

Selective D-dimer testing strategy seems safe, effective

January 16 2013

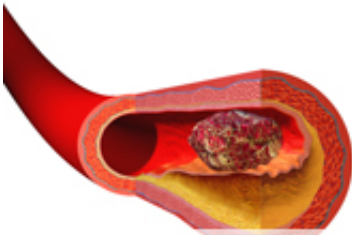


Image courtesy of Blausen Medical

For patients with suspected deep venous thrombosis (DVT), selective D-dimer testing is a safe and a more efficient testing strategy than universal testing, according to a study published in the Jan. 15 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

(HealthDay)—For patients with suspected deep venous thrombosis (DVT), selective D-dimer testing is a safe and a more efficient testing strategy than universal testing, according to a study published in the Jan. 15 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Lori-Ann Linkins, M.D., from McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, and colleagues randomized consecutive symptomatic patients with a first episode of suspected DVT to receive either selective testing (860 patients) or uniform testing (863 patients). Selective testing was defined as D-dimer testing in outpatients with low or moderate clinical pretest probability (C-PTP) (DVT excluded at D-dimer levels

Citation: Selective D-dimer testing strategy seems safe, effective (2013, January 16) retrieved 7 May 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2013-01-d-dimer-strategy-safe-effective.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.