

Criterion/question

Is the patient haemodynamically unstable?^a

Is thrombolysis or embolectomy necessary?

Active bleeding or high risk of bleeding?^b

More than 24 h of oxygen supply to maintain oxygen saturation >90%?

Is PE diagnosed during anticoagulant treatment?

Severe pain needing i.v. pain medication for more than 24 h?

Medical or social reason for treatment in the hospital for >24 h (infection, malignancy, or no support system)?

Does the patient have a CrCl of <30 mL/min?^c

Does the patient have severe liver impairment?^d

Is the patient pregnant?

Does the patient have a documented history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia?

^aInclude the following criteria but leave them to the discretion of the investigator: systolic BP <100 mmHg with heart rate >100 b.p.m.; condition requiring admission to an intensive care unit.

^bGastrointestinal bleeding in the preceding 14 days, recent stroke (<4 weeks ago), recent operation (<2 weeks ago), bleeding disorder or thrombocytopenia (platelet count <75 × 10⁹/L), or uncontrolled hypertension (systolic BP >180 mmHg or diastolic BP >110 mmHg).

^cCalculated CrCl according to the Cockcroft – Gault formula.

^dLeft to the discretion of the physician.

If the answer to one or more questions is 'yes', then the patient cannot be treated at home