A 55 y/o lady has a suspected pulmonary embolism secondary to a DVT. Please order the below investigations in terms of priority

A) Bloods including FBC, CRP and D-Dimer
B) CTPA
C) ECG
D) CXR
E) ABG

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- ECG – Acute to lower suspicion of cardiac event
- ABG – assess oxygen status
- Bloods – lower down priority list, as these results will take time to come in, but can be taken and processing whilst CXR is performed.
- CXR – rule out other acute respiratory pathology
- CTPA – vital to confirming PE, and determining further treatment

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