

The clinical diagnosis of **Deep-Vein Thrombosis** is very unreliable. A patient with the “classic signs” of a hot, swollen, and tender **calf** or a positive **Homans’ sign** (calf pain on dorsiflexion of the ankle) will have a Deep-vein thrombosis only 20–50% of the time ¹⁾. 50–60% of patients with Deep-vein thrombosis will not have these findings.

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