

Visual Infusion Phlebitis Score

IV site appears healthy

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No signs of phlebitis
OBSERVE CANNULA

One of the following is evident:

- Slight pain at IV site
- Redness near IV site

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Possible first sign of phlebitis
OBSERVE CANNULA

Two of the following are evident:

- Pain
- Erythema
- Swelling

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Early stage of phlebitis
RESITE THE CANNULA

All of the following signs are evident:

- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration

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Medium stage of phlebitis
RESITE THE CANNULA
CONSIDER TREATMENT

All of the following signs evident and extensive:

- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration
- Palpable venous cord

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Advanced stage of phlebitis
or start of thrombophlebitis
RESITE THE CANNULA
CONSIDER TREATMENT

All of the following signs are evident and extensive:

- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration
- Palpable venous cord
- Pyrexia

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Advanced stage of
thrombophlebitis
INITIATE TREATMENT
RESITE THE CANNULA