

Appendix C: Visual Infusion Phlebitis (VIP) Score

IV site appears healthy	0	No signs of phlebitis OBSERVE CANNULA
One of the following is evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight pain near IV site Slight redness near IV site 	1	Possible first signs OBSERVE CANNULA
Two of the following are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain at IV site Erythema Swelling 	2	Early stage of phlebitis RESITE CANNULA
All of the following signs are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain along the path of cannula Erythema Induration 	3	Mid-stage phlebitis RESITE CANNULA and CONSIDER TREATMENT
All of the following are evident and extensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain along the path of cannula Erythema Induration Palpable venous cord 	4	Advanced stage of phlebitis or start of thrombophlebitis RESITE CANNULA and CONSIDER TREATMENT
All of the following signs are evident and extensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain along the path of cannula Erythema Induration Palpable venous cord Pyrexia 	5	Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis INITIATE TREATMENT

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