

Phlebitis score

IV site appears healthy	0	No signs of phlebitis Observe cannula
One of the following is evident: - Slight pain near IV site, or - Slight redness near IV site	1	Possibly first signs of phlebitis Observe cannula
Two of the following are evident: - Pain at IV site - Erythema - Swelling	2	Early stage of phlebitis Resite cannula
All of the following signs are evident: - Pain along the path of the cannula - Erythema - Induration (hardening of soft tissue)	3	Medium stage of phlebitis Resite cannula Consider treatment
All of the following are evident and extensive: - Pain along the path of the cannula - Erythema - Induration (hardening of soft tissue) - Palpable venous cord	4	Advanced stage of phlebitis Initiate treatment resite cannula

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