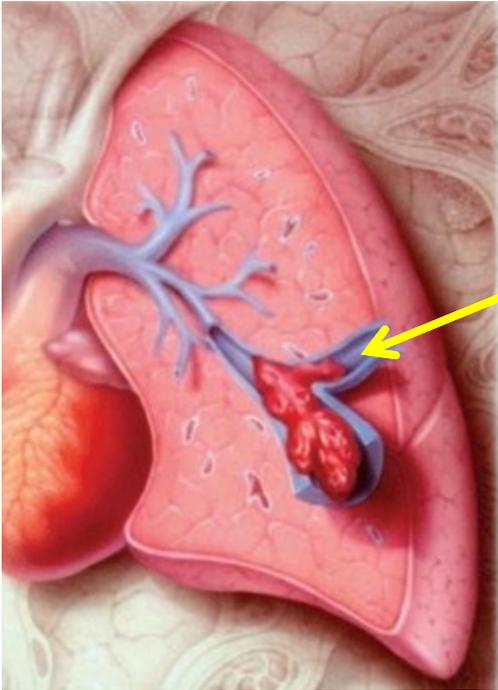
To help treat DVT the doctor may give you some medicine to help make your blood thinner.

Warfarin is one type of medicine that the doctor may give to you.



The doctor may also ask you to wear some special stockings. These help to stop blood clots.

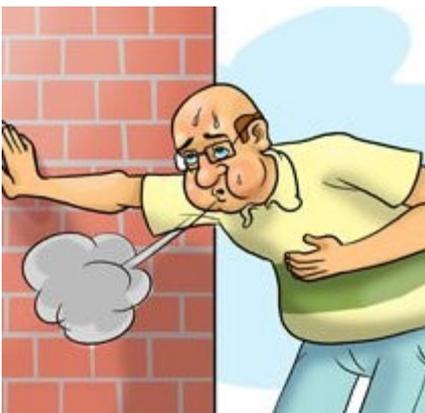
Pulmonary embolism (PE)

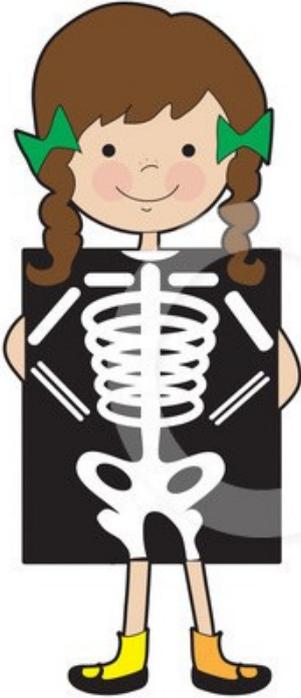


A Pulmonary embolism is a blood clot which gets stuck in your lungs.



It may make you feel short of breath. It could also give you a bad cough and chest pains.





If you have a pulmonary embolism you may have to have an x-ray or a test to see how your lungs are working.



Pulmonary embolisms are also treated with medicine which helps to thin your blood.

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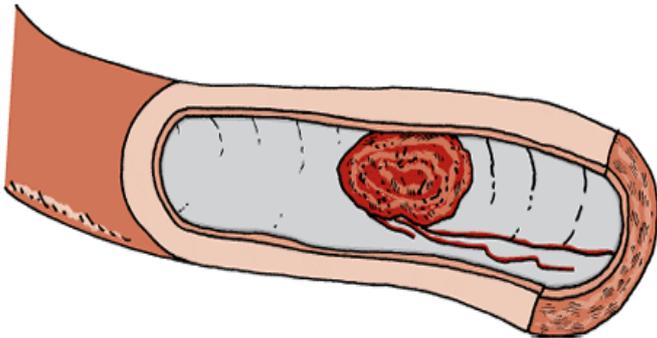


If the doctor says you have a pulmonary embolism you may have to have regular blood tests. These may be scary at first but they do not hurt.

Blood Clots



Blood is a red liquid found in your veins. It moves around your body and helps to keep you well.



Sometimes bits of blood stop being a liquid and turn in to gel. This is called a blood clot.



Blood clots are useful when you have cut yourself. They stop you from losing too much blood. Sometimes we call this a scab.



Sometimes a blood clot happens inside one of your veins and it needs help to go away. When this happens it is called deep vein thrombosis.